



May 7-8, 2025 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Councilor Sameer Kanal

Council Vice President Tiffany Koyama Lane

Councilor Angelita Morillo

Councilor Dan Ryan

Councilor Steve Novick

Councilor Olivia Clark

Councilor Mitch Green

Councilor Eric Zimmerman

Councilor Candace Avalos

Councilor Jamie Dunphy

Councilor Loretta Smith

Council President Elana Pirtle-Guiney

Council President Pirtle-Guiney presided.

Officers in attendance: Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Rebecca Dobert, Acting Council Clerk

Items 2025-150 and 2025-177 were pulled from the consent agenda and on a Y-12 roll call the balance of the consent agenda was approved.

Council recessed at 1:34 p.m.

Agenda Approval

1

Council action: Approved as amended

Motion to move Item 21 before Item 13: Moved by Dunphy and seconded by Kanal. Agenda as amended approved by unanimous consent.

Public Communications

2

[Public Comment](#) (Public Communication)

Document number: May 7, 2025 Public Communications

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

Time Certain

3

[Consider appeal by Forest Park Neighborhood Association and Forest Park Conservancy against the Hearings Officer's decision to approve with conditions an Environmental Review, Conditional Use Review, and two Greenway Reviews for the upgrade and expansion of transmission lines in Forest Park \(LU 24-041109 CU EN GW\)](#).
(Report)

Document number: 2025-161

Neighborhood: [Forest Park](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Permitting & Development

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Previous agenda item

Council action: Findings Adopted

Motion to grant the appeal, overturn the Hearings Officer decision, and approve the findings: Moved by Avalos and seconded by Dunphy.

Aye (12):

Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

Committee Referral Report

4

[Committee referral list](#)

Time requested: 5 minutes

City Administrator Report

5

[May 7, 2025 City Administrator Report](#) (Presentation)

Document number: 2025-188

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: City Administrator Michael Jordan

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

6

[Appoint Matthew Sanchez and Vesla Lee to the Urban Forestry Commission for terms to end March 31, 2029](#) (Report)

Document number: 2025-150

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Parks & Recreation

Previous agenda item

Council action: Rescheduled

Item 2025-150 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion

Rescheduled to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

7

[Confirm appointments and alternates to the City Sustainability and Climate Commission](#) (Report)

Document number: 2025-177

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

Previous agenda item

Council action: Rescheduled

Item 2025-177 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion

Rescheduled to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

8

[Approve Council Minutes for April 2-23, 2025](#) (Report)

Document number: 2025-189

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

City department: Auditor's Office; Council Clerk

Council action: Approved

Aye (12):

Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

Regular Agenda

9

[Direct Bureau of Transportation to construct and maintain sidewalks while addressing pavement maintenance deficiencies throughout Portland, improving safety and accessibility for all residents through the Sidewalk Improvement and Paving Program](#) (Resolution)

Resolution number: 37705

Document number: 2025-095

Introduced by: Councilor Loretta Smith; Councilor Olivia Clark; Councilor Mitch Green; Councilor Eric Zimmerman

City department: Transportation

Time requested: 1 hour

Previous agenda item

Council action: Adopted As Amended

Motion to add "and alternative pathways" to the second Resolved Statement: Moved by Clark and seconded by Green. (Aye (12): Kanal, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney)

Motion to add "PBOT's Building Belonging Guide," to the sixth Resolved Statement: Moved by Avalos and seconded by Dunphy. (Aye (9): Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Avalos, Dunphy, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (3): Ryan, Zimmerman, Smith)

Motion to table discussion of Avalos Amendment 1: Moved by Koyama Lane and seconded by Smith. (Aye (10): Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (2): Kanal, Avalos)

Motion to remove references to Districts 1 and 4 in the sixth and ninth Whereas Statements: Moved by Avalos and seconded by Kanal. (Aye (2): Kanal, Avalos; Nay (10): Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney). Motion failed to pass.

Motion to call the question on Avalos Amendment 2: Moved by Clark and seconded by Smith. (Aye (9) Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (3) Kanal, Avalos, Dunphy)

Motion to call the question on Avalos Amendment 1: Moved by Zimmerman and seconded by Clark. (Aye (8) Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (4) Kanal, Novick, Avalos, Dunphy)

Motion to call the question on the Resolution as amended: Moved by Morillo and seconded by Clark. (Aye (6) Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Clark, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (6) Kanal, Novick, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy). Motion failed to pass.

Motion to limit debate to the current queue: Moved by Kanal and seconded by Ryan. (Aye (9): Kanal, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (3): Novick, Zimmerman, Avalos)

Aye (11): Kanal, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney
Nay (1): Novick

10

[Authorize revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to provide not more than \\$80 million to finance curb, ramp and street improvement projects](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192050

Document number: 2025-131

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Transportation; Treasury

Second reading agenda item

Council action: Passed

Aye (12):

Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

11

[Add Sustainability and Climate Commission Code \(add Code Chapter 3.136 and amend Code Chapter 3.33\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192051

Document number: 2025-118

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

Second reading agenda item

Council action: Passed As Amended

Aye (12):

Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

12

[*Pay settlement of Joseph Johnson civil rights lawsuit for the sum of \\$100,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192052

Document number: 2025-190

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Risk Management

Time requested: 20 minutes

Council action: Passed

Aye (10): Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

Nay (1): Zimmerman

Absent (1): Green

13

[*Pay settlement of Meghan Opbroek bodily injury lawsuit for the sum of \\$375,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192053

Document number: 2025-191

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Risk Management

Time requested: 20 minutes

Council action: Passed

Aye (12):

Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

14

[Amend fee schedule for tree permits \(amend PRK 2.03\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192055

Document number: 2025-123

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 30 minutes (1 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

15

[Adopt rates and charges for water and water-related services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192056

Document number: 2025-132

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Water

Time requested: 30 minutes (2 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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[Revise sewer and stormwater charges and fees for FY 2025-26](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192057

Document number: 2025-133

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Environmental Services

Time requested: 30 minutes (3 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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[Revise sewer and stormwater rates for FY 2025-26](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192058

Document number: 2025-134

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Environmental Services

Time requested: 30 minutes (4 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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[Adopt fees and charges for water system development and water-related services during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192059

Document number: 2025-135

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Water

Time requested: 30 minutes (5 of 7)

Previous agenda item.

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

19

[*Revise transportation fees, rates and charges for FY 2025-26 and amend Transportation Fee Schedule and fix an effective date \(amend TRN 3.450\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192061

Document number: 2025-136

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Transportation

Time requested: 30 minutes (6 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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[Amend Portland Permitting & Development fee schedules to improve cost recovery and service levels for customers](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192060

Document number: 2025-137

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Permitting & Development

Time requested: 30 minutes (7 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Continued

Continued to May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

21

[Add Fair Wage Policy Code for certain City service contracts \(add Code Chapter 5.70\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192054

Document number: 2025-178

Introduced by: Councilor Jamie Dunphy; Councilor Steve Novick; Councilor Mitch Green

Time requested: 30 minutes

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Councilor Sameer Kanal
Council Vice President Tiffany Koyama Lane
Councilor Angelita Morillo
Councilor Dan Ryan
Councilor Steve Novick
Councilor Olivia Clark
Councilor Mitch Green
Councilor Eric Zimmerman
Councilor Candace Avalos
Councilor Jamie Dunphy
Councilor Loretta Smith
Council President Elana Pirtle-Guiney

Council President Pirtle-Guiney presided.

Officers in attendance: Naomi Sheffield, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Rebecca Dobert, Acting Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Council convened as Budget Committee at 3:48 p.m.

Budget Committee adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Regular Agenda

22

[Appoint Matthew Sanchez and Vesla Lee to the Urban Forestry Commission for terms to end March 31, 2029](#)

(Report)

Document number: 2025-150

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Previous agenda item

Council action: Confirmed

Item 2025-150 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Motion to move the appointments separately as they were voted upon in the committee: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Novick. (Aye (11): Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (1): Kanal)

Motion to confirm appointment of Matthew Sanchez to the Urban Forestry Commission: Moved by Novick and seconded by Kanal. (Aye (12): Kanal, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney)

Motion to confirm appointment of Vesla Lee to the Urban Forestry Commission: Moved by Kanal and seconded by Novick. (Aye (10): Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney; Nay (2): Ryan, Zimmerman)

23

[Confirm appointments and alternates to the City Sustainability and Climate Commission](#) (Report)

Document number: 2025-177

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

Time requested: 5 minutes

Previous agenda item

Item 2025-177 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion

Council action: Confirmed

Aye (12):

Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Ryan, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Pirtle-Guiney

24

[Amend fee schedule for tree permits \(amend PRK 2.03\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192055

Document number: 2025-123

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 20 minutes (1 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

25

[Adopt rates and charges for water and water-related services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192056

Document number: 2025-132

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Water

Time requested: 20 minutes (2 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

26

[Revise sewer and stormwater charges and fees for FY 2025-26](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192057

Document number: 2025-133

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Environmental Services

Time requested: 20 minutes (3 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

27

[Revise sewer and stormwater rates for FY 2025-26](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192058

Document number: 2025-134

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Environmental Services

Time requested: 20 minutes (4 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

28

[Adopt fees and charges for water system development and water-related services during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192059

Document number: 2025-135

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Water

Time requested: 20 minutes (5 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

29

[*Revise transportation fees, rates and charges for FY 2025-26 and amend Transportation Fee Schedule and fix an effective date \(amend TRN 3.450\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192061

Document number: 2025-136

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Transportation

Time requested: 20 minutes (6 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

30

[Amend Portland Permitting & Development fee schedules to improve cost recovery and service levels for customers](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 192060

Document number: 2025-137

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Permitting & Development

Time requested: 20 minutes (7 of 7)

Previous agenda item

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Time Certain

31

[Insights Survey and Budget Listening Session presentation](#) (Presentation)

Document number: 2025-192

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: City Budget Office; Office of Community & Civic Life

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

32

[Council convenes as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to receive the Prosper Portland FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget and hold a public hearing](#) (Report)

Document number: 2025-193

Introduced by: Mayor Keith Wilson

City department: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 2 hours 15 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

Portland City Council Meeting
Wednesday May 7, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
Speaker List

Name	Title	Document Number
Elana Pirtle-Guiney	Council President	
Rebecca Dobert	Acting Council Clerk	
Sameer Kanal	Councilor	
Dan Ryan	Councilor	
Tiffany Koyama Lane	Council Vice President	
Angelita Morillo	Councilor	
Steve Novick	Councilor	
Olivia Clark	Councilor	
Mitch Green	Councilor	
Eric Zimmerman	Councilor	
Candace Avalos	Councilor	
Jamie Dunphy	Councilor	
Loretta Smith	Councilor	
Linly Rees	Chief Deputy City Attorney	
Lauren Courter	(Public Communications)	2
James Lee	(Public Communications)	2
Richard Ellmyer	(Public Communications)	2
Nadya Steck	(Public Communications)	2
Annie Von Burg	Assistant City Administrator	5
Jonas Blery	Deputy City Administrator for Budget & Finance	5
Marita Ingalsbe	(Testimony)	2025-095
Millicent Williams	Director, Bureau of Transportation	2025-095
David Ferro	Liability Claims Analyst	2025-190
Craig Dobson	Assistant Chief, Portland Police Bureau	2025-190
Marc Poris Portland Copwatch	(Testimony)	2025-190
bRidgeCrAnE siMChA-joHnSoN	(Testimony)	2025-190
Edith g	(Testimony)	2025-190
Caroline Turco	Senior Deputy City Attorney	2025-191
Joseph Jesse	Senior Claims Analyst, Risk Management	2025-191
Meghan Opbroek	(Testimony)	2025-191
Viktoria Lo	(Testimony)	2025-191
Marc Poris Portland Copwatch	(Testimony)	2025-191
bRidgeCrAnE siMChA-jOHnSoN	(Testimony)	2025-191
Edith Gillis	(Testimony)	2025-191
Ashley Hernandez	Constituent Services	2025-178
Jasmine Ibarra	(Testimony)	2025-178
Maria Flores	(Testimony)	2025-178
Gloria Hernandez	(Testimony)	2025-178
Christopher Herrr	Council Policy Analyst	2025-123, 132-137
Edith Gillis	(Testimony)	2025-123

Name	Title	Document Number
Lauren Rosenkranz	(Testimony)	2025-132
Karen Williams	(Testimony)	2025-132

Portland City Council Meeting
Thursday May 8, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.
Speaker List

Name	Title	Document Number
Elana Pirtle-Guiney	Council President	
Rebecca Dobert	Council Clerk	
Sameer Kanal	Councilor	
Dan Ryan	Councilor	
Tiffany Koyama Lane	Council Vice President	
Angelita Morillo	Councilor	
Steve Novick	Councilor	
Olivia Clark	Councilor	
Mitch Green	Councilor	
Eric Zimmerman	Councilor	
Candace Avalos	Councilor	
Jamie Dunphy	Councilor	
Loretta Smith	Councilor	
Naomi Sheffield	Senior Deputy City Attorney	
Brian Landoe	Urban Forestry	2025-150
Elaine Vizka Livingstone	Sustainability and Climate Commission Coordinator	2025-177
Jonas Biery	DCA	2025 123, 2025-
Jeramy Patton	Deputy Director of Finance & Administration (PBOT)	2025-132 through
Millicent Williams	Director, Portland Bureau of Transportation	2025-136
Ruth Levine	Director, City Budget Office	2025-192
Ning Jlang	Communications Analyst, City of Portland	2025-192
Lillian Nguyen	Citywide Performance Manager, Finance	2025-192
Deb Elliott	Senior Research Associate, Portland State University	2025-192
Donnie Oliveira	Deputy City Administrator for Community and Economic	2025-193
Gustavo Cruz	Chair, Prosper Board of Commissioners	2025-193
Shea Flaherty Betin	Interim Executive Director	2025-193
Tony Barnes	Chief Financial Officer, Prosper Portland	2025-193
Lisa Abuaf	Director of Development and Investment	2025-193
Angela Rico	Policy Analyst	2025-193
Andrew Fitzpatrick	Interim Director of Economic Development, Prosper Portland	2025-193
Sam Taylor	Community Development Manager, NAYA	2025-193
Stephen Green	Executive Director, Better Portland	2025-193
Michael Harrison	Director of Local Relations, OHSU	2025-193
Alisa Kajikawa	Community Development Director, APANO	2025-193
Paula Byrd	Project Manager for East Portland Tax Increment Finance Project,	2025-193
Rana Uzzaman	Executive Director, Portland Youth Builders	2025-193
Hector Marquez	(Testimony)	2025-193
Andrew McGough	(Testimony)	2025-193
James Taylor	(Testimony)	2025-193
Deanna Dsouza	(Testimony)	2025-193
Jason Franklin	(Testimony)	2025-193

Name	Title	Document Number
Abby Guyer	(Testimony)	2025-193
Bryson Davis	(Testimony)	2025-193
Leah Nanpei	(Testimony)	2025-193
Olena Dubrovskaya	(Testimony)	2025-193
Surya Joshi	(Testimony)	2025-193
SARDAR WALI YADGAR	(Testimony)	2025-193
Lakpa Sherpa	(Testimony)	2025-193
Mark Poor Bear	(Testimony)	2025-193
Tony Birch	(Testimony)	2025-193
Bret Born	(Testimony)	2025-193
Adriel Person	(Testimony)	2025-193
Joy Church	(Testimony)	2025-193
Dirk Krimmel	(Testimony)	2025-193
Stephanie Hough	(Testimony)	2025-193
Paul Andrews	(Testimony)	2025-193
Melina Romero	(Testimony)	2025-193
Khanh Tran	(Testimony)	2025-193
Thad Fisco	(Testimony)	2025-193
Ronesha Hayes	(Testimony)	2025-193

Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

May 7, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning. It is 931. I am convening today's City Council meeting. Councilors, we have a very, very, very packed agenda and a hard stop at 130 so that our staff can have a half an hour before we start our budget work this afternoon. So I'm going to try to move us through quickly. I do want to just flag for folks before we get started that at the end of the meeting today, we will recess until tomorrow at 2 p.m, when we will reconvene as the council to hear the insight survey. This afternoon, we will open a meeting as the budget committee at 2 p.m. Through 630 with a break in the middle there. And then we will also reconvene as the budget committee tomorrow afternoon to hear prosper Portland's budget. So we will have two council and two budget committee meetings in the next two days. Rebecca, could you please call the roll.

Speaker: Canal here?

Speaker: Ryan. Here. Koyama lane here. Morillo here. Novick here. Clark. Here. Green here. Zimmerman. Here. Avalos. Present. Dunphy. Here. Smith. Here. Pirtle-guiney here.

Speaker: And linly, could you please go over the rules of order and decorum?

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome to Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the agenda at. Portland council 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 and virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls their name. Thank you president.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Councilors. The first item on the agenda is agenda approval. Are there any requests to amend or reorder today's agenda? Councilor dunphy?

Speaker: Yeah. Thank you. Colleagues, I would ask to move item 21 up between items 13 and 14. I note that 14 through 20 are being heard together as a conversation around fees. Item 21 is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance around the fair wage policy. I would I do not intend to take 30 minutes though to scheduled for 30 minutes. I was like your consent to move that up.

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: Counselors, are there any objections? Okay. Rebecca, could you please note that reordering of the agenda and I will try to remember that when we get there. Councilor dunphy, please remind me if I don't. Councilors, are there any other requests to amend or reorder the agenda? Okay. Do I have unanimous consent to approve the agenda, as amended? I see a lot of head nods and no

objections. The next item on our agenda is public communications. Rebecca, could you please call up our first guest?

Speaker: First is lauren corder.

Speaker: Welcome, lauren. Go ahead and introduce yourself. For the record, thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: My name is lauren corder. I am here on behalf of the cottrell cbo, the primary opponent to the siting of the city's water treatment plant in rural east county. I've testified here since 2018, when council approved the water bureau's preferred treatment option for crypto and the site location at southeast carpenter lane council formally committed to the most expensive treatment option and the most expensive location. This is now the largest infrastructure project in the city's history. The price has grown 400% from 500 million to over \$2 billion, an estimate that has not been updated in over a year. You face the very situation we warned council about seven years ago. The city arrogantly pushed forward, ignoring our warnings that carpenter lane isn't zoned for industrial use. Instead of engaging with us or questioning our repeated testimonies, council relied solely on the water bureau, which misled council and the public. In 2018, the bureau's principal engineer, david peters, claimed, quote, they should be able to get through land use at carpenter lane. In may 2024, commissioner Mapps asked then director solmer if the feds are mandating filtration, and she falsely testified before council, quote we have to do this. Absolutely. Treatment is federally required. Filtration. Is not. This project, built on half truths, will lead ratepayers with the most expensive water in this country. I have questions each of you must seriously consider as this runaway project continues. Did you know that the bilateral compliance agreement can be renegotiated? Construction is paused by the state land use board of appeals

because the natural resource impacts were not carefully considered, the bureau proceeded with construction in 2024. During an appeal, previous council approved the bureau to proceed with the preferred contractors, not with competitive bids. Costs will exceed over \$2 billion due to loan servicing and budget overages. The pipeline is estimated at half \$1 billion. Because of the terrain's technical challenges in the four miles of pipe needed because it is far off conduit, the current pause is costing the city beyond its scope. It is a full treatment facility, not just filtration beyond what is needed. You could pivot now, install something you actually need and save over \$1 billion. The city spearheaded senate bill 936 to supersede land use law for this pet project. The city has destroyed over 400 trees in east county and compromised sensitive habitat and natural resources. This far exceeds the impact of the pge forest park proposal. Our community has fought for seven years and we are winning and we are not going away. We will not let you continue to threaten our safety and destroy our farmland, our wetlands, trees, habitat, fish and wildlife, surface water and groundwater. I hope this council can critically think about this. It's time mayor wilson called filtration one of the top priorities of 2025. Instead of accepting the bureau's half truths, I encourage you to really learn about this project. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for being.

Speaker: Here. Next we have james lee.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you for being with us this morning.

Speaker: I'm james bernard lee. I reside in southeast Portland and speak only for myself. Thank you for hearing me today in dealing with me or dealing with one of the better physicists of the 20th century. I'm not well known because I work in what is held to be a sideline of mainstream physics acoustics of concert halls. But

beware, two nobel laureates, lord raleigh in the 19th century and richard feynman in the 20th, thought the problems of waves in three dimensional space too difficult had I known that at saint mary's college in 1955 and at the naval ordnance test station, china lake in 1962, I should have avoided should have avoided the topic as a subject for graduate research. Leo beranek, a genius of physics of waves, fumbled design of new york philharmonic hall so badly at 60 years and three rebuildings later, the hall remains problematic. The nub since 1900, orthodox acoustics has held one need not invoke the physics of waves and design of concert halls. Leo thoroughly embraced that blatant fallacy with dire result. In 1968 69, during graduate studies at the university of sydney, I revisited the problem and reformulated it from the beginning. In 1970, the nutcracker and the cornucopia of knowledge flowed forth. By 1974, the paper I am giving you resolved the issue elegantly via the second law of thermodynamics. It anticipated the idea of a holographic principle of leonard susskind, associate of stephen hawking. By 20 years we must build a proper concert hall and a proper opera house in the northeast quadrant of downtown, leading the necessary rehabilitation, pioneer place and others there are hurting. These projects will put 5000 new pairs of feet downtown weeknights, 10,000 weekends. I know how to do that. Work with me and we shall realize them. I want to point out that councilor Ryan and I have discussed this last year at some length, and I also discussed it briefly with mayor wilson at a campaign event last summer. Be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you so much, james, for sharing that information. Do we have that paper from you electronically or has it been submitted to the clerk?

Speaker: I'll be submitting it.

Speaker: Perfect. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president.

Speaker: Next is wade lang. Wade lang. We have richard elmire.

Speaker: Welcome, richard. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: My name is richard elmire. For many years I participated in the annual city sponsored priority based budgeting exercise. We became well educated in the process and value of priority based budgeting by ranking and assigning dollar values to many dozens of specific programs within and among each bureau, ostensibly to influence city commissioners. However, since the job of city commissioners was to protect their own bureaus, our promised efforts of influence to city commissioners was a sham, but not a waste of our time, because we learned how to do priority based budgeting, priority based budgeting prioritizes programs and services over departments, enabling a focused allocation of resources based on relative importance. Priority based budgeting directs funding towards higher value services while scaling back or eliminating lower value ones during periods of relative decline. Governor john kitzhaber effectively used priority based budgeting when faced with declining funding for the Oregon health plan. Since 2008, more than 300 local governments have applied priority based budgeting. Cities like falstaff, arizona, battle creek, michigan, and corvallis, Oregon have used priority budgeting. The national league of cities mentions that 80% of cities prioritize aligning budgets with priority outcomes. The same budgeting process can and should be used in Portland. Priority based budgeting is progressive. Status quo budgeting is just tinkering with the mayor's priorities, not yours. There is no individual accountability, only group accountability, which is no accountability at all. You were elected with progressive ranked choice voting. Now you need to show progressive leadership by moving on to progressive priority based budgeting. Finally, with a budget shortfall of about \$1,000,000,100 million, it would not be just failure of due diligence, but actual malfeasance to purposefully neglect holding

metro accountable to establishing publicly vetted regional homeless and housing policy and plans for which metro would be accountable for executing and paying for, thereby lowering, if not eliminating, Portland's homeless and housing budgets. Portlanders voted for transparency and accountability. Give it to them. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you so much for being here today, richard.

Speaker: Nadia steck.

Speaker: Welcome. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Hi, I'm nadia steck. Hello. Esteemed members of the City Council. I'm here to bring attention to the fact that the inexperienced naivete of our current mayor and this administration is hurtling our city toward a cliff of our most vulnerable citizens are going to deal with the ramifications of. Mayor. Wilson campaigned on a clear promise of being able to resolve homelessness with a bold new approach. But after the dust of the election had settled and he was allowed to begin to govern, he showed just how dangerous his ideas are. While the initial plan seemed to address the cause with the impetus it requires, the mayor's plan couldn't be more flawed. Multnomah County is slashing the homeless service budget by 22% in the coming fiscal year, and the mayor has proposed a radical restructuring of the way the remaining budget is utilized, shifting focus to increasing access to overnight shelters by establishing new shelters sounds good, but is being done at the cost of reducing the city's reliance on intermediate and long term care facilities. This change is tragic for two reasons one overnight shelters are notoriously dangerous. Members of the homeless community have spoken out about the violence, theft and sexual assaults that have occurred in these facilities for years because even one well funded, they are overwhelmed with demand and lack proper staffing to ensure safety and the services for the

sometimes hundreds of residents sleeping in a single common area. Second, this shift will focus will actually make homelessness a stickier problem. This is because intermediate and long term shelters like safe rest villages have been shown to not only be far safer, but also have been shown to be one of the best intermediary steps to getting someone off the streets as well. The policy change that claims to make sure no one will get turned away from services is a good edict, but unfortunately is being used to destroy culturally specific shelters. Places like the bipoc and queer affinity villages, which serve as quintessential safe havens for the already marginalized and provide key piece of mind to their residents that while they are in this time of crisis, they can at least feel safe from some level of bigotry. The opening of services has rendered it so these villages can no longer screen for culturally specific residents, functionally destroying their intended goal. In our current political climate, when violence against so many groups is on the rise, and being actively called for by the executive branch of this nation, should we not take the steps to ensure that our black and brown neighbors can feel safe while they rest? Is it not vital to make sure our homeless, trans and queer residents know that they can simply exist without harassment? The entire action plan proposed months ago by the mayor's office, stripped to the form of toxic liberalism, bad outcomes wrapped in good intentions and pretty words. The simple fact is the actions proposed to be taken by the city will worsen our homelessness crisis and actively lead to more disenfranchised people being exposed to suffering and violence. Shame on this council and shame on the mayor for promising the population of Portland a solution to a problem that you are only going to actively make. Worse, we as a citizenry deserve solutions that actually attempt to help our residents instead of further funding the Portland police bureau so it can better pay its massive legal fees for its constant brutality and abuse of power. Maybe next year,

mayor wilson will simply pay individual officers a bonus for every homeless person they harass and kill. It would probably cost the taxpayers less and provide the same level of efficacy that his current plan offers.

Speaker: Thank you for sharing those concerns. Okay, councilors, the next item on our agenda is our time certain agenda. Rebecca, could you please read agenda item number three for us?

Speaker: Consider appeal by forest park neighborhood association and forest park conservancy against the hearing officer's decision to approve with conditions an environmental review, conditional use review and two greenway reviews for the upgrade and expansion of transmission lines in forest park.

Speaker: Thank you councilors. As a reminder, we have heard this item and made a tentative vote because it is a report. Today we will vote on the. We will take our final vote. We originally heard this land use appeal on April 17th, and at that time council held a public hearing and tentatively voted 12 to 0 to grant the appeal and overturn the decision of the hearings officer. We also directed staff to return with findings and a decision to reflect that tentative vote. And those findings are what we have before us in the report today. I am looking for a motion and a second to grant the appeal, overturn the hearings officer decision and approve the environmental review as adopted as as included in the findings in the report before us today.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: Thank you, rebecca.

Speaker: I think that was councilors avalos and dunphy. Could you please call the roll? Oh, councilor kanal, are you in the queue for discussion?

Speaker: Is that a question? Okay. Are we obligated to disclose or should we do this in our vote? Any additional ex parte?

Speaker: That is a good question. Linly. If folks have had additional ex parte communications since the original hearing, should those be disclosed before we move to a vote? Yes. Okay, I'm sorry I didn't have that written down. So councilors, if you have there are three categories. I believe we look for ex parte communication.

Speaker: Conflicts of interest or site visits.

Speaker: So if you've had any additional ex parte communication, conflicts of interest or site visits since the hearing on April 17th, can you please put yourself in the queue to disclose those councilor kanal?

Speaker: Thank you. Yeah, I have no additional conflicts of interest or site visits on the ex parte site. I've received additional dozens, if not hundreds more people about this topic since the preliminary vote. Once again have not read them and had my staff handle it. I did meet two pge staff at a friends of trees event, but did not discuss this particular project beyond the acknowledgment that we could not do so. Having reviewed what I missed when switching from in-person attendance to virtual attendance, and therefore having reviewed the full record, I'm prepared today to make a fair and impartial decision based on the criteria and the evidence in the record. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And I believe we've all received some of that communication as long as we have not opened them. Do folks need to individually declare that?

Speaker: No. If folks have not looked at that, if only his staff has seen it and dealt with it, you do not need to. It is not an ex parte contact. So the one thing I would ask is because we've. Commissioner canal, I almost heard you as saying you don't didn't have ex parte contacts. You're actually just saying there was this stuff that happened and I did not review or receive any additional out of record evidence.

And if you did have ex parte contacts, we need to ask if people want to ask you questions about the ex parte contacts. So just trying to make sure I understand your disclosure.

Speaker: Correct. And at your earlier advice, i, I disclosed that I did step out of the meeting and switch to virtual attendance last time. And so there was a hiccup of some seconds between those two. And you had advised that I disclose that and say that I've reviewed that subsequent to the preliminary meeting, and I needed to do that at some point. So I figured I'd just do that together here.

Speaker: I think we're good. Thank you, I appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Counselor novick.

Speaker: I saw that it was receiving a number of emails that I did not read saying opposing pge. I also did see one email from a friend of mine, former chief justice tom bomber, and I did glance at it. It said something to the effect of, for god's sakes, show some leadership clearly supporting the pge application.

Speaker: Linly is that ex parte communication or.

Speaker: Yes. And so we can just ask if anybody wishes to question councilor novick about his ex parte communication.

Speaker: If anybody has questions for councilor novick, please come up to the table. Okay. Seeing none, we'll hold that and move to counselor clark.

Speaker: Thank you, madam chair. I did receive emails I didn't read, but I received a text from a friend urging me to support pge.

Speaker: Thank you, counselor clark, are there any questions for counselor clark? Okay. And I have put myself in the queue. I received a number of questions about my initial vote from mainly folks who work with labor unions who had been supportive of the vote. It was not a discussion of the facts, but rather questions about that vote. I repeated to them what I had said on the dais in the public record

already, and no more than that. And if there are any questions for me, folks can come ahead to the table. Okay, we'll move on to counselor green.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I believe it was April 29th. I was at a town hall hosted by the Portland metro chamber, and a question was asked about this decision. And my response was, I am an ex parte and I'm not going to discuss this case.

Speaker: Are there any questions for counselor green? Okay, counselors, is there any other discussion? Seeing none. Rebecca, can you please call the roll?

Speaker: Canal? Nothing to add for my preliminary vote. I'll just save time and vote i.

Speaker: Cannot pardon Ryan.

Speaker: Wow. I go after councilor kanal, and I've never experienced that. This was a tough call. We all know we need investments for electrification, infrastructure, and many of you that are supporting the I think the affirmative decision today have been here actually to lobby on that. And we all want to protect precious infrastructure of our tree canopy, the ecosystem of forest park. So for me, the question is ask is what is acceptable power plan for our region when the population will continue to grow? So here we are with this difficult trade off conversation debate, and I know it's going to continue. I don't think we went deep enough into this debate, and I welcome that conversation soon and often. I also just want to say, finally, I was a little concerned about I was concerned about some of the mean spirited comments towards the hard working public servant, the hearings officer, and going forward, I hope that we'll respect the objectivity and the difficult job that they have for today. I support the appeal.

Speaker: I koyama lane I morillo morillo.

Speaker: Thank you. I think I'll keep it brief, but the crux of my decision on this case really was that part of pge's assertion in their analysis was that this is going to be beneficial for climate issues in the long run, and when asked for data on how they have actually measured the cost of cutting the trees versus expanding our electrical grid, which is something we talk about often in the climate committee, they were unable to produce any evidence that there is going to be a material carbon reduction. And I think especially in a time where we are expanding data centers for ai, there's no guarantee that that energy is not going to be used in other ways. So based on everything I heard, I vote i.

Speaker: Novick I'm afraid that I'm going to have to speak at greater length than my colleagues would want. I think that in upholding this appeal, we might very well be making a disastrous decision for our quality of life, for our economy, and for reaching our climate goals. Unfortunately, I don't think the pge has left us much choice. I my vote is based almost entirely on pge failure to demonstrate a need for this project. I think it's quite possible they could have demonstrated the need for this project, but they didn't. I feel compelled to read a section from pge's revised application and I apologize. My computer is now died so I need to revive it. Pge says on page 13 of their revised application. Recent electricity demand forecast have increased substantially due to several factors, including vehicle electrification, peak summer temperature increases, increasing adoption of residential air conditioning and industrial growth. And then there's a few other sentences. And then it says, based on current power supply models, the current system configuration is insufficient to meet the peak demand forecast in 2028. Several recent articles highlight the concern with transmission capacity and the increasing peak power demand. Parentheses more 2022. That's basically it. What I would have expected is for pge to explain how the power supply models work, explain why they've been

accurate in the past, elaborate on the factors contributing to an increasing demand for electricity, elaborate on why the current configuration will not work as of 2028. Maybe explain who moore is and attach moore's article and some of the other articles. But they didn't. I would also picking up on what councilor morillo just said. I would also be expected them to have quantified answers to the question of what is the impact on climate? For example, hypothetically, if the typical mature tree absorbed 40 pounds of carbon per year and the typical gas powered vehicle emitted 10,000 pounds of carbon per year, and the typical electric vehicle emitted 5,000 pounds of carbon per year, if all those things were true, then if the failure or failure to approve pge's proposal resulted in five fewer cars switching from gas to electric, then that would more than offset the impact of losing 400 trees. But as councilor morillo pointed out, pge did not make such such a case. I. Personally, there obviously are other criteria to be considered. My views on whether pge met those criteria might differ in some respect for some of my colleagues, but I want to say that personally, if pge, which wished to represent this project with better evidence, I obviously can't say how it would vote, but I'd certainly be willing to listen. I also want to say, since a meeting up in pge, that I was not impressed by some of the comments by the appellants either. Scott fogerty, representing the appellants at one point, said. We get the, quote, rolling blackouts. I ask, when has this happened in Portland? Well, we haven't had an earthquake in Portland either. In our memory, that doesn't mean it's not going to happen. We haven't had a nuclear war. That doesn't mean it's not going to happen. So I just had to express my concern about that language. That being said, I vote to accept the appeal.

Speaker: Clerk.

Speaker: Thank you. I have to agree with some of my colleagues comments. Councilor novick I would say one of the other issues that I found compelling was

that when learning that the forest park plan has the force of law, and many of us, I think, came into that hearing with a very open mind. And i'll just say with that, I'm voting yes to uphold.

Speaker: Green.

Speaker: We're going to be faced with a lot of land use decisions on the question of how we prepare our grid for a green energy future. So I came into this with an open mind. I was moved by testimony that demonstrated on the record that Portland general electric failed to demonstrate a need to the Oregon public utility commission in the integrated resource plan that provided the basis for this application. So if the Oregon public utility commission found that pge was provided substandard or insufficient evidence, that to me shows that we can't in good conscience grant this, this, this right of way. So it's not about being against renewable energy or reliability. It's about whether or not the applicant has demonstrated a need and they did not. So with that, I vote i.

Speaker: Zimmerman.

Speaker: Thanks. I appreciate the comments from my colleagues. So i, I did not feel that the application of a practical versus an impractical alternative was applied correctly by the hearings officer. Nor was the case made by pge and i. I have similar concerns about whether or not. This is a problematic in terms of our growth as a city and our and our electrification and our move toward being more resilient. I think it's probably not, but the application of law and not policy is what is at question here. And I don't think that they met the standard of law. We can question whether or not that forest management plan needs to be changed. But as it stands now from a quasi judicial, I would vote to grant the appeal.

Speaker: Avalos.

Speaker: I, dunphy.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Smith i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney I agree with many of the comments that my colleagues have made and share their concerns about the policy implications before us, but again, we are not making a decision on the policy implications. I would simply add to what's already been said, that had we seen the full scale of the project, there might have been a an argument for the idea that other paths weren't feasible. There might have been an argument about the need, but we didn't see the full project. We just saw this phase. And based on this phase, those those standards were not met, I vote i.

Speaker: With 12 eyes. The findings are adopted.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilors. The next item on our agenda is the committee referral report. Since our last council meeting, there have been a number of referrals, including authorizing the bureau of transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the southwest capitol hill road and southwest troy street sidewalk infill project authorized the bureau of transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the northeast columbia cully boulevard and alderwood road intersection improvements project to the finance committee. Amend council organization and procedure code to include council rule on tiebreaking to the governance committee, and reappoint jill krop and peggy moretti to the development review advisory committee sent to the homelessness and housing committee. That appears to be all that's on the list right now. I think we may have captured all of the others at our last meeting. The next item on our agenda is the city administrator, report administrator jordan councilor smith.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you. I want to go back to the committee and referral report. Could you please clarify the criteria and process used to determine which items that pass into the committee report that are included in the committee referral? Because there were other things that were approved that were not put on the report.

Speaker: What is on the committee referral report are items that have been referred to committee since our last council meeting.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: So this has nothing to do with whether or not they have been, whether they have been put on agenda or not, whether they have been heard or not, if they have been moved to a committee since the last council meeting, they're here in the future when we have things coming with a little more lead time, we may see things on the committee referral report that are not actually scheduled in committee for a few weeks or even a month afterwards, but this allows us to draw attention to what has been sent to committee so that people can start to pay attention to what might be coming.

Speaker: Thank you. My staff, we were trying to figure that out last night and I didn't have the answer to it. So thank you so much.

Speaker: Absolutely, yes. We're moving to the city administrator report. City administrator Jordan is out today, but we have the assistant city administrator joining us instead. Annie, go right ahead.

Speaker: Thank you, council president. Thank you. Councilors as council president said, unfortunately, city administrator Jordan is out today with the flu. So sitting in with him, this is a second of a series of monthly reports from the city administrator to council. We'll do these. The first council meeting of every month. Better. Thanks. The intention of these updates is to share a high level operational updates about

the city administration. This is very much still a work in progress, so we welcome all feedback and suggestions of how we can continue to develop this. So it reflects what's most helpful for the council. You have a very large agenda today. So in the interest of time, I'm going to skip giving you the overview per service area. But you have that in writing that report and it's posted. So please feel free to review that and forward along any questions you have. One thing I did want to mention as part of these monthly reports, this will be a way for us to deliver on some of the council requests that we get. So you have some supplementary documents in there. The first is a report that outlines recently paid insurance or sorry settlement claims under \$50,000. The second is a grant snapshot of active federal and nonfederal grants, and the third we're currently working on, which is a revenue report. So we'll have that once we get a little more refined information of exactly what you would like to see. We'll have that here in the months coming ahead. So happy to answer any questions, but also would like to give you the time back for your agenda today.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor smith. Are you in the queue with a question?

Speaker: Yes, madam president, thank you so much. Thank you for being here and addressing some of the issues. I have a few questions. I think this is this is important. This is what we want to see in maybe in the future we could have a longer time period to discuss some of the things that that you have in here. But the first thing that I wanted to talk about, it's on the active nonfederal grant snapshot. And I'm looking at this in the column that says unspent active nonfederal grant funds outlined in the city administrator's report. Are these monies considered general funds or restricted? Go to one 117.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: We have jonas berry dc eight, but might be able to answer that for you.

Speaker: Welcome, jonas.

Speaker: Great. Thank you and apologies as I catch up councilor to your question, I want to get to the.

Speaker: It's on the last page of the active nonfederal grants snapshot. Is there.

Speaker: A I'm sorry, could you repeat the question I apologize.

Speaker: So the question was the money that's in the unspent balance, are those monies considered general funds or are they considered restricted?

Speaker: Yeah. So generally those would be, I believe, all considered restricted because they're tied specifically to being used for the purposes for which the grants were applied for.

Speaker: And since we were not told, for example, the first line city administrator, \$10 million, we don't know, we would appreciate a report that has a line item that says, where did that \$10 million come from? Because I would be able to tell better if it was restricted or not restricted. And the reason why I say that that might be something different, that it may not be restricted because you put the federal grants, which are restricted on a different page. So I'm assuming that this is general fund or can be used for various different purposes.

Speaker: Yeah. Councilor appreciate the feedback. We'll work on refining some of the information here. I mean, generally, the grants that are going to be listed here are for very specific purposes and not with general flexibility around it, but a appreciate the need to make this a little more clear.

Speaker: And you may not think, thank you so much, but you may not know the answer to this question. On February 19th, I introduced a 912 amendment requiring the city administrator to submit a report of all unassigned funds for the recent fiscal year. And I appreciate you saying that you're going to come back every month. But in that ordinance that passed, it required you to come every 15 days, no longer than 15 days. If there were unassigned funds that were were brought into

the city of Portland. And so I'm trying. So my question is, is that satisfying? Are you giving this report to satisfy that particular ordinance?

Speaker: Councilor. What we've discussed with the city administrator was that they would bring those reports forward every 15 days, as required in the ordinance that we passed, but that there are other dollars that come into the city and that this report on a monthly basis, would be an opportunity for us to eventually have a view into every dollar coming into the city in the past month, even beyond those required in the ordinance. Correct. So this report should the information contained here should grow over time, as jonas is able to add more and more to that for us, madam. Madam president.

Speaker: I understand what you're saying, but I need them to tell me. Because it's very important. Because this report says as of 331 2025 and we receive unassigned monies since February 19th and we have not received a report within 15 days. And so what I'm saying is, I need you all, regardless of what other things you're doing to give us reporting, but you need to adhere to that ordinance. When monies come in, you have 15 days to give that to us, not a spring bump, not a fall bump. Give it to us 15 days upon receipt. And so that's the question that I'm asking. What? That's why I need you to desegregate these dollars so I can see where they're coming from. I don't know where they're coming from. It's \$132 million that's in that unspent balance. And so my last question is, are any of these monies jonas baked into the mayor's budget?

Speaker: I don't know, under the hood here, but I would any of the dollars that are for currently any of these dollars that are grants that fund projects that extend into next fiscal year would be included in the budget because we have to authorize those expenditures.

Speaker: And that's why it's so important for you all to desegregate this data. I know you're in this this kind of rhythm over the years, not identifying or disaggregating data, but you have to disaggregate this data so we can tell whether or not we can use it for now, for 2024, 25, 25, 26. If this is going to be the initial beginning balance for 20 for 25, 26. So this is for me, this looks like fair game to me. And I want to ask you this last thing. Can you get us the disaggregated data this week? We only have like ten days before we can do this budget on the 21st. And if I don't know what this this category of money, it's hanging out there. I don't know what I can do with it or not. And whether it's restricted or not, I can identify opportunities for those restricted funds.

Speaker: Councilor appreciate that. Absolutely. Work on improving this for future, and we'll see what we can do to get that information as soon as possible.

Speaker: Can I get this? In the next ten days. I will do what I can. I don't know, I need to talk to the folks who manage the data. I'm sure it's available, and we'll do our absolute best to get that to council as soon as possible. Thank you. We have a lot of questions related to the budget. This is an important one as well.

Speaker: Yes, this is very critical. Thank you.

Speaker: Joan is in order to not lose sight of this, since the councilor asked for it within ten days, which is a long time as we do this budget work, could you get an update to us about whether or not you think that's possible?

Speaker: I'm going to go check right now and see what is feasible. Again, I know we're going to have budget conversation later today that also identify a handful of time sensitive questions. So I just want to be realistic about about the body of work that we have in front of us here. But obviously we want to get you all what you need as soon as possible. So yeah.

Speaker: I don't know if ruth is here.

Speaker: I don't believe she's in the room right now, but she will.

Speaker: But there are all sorts of reports that you can run.

Speaker: Correct.

Speaker: And at any second, I was being very generous when I said ten days. But we should be able to get this by close of business, because you should be able to run a report to see where these dollars came from.

Speaker: You just do this for me.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor kanal.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I have four notes here. First, to assistant city administrator. Just thank you to you and to administrator jordan for providing information on the sub \$50,000 claims. My request would be to restore what was in last month's report, which was the individual claims, in addition to the summary, and to update the summary so that it includes all claims, not just the 50,000 ones, in other words, individual claims under 50 k. Summary of all claims using the same framework as the report. Here a comment and then two questions on the content. First, I want to quote from the report about the pb operation alongside partner agencies like the fbi and dea, seized 44 pounds of fentanyl powder, more than 2500 fentanyl pills and 22 pounds of meth during a month long fentanyl enforcement operation. I'm grateful to see this enumerated. We have a lot of things that are controversial in this city, especially around policing, and one thing that is, in my experience, widely popular. In fact, a near consensus is police drug interdiction operations. So I'm grateful to see that mentioned here as a as a win here. My two questions, and I think the first is going to be to you. And the second to dci berry. First, can you clarify that the street services coordination center's reunification program, which is mentioned on page I believe page one is voluntary. I've heard

that said verbally outside of this chamber, but I don't think I've seen that in writing or had it on the record here.

Speaker: Whether the participants in that program, whether it's voluntary.

Speaker: Correct.

Speaker: Let me get an answer on that. That my understanding is, yes, this is voluntary and this is a service that we're providing over the last month. From what I understand, we had eight folks take us up on that offer voluntarily for whatever met their needs at the time, but happy to get more information for you. Absolutely.

Speaker: Thank you. And then my last comment, I just want to follow up on councilor smith's line of questioning. But on the other side of it, which is the nonfederal grants specific to vibrant communities, this is the very last table in the report. Most of the other service areas have less than half of their total awards that are noted here, falling into the unspent balance. In the case of vibrant communities, 30.1 million of the 35.2 million are unspent. That's a very large percentage. And with that service area proposed for merger into the other service areas, I want to ask this now. While there's someone to ask, what are those grants?

Speaker: Councilor I don't know the answer to that. And again, I think having that gradient level of detail will help, help illuminate that. We'll obviously have opportunities for more conversations on the budget. So happy to come back and get that detail for you as we have those those conversations.

Speaker: Great. So then just to give clarity to the question, I'd love to know what those are and what's going to happen to them in terms of the management and accountability over it. If there is no longer a vibrant community service area, that's, I think, following up as well on all of councilor smith's questions, the same ones apply here. Thank you very much, madam president.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor avalos and jonas, I know we have a few more questions for you, so if you can stay up there, that'd be great.

Speaker: Of course.

Speaker: Councilor avalos.

Speaker: Thank you. I have a couple of questions, but as I'm looking at my questions, I think my larger ask instead is I want to understand what are we going to be doing in the future with these reports. Because what you guys present to us is really important, rich data that you're getting from the bureaus. But not all the bureaus leaders are here. I don't expect that. You know, the city administrator is going to have the level of detail to the kind of questions I want to ask. And so I guess I just want to ask a broader like, can we discuss what will it look like in the future? Because if this is going to be the main place where we're going to be able to weigh in on what the city, how the city has been operating, and ideally have space to ask questions about what's in the report. It feels insufficient to not have people here available to answer those. And then therefore, where will those questions be? Of course, I could ask them offline, but that defeats the purpose of bringing to light and having public transparency around our responsibility to oversee, you know, making sure we're overseeing the executive branch and that essentially the executive branch is implementing the policies. That is our responsibility to propose. So I'm going to hold my specific questions. But my larger ask is that we discuss what this process looks like in the future, so it can be a more involved process. And we could actually have our questions answered. So i'll just leave it at that for now. And if you have a comment, you can.

Speaker: Thank you so much for that suggestion. And I might request we can look at a number of options to address that. But maybe one thing we might do if there are questions specific to send those in advance, we'd be happy to be prepared and

have folks in the room ready to dive a little deeper for you. If there are other ways we can have that available to really open to suggestions of how we do that, thank you.

Speaker: And councilor, I hear that request. Originally, this report was put together as an overview of what had been happening so that we could then follow up offline about things that we needed more information about. If councilors, on the whole, want to have a discussion about the report, then we'll need to build in more time for that in our agendas. Right now, it's just built in for high level questions that we need to ask to get clarification so that we can do our follow up. And I am happy to check in with you and maybe 1 or 2 others offline to see if we want to shift that approach and give more time to discussion of what's been happening in the city on our agendas. As with everything, as we have conversations about what is on our agendas, that will require some trade offs and shortening time on other agenda items. Councilor zimmerman, thanks.

Speaker: So going back to the unspent balance on the last page for active nonfederal grants snapshot \$132 million out of 276 \$277 million. So it sounds great to get grants because that generally sounds like other people's money. But I want to ask just a finer point, mr. Berry, is there a possibility that the 132 million, which we are calling likely restricted, is also grants from ourselves, like pcf to other bureaus or other city functions?

Speaker: That is a great question. I don't know whether pcf is included in that total, but we'll follow up and clarify in the future.

Speaker: That would be helpful. When you do, I know that you're going to do a lot for the other councilors questions, but. Restricted and unrestricted is an important term in nonprofit and in government giving. I will refuse to apply that same standard to our own money. It is. It is our fund and how we apply it is not

restricted. So that will be helpful to understand when this comes out, whether or not when pcf or others are granting, if they're actually able to deliver the projects. When I say they, I mean us as the city. Can we deliver the projects that we have? Another. Another fund trying to fund? So thank you for that. And that's my only question there, madam president.

Speaker: Councilor Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, I think we're all just basically saying if the report was in the Friday memo Friday morning, that would really help a lot. And then we could have dialog before the meeting with all of you. So I think that's what you're hearing loud and clear. I was troubled a little bit by the language we're using earlier. So I'm just kind of piling on on a couple other councilors comments. So restricted is when we receive money from, say, the federal government. So it's a pass through. It's not our money, it's a pass through that's restricted. Money that comes from our coffers can be designated but not restricted. I think it's really I think it's important that we distinguish between those two. So designated is not the same weight as the contract agreement that we had with the state or the federal government. So I just wanted to make that clear. So we need better clarity on that. And then the columns need to find appropriately. So I know you were just called up here at the last second, but I think any of us that have been ceos for large organizations where you work with auditors once a year, they will make that point really clear. And I know you know that as well. So I just want to clarify that for the record. And those include what was been discussed. The arts office civic life has quite a few grants that are in that category and they're designated. I do think that the pcf question is a little more murky, and that will be a great discussion. And then we have the children's levy, which is restricted because it's a lock box that comes from the from the voters. So

we have those restricted accounts within the city that were set up formally with the contract with the voters. Thanks.

Speaker: Councilor smith, did you have an additional comment? I will note that we're four minutes over time on this agenda item.

Speaker: Okay. Madam president, I will hold my question and send an email.

Speaker: Thank you, I apologize, we are moving on. Counselors to the consent agenda. Rebecca, I believe we have had items pulled from the consent agenda. Can you give us an update?

Speaker: Two items are pulled. Item six appoint matthew sanchez to the urban forestry commission for terms to end March 31st, 2029, and item seven confirm appointments and alternates to the city sustainability and climate commission.

Speaker: Thank you. That leaves one item on the consent agenda. Item eight. Could you please call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda?

Speaker: Canal i.

Speaker: I koyama lane morillo I novick. Hi, clark, I green I zimmerman avalos I dunphy. I smith. I pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: I and rebecca. I'm sorry. I was remiss in not saying item six and seven will be placed at the end of the agenda. Thank you councilors. We are now moving on to the beginning of our regular agenda. Rebecca, can you please read agenda item nine for us?

Speaker: Direct bureau of transportation to construct and maintain sidewalks while addressing pavement maintenance deficiencies throughout Portland, improving safety and accessibility for all residents through the sidewalk improvement and paving program.

Speaker: Thank you. And councilors. We began our work on this agenda item at our last meeting, but didn't have time to complete it. We do have for people who

are not able to testify. Rebecca, could you please call their names and see if any of them are here today?

Speaker: First we have marita ingalsbe. Marita is joining us online.

Speaker: Thank you. Marita, go ahead and unmute yourself and you can introduce yourself and begin testimony.

Speaker: She's promoting to testify.

Speaker: We have anybody in the room while we wait.

Speaker: Lynell mccauley. Luisa boec. Luisa is here.

Speaker: Great. Luisa, go ahead and come up to the front table to join us.

Speaker: To read the item.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Welcome. Thank you for being here. You can go ahead and introduce yourself.

Speaker: I am not marissa ingleby. I'm mary ann fitzgerald, also from district four. My power was out this morning. I don't know how widespread it is around town, but I was not able to sign up for this agenda item.

Speaker: I'm sorry. Are you on the list?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: So. Marita ingalsbe is on the list, I am not, I would like to speak, but I couldn't sign up.

Speaker: Okay. And you wait. Okay.

Speaker: Leslie hammond. And we're still trying to promote marita. One second. Marita, if you can hear us, you can unmute. Marita. You can go ahead.

Speaker: Merida.

Speaker: Merida. Ingalsbe.

Speaker: Hello? Can you hear me?

Speaker: We can. You're clear to go ahead.

Speaker: Thank you very much. And I just have a couple slides I would like to share. Thank you very much for allowing me this time I'm going to share my screen.

Speaker: And.

Speaker: Are you able to see the slides?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Yes we are.

Speaker: Okay. So it's time to sip and swim. There's my testimony. This is a photo of southwest shattuck road just north of the new raleigh crest development, formerly alpenrose, showing the lack of even shoulders. There are just. There's just no place to walk on shattuck road. Residents cannot safely walk or bike. This is vermont street just east of the new development. Another street that does not allow walking or safe walking or biking and needs improvement. There are going to be more than 2000 trips daily on southwest shattuck road, with the new development coming in, and these improvements are already in the southwest in motion or swim plan. They've been very nicely defined and are just looking for funding. So I'm in support of this project. I would like to support this sidewalk improvement and paving program and the swim improvements. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Merida, thank you for being here with us and for testifying today. We appreciate that. Rebecca, did you.

Speaker: That concludes testimony.

Speaker: Okay. And it sounds like we have somebody who showed up who was not signed up to testify. Unfortunately, we were not taking additional signups for today since this was a carryover item. But if you do have testimony you'd like to

submit in writing or share with the clerk, we'll make sure that we get that to everybody. We do want to make sure that we hear your concerns. That moves us into council discussion on this agenda item. And I see councilor avalos in the queue, but she has stepped away. Councilors, we are moving into discussion. We heard the introduction of this agenda item at our last meeting. So we don't have an additional committee staff summary or overview. Councilor clerk go right ahead.

Speaker: Thank you, madam chair. President, I have an amendment to offer. I think everybody has it. An amendment that actually addresses an issue for district, for sidewalks. And that amendment would be to add the words and alternative pathways under the be it further resolved that the program objective shall include constructing and maintaining sidewalks and alternative pathways. We I'm offering that because the situation in district four is that it's possible that we can't build out actual concrete sidewalks with curbs and so forth, that we need an alternative approach. In district four, lots of times, real sidewalks require storm water situations, improvements, signalization, and we're just not going to get there in district four because of the geography and past problems. So having an alternative pathway would allow us to actually do more in district four. So I offer that amendment. I'm looking for a motion.

Speaker: Councilors. Is there a second?

Speaker: I'll second it as one of the carriers.

Speaker: Okay. I believe councilor green jumped in slightly before you, councilor smith. Councilors, I'm going to run through the hands that are up to see if there's discussion on this amendment. Councilor avalos, are you in the queue on this amendment? Councilor green, are you in the queue on this amendment? Go ahead, councilor green.

Speaker: Thank you, madam chair. I'll just say briefly, you know, there are limited dollars that we are playing with in this city right now. And the urgency for improvements for active transportation. District four has never been higher. So having a nimble approach to sort of broadening the definition of, of sort of sidewalks in this regard, there are some places where you can do concrete sidewalks. There are some places where you're going to need like a protected path. And I think that will help us meet the need of our residents who desperately need them in southwest.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor. Councilor smith, are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Yes, yes.

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Madam president. For those folks who who are not here, the previous two. City Council meetings, I do want to make clear that this is to direct the bureau of transportation to construct and maintain sidewalks. In district one, in district four as a priority, which would improve safety and accessibility for all residents through the sidewalk improvement and paving program. I just wanted to give them what this was since we didn't have an introduction of it.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor councilor kanal, are you in the queue on this amendment? Go right ahead.

Speaker: Madam president. Just a question on this. Was the intention behind this amendment to for alternative pedestrian pathways specifically, would it be possible to clarify that or is there a negative associated with that that I wouldn't know about?

Speaker: Perhaps it says maintaining, constructing and maintaining sidewalks right there. It's referencing sidewalks, sure.

Speaker: But in terms of the and alternative pathways, I'm just curious if that was trying to clarify intent here.

Speaker: The intent is that a sidewalk can be a pathway. It doesn't have to be a concrete sidewalk with curbs and gutters. It can be an alternative. So construction.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor zimmerman, are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks. I think this amendment is important for southwest in particular, and I think we have some examples of why we've got to be this prescriptive, given some nature of the way business is done in the city of Portland. So yesterday I had a great tour in southwest, and I know that there's a number of Portlanders who think southwest. When we say that, we mean just the very ritzy west hills, but we're talking about some of the areas that still kids walk in the mud along busy roads in, and they fight blackberries on one side of themselves and semi trucks on the other side. And we have a bureau of transportation who will say that road is not ready for a sidewalk because of a host of things that councilor clark and others have brought up because of the difficulties in southwest hills. But in the world of ada, anything is better than mud, anything is better than fighting the blackberries. And so I think that this is an important amendment to this, because I've been told now by pbot that we're just trying to change curb ramps so that we have straight on approaches. And then in yesterday's Oregonian, we watched another taj mahal curb get put in at 11th and siskiyou, your district councilor where they already had straight on approaches. And so I am tired of being gaslit by this idea of certain things that are or are not available, are or are not functional. Anything is better than mud. Sidewalks are better than gravel paths. Protected sidewalks are better than the old sidewalks of the 80s. And I think having a gradual approach makes this cip project the kind of thing we really have to deliver in

southwest and in district one in east Portland. So I really hope folks will will approve this amendment, because I think it gives us, as councilors, a hold the feet to the fire for good and bad decision making as we go forward with this program, if it gets the support. So thanks. I'll support the amendment.

Speaker: Councilor novick are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Councilor zimmerman, you've just said in succession that anything is better than mud and anything is better than fighting through blackberries. Those two statements are inconsistent. Sir. You need to tell us which is worse. Mud or blackberries.

Speaker: Please.

Speaker: Zimmerman shorts. Or if you're wearing jeans.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: You back in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: I'm back in the queue, but I'm.

Speaker: Not on this amendment.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Counselor. Ryan, are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Oh, no.

Speaker: Okay. Seeing no other discussion on the proposed amendment, which would add to the be it further resolved that the program objectives shall include the words and alternative pathways after sidewalks in subsection one. Rebecca, could you please call the roll?

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: Yeah. Thank you for the clarity to the sponsor for this. And given that clarification, I vote i.

Speaker: Brian. I koyama lane. I morillo I novick. I clark. I green. I zimmerman. I avalos. I dunphy. I smith. I pirtle-guiney. I 12 eyes. The clark amendment carries. Thank you. We are going to return to councilor avalos in the queue okay.

Speaker: Thank you I have hold on let me get my stuff together. I have two amendments that I am going to be proposing, but i'll do them one by one. And so I and i'll explain each of them after I move them. So with the first one, I moved to amend the resolution as shown in avalos amendment one posted to the agenda, which is about I'm going to read it to you in a second, adding the existing anti-displacement framework specifically developed for pbot called building belonging in the sixth resolved statement. So I move that. Do I have a second?

Speaker: Is there a second second?

Speaker: Okay, so with that i'll tell you a little more. So I've added this language to include an anti-displacement framework, the building belonging guide alongside the equity matrix and existing transportation plans. This tool was developed two years ago in coordination with bts, and it's actually intended to be a citywide framework that I will be bringing to the homelessness and housing committee this summer to explore its citywide application. Including. This tool ensures that we that as we prioritize projects, we're not just looking at where sidewalks are missing, but also asking, what will this investment do to preserve community stability and belonging? So that is the rationale and happy to answer questions on my amendment. Thanks.

Speaker: Councilor smith, are you in the queue on this amendment? Councilors, is there any discussion on this amendment? Councilor green.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I don't have any issue with adding that clause. I think, you know, it supports the other references to the city's planning processes we already have in place, and I strongly support anti-displacement, so I plan to support this amendment.

Speaker: I put myself in the queue with the question councilor. I'm just wondering about the timeline of that report. I know that some of our reports are evergreen, some have end dates on them. Is this a report that is still active and what is its end date? I'm trying to understand how the data in the report is being used elsewhere, and how that might relate to the timeline for cip.

Speaker: Trying to.

Speaker: Trying to understand your question, I don't.

Speaker: Is this a report that was created with data for a specific period of time, or is this a report that was created as guidance for use without a timeline attached to it?

Speaker: Well, it's not a report, it's a toolkit. So it's like a framework. So I don't know. And it was already completed. So the goal in what I'm asking by adding this to the resolution is to just ensure that that is factored in, along with the equity matrix and all the other things that are listed in that clause, because it's work that pbob specifically did about anti-displacement. I don't know if I'm answering your question, but maybe I'm not understanding your question.

Speaker: I guess I was looking for a little bit more information about how this was supposed to be utilized, and how that relates to the project at hand. I tried to find the report previously and wasn't able to find it. That's probably my own lack of ability with searching.

Speaker: It's a theoretical framework, just like the equity matrix, so it's also meant to be evergreen.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Councilor. Councilor smith, did you?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: I do have something on this. It sounds like it would be something that I would be very supportive of, because I haven't had a chance to look at it. And being the maker of the resolution, I do trust my, my co-sponsor in his ability to say what is good or not, but I have not seen it. So I don't know what parameters I am. I would be, you know, committing myself to and had I had it earlier, I would I would understand what it is and how it would impact this, this particular bill. But that being said, we have made it very clear in our conversations to pbot and to the administration that for sure, district one is marginalized and minimized in a way that other places are not in terms of sidewalks. And I believe that anything that we can do that we already have, we don't I don't want to be held to this tool if I don't know exactly what it is. So I would not be voting for it because I don't know what it is.

Speaker: I do have a direct response, if you'll allow it.

Speaker: Let's go to the direct response and councilor zimmerman, we will go to you after that direct response.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor smith. I just note that when we worked together on the resolution, my chief of staff, who has a lot of experience in transportation planning, made sure we kind of listed some other policy frameworks. This would be consistent with that, in my view, and I don't think it takes away anything that's of the broader kind of directive of what we're trying to achieve here. So that's just my \$0.02 on that.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor zimmerman.

Speaker: Thanks, i. Those are great comments. And I and i, I'm a little bit unsure because I think, you know, councilor green's put a lot of work into this, but this is coming from this is this is amendment that sounds nice by itself, but I just given what's been submitted in the record, the next amendment is about to cut out the targeted areas. And so this doesn't feel like it's coming from a position of the spirit of what cip is about. And frankly, the statement pbob shall utilize existing plans. I'm going to hold this up. This red right here and this red right here. That inequity is what existing pbob plans has resulted in. I'm uninterested in existing pbob plans. This plan says that our equitable sidewalk distribution that fifth and hawthorne gets a new curb every couple of years. That fourth avenue gets redone. And yet continually east Portland, continually southwest hills are left out of the plans. I don't know what equity matrix this this plan is solving, and I don't know why we consider it the plan to solve all questions. But being brought in the spirit of the very next amendment to be brought is to cut out those two areas that I just showed on the map in red feels disingenuous. And I think that councilor smith and councilor green's work to identify district one and four and bring us along in that is in response to the failure of pbob's existing plans. And I don't think that this amendment will be healthy for this document.

Speaker: Councilor Ryan, is your comment to this amendment?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Councilor avalos, this is the first I heard about this amendment, and it is a lot to take on as a floor amendment. And so did you take this as toolkit, this toolkit. Is it from is it from pcef.

Speaker: No. So first of all I did include the amendment weeks ago. So it's been on the website. So it wasn't it's not a floor amendment.

Speaker: I believe the last meeting.

Speaker: So it's on the website. But no this is not pcef related. I just emailed it out to everybody. It is a 120 page document put together by pbot staff over several years to create a framework that could be applied for pbot specifically, but it draws on the work of the anti-displacement work that the city is doing as a whole. And so to me, it is an opportunity to tie back to the work pbot has already done. So if we're listing an equity matrix and all the other things listed, it made sense to me to include the very thing that they created for this purpose.

Speaker: Have has director williams, have you spoke to this in front of us, this amendment? I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Speaker: Good morning. Milicent williams, director of the Portland bureau of transportation. We have not spoken about this plan in particular before this body or before the committee, but it is work that the bureau did engage in several years ago. And while it is not. It does not fall in the same category as a swim or northwestern motion or some of the other planning documents, or the equity matrix, in that it was not a full adoption of the plan. It is work that the team did work on, and it can help to inform the strategy for how we prioritize. I will note that my understanding of what has been introduced from councilors smith and green suggests that we get people's feet out of the mud. That is not anti-displacement that is I mean, that is not displacement. That is recognizing a significant deficiency in infrastructure. And so to put sidewalks where there are none is not intended to be a displacement exercise. It may be an unintended consequence of that, but the hope is that we would not find ourselves putting people in positions of having to make decisions about where they will live, where they will do business. But it really is intended to, on a block by block basis, ensure that we're providing sidewalks, alternative pathways, ability for pedestrians and people who are in mobility devices to move around safely, as well as streets that do not have that are not riddled with

potholes or rutted, because there has not been attention given to those efforts, those facilities.

Speaker: Councilor do you have follow up?

Speaker: I'm trying to figure out if this is going to solve any problems. If this is additive.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: It supports the overall effort. It doesn't hurt anything for us to make sure that we're considering the things that are part of this report.

Speaker: I thought that's what you were saying, but I just want to get that succinct response. Thank you.

Speaker: And director, there may be other questions if you want to stick close. Sure. Counselor smith, are you in the queue for comments to this amendment?

Speaker: Yes, and I'd like to have the clerk put up two pictures that my staff gave. This will put a finer point on why cip is necessary in district one and in district four.

Speaker: Councilor is that for this amendment, or is that related to the next amendment which removes those from cip, those districts?

Speaker: Well, this is going to it piggybacks on what councilor zimmerman talked about, why this particular amendment may not be needed, because if we look at the data that we that we saw in the mayor's budget, it shows in the it shows in the plan for pbot, it will show you the amount of dollars that have been spent in the east compared to other parts of the city. And if you look at pbot 2425 numbers, it will show you that there is only \$650,000 that have been spent in the east. If you look at the environmental services point, there has been \$0 spent compared to the other sides of town. And they listed. And so for me that has been in place. And then they did a five year plan, environmental services there over the next five years. They have the east getting \$0. It's not because the bureau didn't prioritize it. They

did. They asked and they requested it. But the mayor and the previous council zeroed it out. So there is an institutional marginalization of district one specifically that if we're talking about plans that we worked on with the community, they were not adopted. It's 120 pages. I don't have time to read those 120 pages. But I know today, if cip passes, that I will be making sure that we have pathways, active transportation, making sure that those places that we did not have sidewalks or safety areas like in our high crash corridors, 122nd division, stark, and all those places. I am going to be on the case to make sure that these plans are put into place. So that being said, I will not be supporting this amendment.

Speaker: Councilor kanal are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Yes I am, I just want to remind everyone that when we had our conversation about amendments that were proposed to the resolution on zenith, we had a councilor. Councilor zimmerman asked that his motives not be impugned repeatedly to conversations that we had on amendments to the amendment request to change that. And so I want to say that we should apply that standard across the board here and take each of these two amendments separately. I think there's we're going to have a separate argument on the second amendment that's being proposed in a moment here. And I think that's going to be spirited, and I'm looking forward to it. But on the first, I think it's valid to say if we have a complaint on it or support for it and not to question whether or not it's trying to sneak something in. I'm getting a little bit. It's frustrating to see my colleagues accused of trying to sneak things in, when in reality there's often an attempt to look at the details and look at each detail separately. I will say that I agree that there has been a significant lack of equity within the city in terms of where things have been holding. One particular report that was put out in April 2024, responsible for how sidewalks, which are years to build and decide where they're going to be built and

maintained, doesn't make any sense to me. So I think it's fair to say that pbob historically has not been successful at creating equitable distribution of sidewalks in the city. I don't think it's fair to say that that makes that that should be held to this particular report and toolkit. For that reason, I will be voting in support of it, in particular, because it is my district, district two, where often the displacement has taken place from. Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor morillo. Are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Yeah, I think this is just for the first amendment. And I would like to echo everything the councilor kanal just said that we have to be able first of all, councilor avalos did bring both of these amendments with a lot of time. I believe she emailed them to all of us a few weeks ago. They were also publicly posted on the website. We can pull them up right now. I was able to google the title of the report. I was able to pull up the report and find what it was. So I don't think that this was obfuscated from us in any way. I think we just are all balancing a lot of different things to track. But I think that as far as this goes, I don't really see the harm in adding it. It's about ensuring that, yes, we're going to add sidewalks and I don't think that's going to increase displacement. But as you talked about, there sometimes are unintended consequences in policy making. And so this is just saying this is a lens that we want to apply to any future construction that we do. And because of that, this seems like a this amendment seems like a no brainer to me to support. So i'll be supporting it. Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor koyama lane.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I'm feeling like there might be some stuff that I'm not picking up on. That is not being said. I'm not totally understanding what it is. I am not sure if these two amendments are connected, unconnected. Why

people are seeing that. I moved to lay this amendment on the table and do the other one first, and come back to this one.

Speaker: Councilor.

Speaker: Councilors, there's a motion on the table to lay this amendment and open. Avalos. Amendment two. First, given what seems to be some overlap in concerns between the two of them, is there a second to that motion?

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: Okay, rebecca, I believe we would need a roll call on this motion.

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Ryan, i.

Speaker: Koyama lane i. Morillo i.

Speaker: Novick i.

Speaker: Clark.

Speaker: Green i. Zimmerman i. Avalos no. Dunphy i. Smith i.

Speaker: And pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: I and thank you councilor for moving us along here. I believe we now have amendment one tabled. We will come back to it. Amendment two is we'll take up amendment two. Councilor avalos, would you like to introduce your amendment and we can look for a second to that amendment?

Speaker: Yeah for sure.

Speaker: All right. So my second amendment I've proposed removing references to specific council districts in the resolution not to diminish the very real and disproportionate need in districts one and four, but to ensure that the language centers equity as a citywide principle. Our commitment should be to prioritize based on demonstrated need and impact using tools like building belonging and

equity matrix as or existing plans. And this helps reinforce the idea that our investments follow data and values, not district lines. Because every neighborhood deserves safe and accessible infrastructure. I'm happy to answer questions on that.

Speaker: Councilor before we move into discussion, is there a second on this amendment?

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: From councilor canal councilor smith, are you in the queue on this amendment?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Thank you. When I ran for City Council, it was a personal commitment to ensure that city government provides equal and equitable opportunities for all Portland residents, especially those of us who have been historically underserved or overlooked by the city, especially those of us living in district one. The city annexed the areas of district one in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and it seemed like we are still fighting to be seen as a part of Portland. I launched the cip program, the sidewalk improvement and paving program with councilor green and councilor clark and councilor zimmerman as a practical way to address some of those inequalities. Literally, at the ground level, a pbots presentation before the transportation and infrastructure committee brought those inequalities into sharp focus. For me. Page ten of that presentation shows a map and a map that I've passed or passed around that you all can see of the city, with street color coded to illustrate sidewalk completeness. Streets with sidewalks on both sides are gray. Streets with sidewalks. On one side are orange, and streets missing sidewalks entirely are red. Districts one and four have the most red and orange, but for different reasons. District four has environmental challenges. It's difficult and

expensive to build good sidewalks on steep hills, but district one has a different challenge. It's not the geography or engineering challenges, but that district one has been chronically overlooked due to underrepresentation in city hall, which the voters sought to correct with this new form of city government. The cully neighborhood needs better streets and sidewalks. So does the area around flavel, south of woodstock. But if you look at the map, the streets and the sidewalks of district one, they are obviously been neglected compared to similar neighborhoods nearby and compared to most of inner Portland. Why shouldn't the power power hearst gilbert neighborhood have good streets and sidewalks like laurelhurst? Don't kids walking, riding, or rolling to david douglas high school deserve the same streets and sidewalks as kids attending lincoln high school, or even grant high school? Especially when 40% of Portland's youth live in district one. And I want to make that that fact really clear. Think about that. 40% of the city's kids live in district one. We have to protect those kids. What are solutions for people facing mobility challenges? What do we tell folks with walkers or wheelchairs? Don't they deserve the same opportunities and abilities to wander their neighborhoods and parks as the rest of us? Or do we simply offer them the solution of move closer to downtown? You know, where the good streets are, right? And I'm sorry, displacement is not an issue. We are the furthest east in the city. We have no place else to go. We are where we are. The average salary for a family in district one is \$60,000, compared to the other three parts in the three districts in the city, which are in the neighborhood of 91 to 93,000. So in terms of displacement, we are where we are and that's where we're going to stay. And so for my money and for my effort and for my colleagues, I just urge you to support this, because we need to call to call attention to the marginalization of district one and other places as it results to public works and infrastructure. And that's what we're doing. And to say that all

sidewalks or work on sidewalks are not going to be done in district two and three. That's not saying that. It's saying we're going to put additional resources on top of the resources that we're spending around the city to make sure that we level the playing field for folks who are living, working and playing in district one. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor. Councilor canal, are you in the queue on avalos amendment two?

Speaker: Yes, madam president.

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Thank you. I have a couple questions. First, for primarily director williams, but possibly also the attorney. So you know, in the impact statement, the third line it says particularly areas of districts one and four particularly. And whereas in the sixth and ninth whereas clauses which this amendment proposes adjusting it, it says prioritizing investments in districts one and 4 in 1 and then in the other, it says in key locations throughout districts one and four. My question is, would this be interpreted as being exclusive to districts one and four, the way it is currently written for this particular program? Because it's been, I think, discussed as if it might be, and I want to understand that better.

Speaker: My understanding. And I'm sorry. Sorry. Linly do you want to go first? Okay. Thank you. Councilor kanal my understanding is that we will be prioritizing districts one and four. This is not excluding the opportunity to support other parts of the city, but we do need to make sure that we are conforming to the expectations of the resolution and the guidance, which suggests that we or informs that we look at districts one and four as the priority, and then as the needs are identified, and we have some of those already identified and opportunities present themselves for us to be able to strategically make investments to enhance infrastructure and other parts of town. I believe that the spirit of the resolution

would be that we would attend to those things as well. So that's my understanding of what we would be doing. I hope that that does conform with this council's expectations around what was introduced as the resolution.

Speaker: Linly do you have anything to add?

Speaker: No. I mean, I think the resolution, you know, your job is to give policy direction. And when you're not using mandatory terms, it gives the executive side the ability to interpret that as as the director has said, they want to interpret it in a way that is consistent with your objectives and your desires. So the more you're explaining that, the more they're able to do that. But I don't think the language here says only district one and four.

Speaker: So and for example, if we were doing corridor work on a street or corridor that extends from district one into district two, or from district one into district four, into district three, or whatever the combination of things is, would we cut it at the line? No, of course not. We would continue that work. And so I think we have some opportunities to as we progress the work as proposed, to continue to have conversations to make sure that everyone is really clear about how we are moving the work forward. My understanding is that the resolution provides us the opportunity to develop a four year plan that helps to inform the way in which we will move the process. Through some of those projects, we anticipate that will end up on a list. To the extent that there is a list, are things that we'll want to have the opportunity to discuss with this council to make sure that, again, we're following the expectations as outlined by the resolution and the guidance that we have been given, but that we're also applying the appropriate lens to the delivery of the overall project program.

Speaker: Thank you. And then my other question before I get into my comment is about the portion of this that is not about sidewalks, because this sidewalk

improvement and paving program, and it also says multiple times while addressing pavement maintenance deficiencies. And if I could have a little information speaking to that, we haven't seen the map on anything other than sidewalks yet. I know that's in the documents that councilor smith sent around. Can we get those shared on the screen or the map about the third topic that's addressed in here, which is safety, which is the map that was briefly shown on screen during councilor smith's comments a few minutes ago. And I'd love to see it on that screen as well as on the zoom screen if possible.

Speaker: I believe that screen was referring to the screen that folks who are here with us in chambers and online can see.

Speaker: I'm not talking about this map, I'm talking about the map with the names on it for the safety, or I'm talking about the map that showed that that one. Thank you. I think what I'm struggling with, with this document as a whole is about the geography of it. And the reason is because I'm being asked to accept that seven is greater than 19. That is what I'm being asked to do right now as a representative of district two. Because if you look at the names on this list, there are 19 names in district two, and there are seven names in district four. I want to make sure that there are zero in any district, and I want to be very clear about that. Any of those seven folks who lost their lives in district four is a tragedy. But I also don't understand why we cannot prioritize from the pavement perspective. The district that clearly has a the second highest number of fatalities, which is district two. And obviously the context of this is that district one has more than any other district, and nearly as many as everyone else combined. I do want to observe that, and I have never had an issue with prioritization for district one. But from a safety perspective, I do think it is vital to point out that 19 is in fact greater than seven. And then when we get to the pavement side, I would also point out that there are

roads all over, not only cully, but cathedral park that are unpaved and at the same level of density as almost any other neighborhood. And I think saying the same thing applies to the folks in cathedral park saying, move closer to downtown, go into irvington, go into the lloyd district, go to sullivan's gulch, go into any of those neighborhoods in the inner northeast and leave north Portland, or telling cully folks the same thing is equally a bad argument. I completely agree with that. So for me, I would love to vote for this resolution. I want to support this. I am a hater of potholes and on the pavement side in particular, I think it is one of the biggest things we can do to show that we're a functional city is have our pavement, including sidewalks and alternative pathways, be functional. But I am struggling with the with the idea that safety requires accepting a numerical untruth. The last thing i'll mention before seeing the floor here is that when we. This is, I believe, the first policy document coming out of transportation and infrastructure. And I think it's notable that the transportation and infrastructure committee has no district two councilors on it. And so as a result, you know, one of the things that we've we've the sin we've committed over the years as a city has often been to not have any voices from east Portland in, in the room. And I think that's a that's been a clear problem. And I think when there's people that aren't in the room, their voices are often not reflected in policy. District two is not in the room on transportation and infrastructure. And I think that's been reflected in a couple of the decisions here as it relates to the comparison. So I will be supporting the amendment with the knowledge that, you know, district one in particular does need that prioritization, but noting every one of those names is a tragedy in particular, for my district, the 19 names from district two.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor, councilors, two notes. First of all, you just received a new document from councilor avalos. The original one that was sent was not

actually the accurate document for avalos amendment one. So if you have a few seconds in between listening to your colleagues, you may want to pull that up. Second thing is a note that we are scheduled with this resolution through 1125. That is 15 more minutes. We have a very tight agenda. I am hoping we can get this in so folks can be judicious with your words. That would be great. Councilor green, are you speaking to the amendment?

Speaker: I am, thank you, madam president. I'm not going to support the amendments because I think if you strike the terms in district one and district four, it renders the point of this resolution largely moot, and we just sort of fall back on the broader transportation planning framework that we already have. And I got to tell you, I did a walk in the west Portland town center yesterday, and I walked along the side of the road on taylor's ferry that children, particularly children who are lower income children who are from the immigrant community, use to access the amenities that they need to get. And that's, you know, that's been 30 some odd years since the need was identified for a lot of these sidewalks and pathways. And so I asked the question of how long should southwest Portland wait for sidewalks? Is it 50 years? Is it 100 years? Is it longer? I don't know, I don't know the answer to that question, but I know if we don't put in very clear language that says we need to prioritize these neighborhoods now, because there has been a lack of investment in the history of those neighborhoods existing in this part of the city of Portland, we may likely never get there, and those children will become adults if they survive. It's also notable that if you read the number 12 bus down barbara boulevard at any hour of the day, you're going to see working class people. These are people who are not wealthy. These are people who struggle to make ends meet. They take transportation by necessity and their ability to reach the stops along barbara boulevard depends upon their ability to safely get to those stops. And so I think

that there's a couple issues at play here. One is sort of a safety equity lens. The other piece is a climate lens. You know, if we want to lower congestion and lower the overall cost of our pbob budget over time from a sort of generational asset life cycle cost lens, then we're going to have to make it easier for everyone in the city, particularly the parts of the city that cannot ditch their cars because it's not safe and there's no accessibility. We're going to have to make that as easy as possible. So if we want to reduce congestion in district two, where you have a high rate of traffic fatalities, you're going to have to reduce your to provide ridership opportunities and non-car alternatives. In district four. Councilor kanal to your point, on on paving and potholes and its nexus with with traffic related fatalities or injuries, it seems to me that when you pave a street and you fill potholes, that speeds up the rate of traffic flow. So I'm not sure that that is a way to think about safety. I think if you want to think about safety, it's modal filters, it's diverters, it's vision zero, taking vision zero, and that is in our budget. I prepare to support those programs. Overall, what I'm not prepared to support is an effort to strike district four or district one from this resolution. I think it's I think we were elected to fight for our districts, and I'm doing that right now, and I'm not going to go back to my district and talk to the immigrant immigrant community in southwest Portland and tell them I did not fight for them. So I'm not going to vote for this amendment.

Speaker: Councilor avalos, I apologize. I thought that was a legacy hand, but it sounds like you are in the queue to speak to the amendment.

Speaker: Yeah. Do you want me to go now then or.

Speaker: Go right ahead?

Speaker: Okay. Yeah. Thank you everybody for the discussion. I obviously know that I'm, you know, introducing something that people feel very strongly about. And I think, first of all, just say yes. East Portland has the largest sidewalk gaps in the

entire city. No one knows that better than the people who live there, including me. And my amendment is about making sure that sidewalk investments are strategic, equitable and sustained. Not just one time political wins. I removed district specific language from the resolution because I believe that equity needs to be citywide. And if the data shows that district one needs more investment, then that's where it will go. But I don't think I should have to carve that into every policy to prove that district one deserves things. If we truly believe in this equity matrix and all the other tools that we're using to identify where need is, then I think we need to actually follow it and act on the data that already tells us where the gaps are, and making sure that we're not missing districts entirely, that are also shown in the data to have gaps. If we are directing pbob to allocate half \$1 billion, and when we get to the main resolution, I have a lot of questions about that to make sure that we are, you know, holding the right expectation for our community on what we're promising them. But I don't see how, you know, to me, this doing this is about enhancing our ability to ensure equity is ensured in this project, especially if you're the point of the project or the resolution is to ask pbob to invest more dollars. I do not think it's right to have district lines around who deserves the most streets or the most equity as it relates to these projects. So obviously I am a district one councilor. I know very I feel very strongly about us getting what we deserve. And I think that if we are setting a precedent in general that we're going to start having district fights, that's not a fight I'm willing to have. I don't think that I need to sit here and beg for my district to receive resources that are clearly needed by the data, and so I'm trying to prevent us from making this precedent where we're going to turn this into some kind of turf war instead of just, you know, and what I also always say is that as a district councilor, it's my job to bring my neighborhood perspective to the table, but to implement citywide policy. And so it is my job to bring district one voice into the

table and ensure that as we're making decisions about our dollars, that they are being distributed equitably. And if they are, then my district is going to get what we deserve. So that is the framework that I'm introducing. That's why I'm requesting that we do this, because I don't think this is the right precedent to set as we continue on and make decisions about where investments go. Thanks.

Speaker: Councilors. A reminder that we have nine minutes left. I am next in the queue. Director Williams, if we were to pass the underlying ordinance without this amendment, would you still be able to make the investments in sidewalk infrastructure in Cully, where we know that they are one of the worst neighborhoods in the city for sidewalk infrastructure that that neighborhood needs?

Speaker: Yes, I believe that that is the spirit of what this resolution intends, and that is what we would be able to do. My hope is that we would be able to use all of our tools, many of which have been engaged, even as we've made investments from our CIP perspective, the reason why we haven't had significant investment in basic infrastructure across the city, and more specifically in districts one and four, is because because of historic underinvestment. And I'm not necessarily pointing fingers at anyone or blaming anyone for that. But councilor Smith did in her introduction or her overview, provide that these are areas where annexing has happened. When the annexing occurred, there was not a maintenance agreement in place. We did not have the opportunity to then go and maintain the street. That was not a part of the maintenance agreement, so we would be able to do that again. We want to make sure that we're operating within the spirit of this resolution. And while we would be able to prioritize districts one and four, as we have on several other things, I mean, we have hundreds of millions of dollars planned for certain parts of town, and it's not based on who lives there or what we

believe the wealth of that area to be, but rather the need. And we can speak to all those projects on ad nauseam. But yes, we would be.

Speaker: I'm going to cut you not speaking about those projects because we're tight on time. But what I'm hearing is that as a representative of district two, I could support the underlying without amendment. Avalos. Amendment two and still be assured that while we are prioritizing districts where many investments are needed, those neighborhoods within my district where investments are also needed would still be able to receive the investments that that they're waiting for as well.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you, madam president.

Speaker: A point of order information cully is in district one.

Speaker: No, cully is. In district two.

Speaker: Yes, ma'am. I have the airport. Yes, ma'am. My district counts all the way down to 33rd and around and over to marine drive. That is considered cully. I that is considered cully. Look. Okay. Know where my know where your.

Speaker: District will talk about neighborhood maps. I know where the lines are. Councilor. I want us.

Speaker: To get.

Speaker: To a vote on your resolution.

Speaker: I would.

Speaker: You made a specific point. Will we be able to do cully? Cully is in district one. Councilor yes ma'am. Yes it is.

Speaker: Councilor.

Speaker: Yes it is.

Speaker: I would like us to be able to get to a vote. And we have six minutes left, councilor zimmerman.

Speaker: I think this item has been pushed enough. I think we should blow the timeline and have this debate right here, right now, for the next, as long as it takes. Then my comments. So. While we've been having this debate, sometimes we're being interrupted in this chamber by the beeping construction horns outside that project is what the Portland equity lens has led to. Is that fourth avenue, the most service street in our community, is getting another level of service. I am not interested in preserving the status quo by putting this amendment forward. We are saying that the status quo is working, and this map tells me that the status quo for sidewalks has not worked. This is a mean spirited amendment. It is designed to protect the status quo and to say that the areas who are red in this do not need a focus. And in crisis and in problems and in anything you want to improve, you put yourself at the point of friction. And the point of friction is where the red on that map is at. That is why we have to direct funds directly to the areas that have a problem. So I'm not interested in protecting this status quo. The council introduced this, said she wants to produce by the data. And I'm just curious what part of this data is invalid. This is very clear data. So this amendment should not move forward. I started on this dais looking over to my colleagues in district one, recognizing that district four has historically had a lot of privilege in this city. But district four is more than just downtown. It is more than the northwest hills. It is also the deep southwest where we still have very marginalized communities who don't always get the microphone in this chamber. We continue to have an influx of folks who moved to Oregon into Portland, and this is their first stop is in the southwest hills. We have a diverse community there. The income levels there are different than the way the rest of our district gets categorized. The status quo has not worked for that portion of district four, and we want to support district one as well. I worked in that district. I've so familiar with district one for a long time. My family's from east Portland. I

don't need a lecture on what district one needs. I'm well aware, which is why I am against this amendment and fully in support of this entire resolution.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor councilor morillo.

Speaker: Thank you, council president. So first of all, I'm going to vote no on this amendment. But I also want to say that councilor zimmerman, multiple times on this dais, you have already been told to stop taking pot shots at people and councilor avalos, like, we can't be judging each other's intentions. We just have to be going through this. You and I have gone through this and we have worked it out together and we're homies now, so let's just keep it chill for everybody and not imbue each other's actions with intentions that we don't actually know about. Now I'm going to move into my actual comments, but I'm just kind of tired of that happening. As far as the I think we're in a really interesting role as far as districts and holding the entire city together as something that we have to think about and balance as we navigate this new district system. And to me, equity doesn't mean that everybody gets the same thing. Equity actually means that we address where past harms have happened and where people don't have the same things that other people have. And it is very clear to me from the data that districts one and four have the least sidewalks. And it pains me to say that because there is a chunk of district three that desperately needs sidewalks, there's a big red in the area of flavel street, and I know that's something my constituents are really concerned about. The reason I'm going to not support this amendment to strike districts one and four from it is because this resolution is not prohibitive. It's not going to prevent district three from having some of those things looked at. It's just going to suggest that we look at the areas that don't have it, while also ensuring that we're going to look at some of those spaces that do. I also want to say that I think that we're conflating a few things as far as safety versus infrastructure. So while district

two, for example, may have a lot of sidewalks but doesn't, but has also high level of traffic deaths, that's also because a lot of the infrastructure that needs to be built, which is not addressed in this, this is focused on sidewalks, specifically our traffic calming measures like actual barriers that slow traffic down, protected bike lanes, etc. And that's something that absolutely should be addressed and to me is separate from this resolution, because this is very specific to sidewalks. So because of that, and because I think equity means that we actually address where historically people aren't having these things, which are in the deep southwest areas where immigrant families live, where which is in district one, where a lot of our bipoc community live, and where people have been annexed and not given the resources to maintain those sidewalks. I'm not going to support this amendment. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor. Councilor smith, are you back in the queue?

Speaker: No, ma'am.

Speaker: Okay. Councilor. Clark.

Speaker: Thank you, madam chair. I don't believe that this is a turf war. I think we're really addressing historic wrongs. We're addressing disparity, lack of investment, which, as my colleague to my left here mentioned, has been going on for well over 30 years for district four. And he also provided the climate lens, which I was going to address, because you can't walk safely in certain parts of district four. You can't bike safely. There's no bus. So what you do, you drive and that's a climate issue. So with that comment I'm going to call the question on this amendment.

Speaker: Councilors, we've had the question called on this amendment. I believe that leads us right to a vote on whether we should move to a vote on the amendment.

Speaker: We need a second.

Speaker: Need a second. Okay. We have a second. Go ahead and call the roll.

Speaker: Rebecca canal.

Speaker: On the motion. No.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: I, i. Koyama lane i. Morillo i.

Speaker: Novick i.

Speaker: Clark, i.

Speaker: Green. I zimmerman avalos.

Speaker: In general, I do not appreciate when there's 1 or 2 more people on the to speak that we call the question. I do not think that tool is necessary. If there's only one more person that is left to speak. And so I'm voting no.

Speaker: Dunphy.

Speaker: Ditto. No.

Speaker: Smith. I pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: I that moves us directly to a vote on amendment two. This is the amendment to strike districts one and four, where they are listed in the underlying resolution. Rebecca, could you please call the roll?

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: Thank you. Everything that's been stated about some of the specific neighborhoods mentioned in districts, in particular district four, but also district one applies equally to the neighborhoods in north Portland. We can just change, copy, paste the names of the streets and the questions around transportation would would matter a great deal there. I'll also point out that potholes don't just affect cars, they also affect people on bicycles. And the top two streets for bicycle deaths are both located in district two, interstate and killingsworth, and for injuries. The most dangerous street is Broadway, which cuts through d2 and d3. So this is

not about only cars. When we talk about pavement, I obviously support modal filtering, and a lot of the other things mentioned there as well. But I do want to point that out. And vehicle crashes are things that kill people too. I'm not the person who brought in to this debate. The map in question. That was, if we're justifying this based on safety, let's let's look at the data and see what it says. I think that's a responsibility that we all have. I will say that if this was just about sidewalks, I would completely support it the way it is. But it is not just about sidewalks. This, this. The resolution speaks specifically to pavement as well. It's just that the maps were being handed out and all the things that have been given out over the course of these three meetings where we've talked about it have been exclusive to the sidewalk side. And then finally, because I think councilor avalos has really manifested a great deal of leadership here by taking an item that's about her own district and saying, this is a bad idea, to start talking about prioritizing investments by district rather than by neighborhood or by framework. I think if someone here were to bring an argument saying we're going to fund the fire bureau, but only in district two, that would be problematic. And I think that's a precedent that we should avoid setting. With that, I vote i.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, targeted plans produce outcomes and impact that's desperately needed for decades. I vote no on the amendment.

Speaker: Koyama lane I really appreciate councilor kanal bringing up vision zero. It's something that gets my attention and I care a lot about. I also was nodding very heavily when council was talking about fair. Doesn't mean everyone gets the same thing. I do that lesson with my class every year means you get what you need, and we talk about how I need glasses. Does everyone need glasses? No. Not necessarily. I will also say I've been learning a lot from you and from community groups, bike

pedestrian advocacy groups about vision zero. I know that it's important to look at the data and see what exactly is lowering traffic deaths. We know the recently released report by pbob is that last year, in 2024, about half of the traffic deaths were in d1. I think that absolutely needs to be uplifted. I think it's fine to point that out when you see legislation coming from me about vision zero, that will be in there. I think that's important. So I vote no.

Speaker: Morillo. No novick.

Speaker: I want to say that if I were in district one or district four, I probably would support councilor avalos amendment and agree that we should not be making decisions based on district boundaries. However, since I represent district three, which does have missing sidewalks in some places but nowhere near what district one and district four have, I kind of feel like if I supported the amendment, I would be denying the higher sidewalk needs of district one and district four. So I think this is a pretty much a coin flip. But based purely on that emotional reaction, I vote no.

Speaker: Clark.

Speaker: I'm glad that councilor koyama lane brought up vision zero. Actually, it was another councilor earlier because this resolution really came out of our discussion of safety and vision zero. That's where this began in the transportation infrastructure committee. And just for the record, pavement maintenance deficiencies is a euphemism for potholes. So I don't think we're going to be doing a lot of paving necessarily other than potholes. So with that, I vote no green.

Speaker: I'll just say that I don't agree with the premise that it sets a bad precedent to name specific areas in the city where we need to do targeted investment. I think targeted investment is a standard best practice in industrial policy. And i, I will support and I will vote yes heartily on any ordinance that says we must build more

fire stations in district one because district one does not have enough fire stations. So bring me that ordinance. I'll co-sponsor it, I vote no.

Speaker: Zimmerman.

Speaker: All right, I'm fired up about the amendment, and I will take that opportunity to apologize if my comments were taken as an impugning of motivations. That's how it felt. And it maybe was not appropriate for the dais. But to look at this map, it got and to be a person who is signaled support for another district's needs. I got serious about it. And so I am a sharp tongued person. I recognize that it's not always welcome, and I appreciate that. The check councilor, but this amendment is not something I will support. I vote no.

Speaker: Avalos i.

Speaker: Dunphy.

Speaker: Yeah, colleagues, I'm an unapologetic champion for east Portland. If east Portland got 25% of our investment in infrastructure, I would, you know, that would be we'd be miles ahead. I'm not coming for our fair share. I want extra and I will not apologize for that. If we were in a street fight, district one will win anyway. So i. I appreciate my colleague, councilor avalos for the amendment, but I vote no.

Speaker: Smith.

Speaker: Equity looks different in different places. And we can go down the line from education, health, economic development, affordable housing, safe routes to schools. And I guarantee you that district one will check first on every single item. I didn't see any reason to support this in any way. Commissioner zimmerman, you were okay because someone alluded to me that I was a beggar. And I want to say this to the. For the record, I am not a beggar. I'm a policy maker. I create policies, and I created it first. And if that's the issue, why there's all this kerfuffle over what this looks like, then just get over it. Be a policy maker. I vote no.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney no.

Speaker: Ten nose and two eyes. The avalos amendment two fails.

Speaker: Thank you councilors, we are nine minutes over. We have nowhere else in the agenda that we can cut. We have an amendment on the table and the underlying ordinance. I am looking for a temperature check on whether we can do this with minimal discussion, and finish this as quickly as possible, or if we need more time for discussion and need to postpone this to a further meeting.

Speaker: Can I call the question?

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: We haven't even discussed the resolution. Are we talking about the amendment next? And I'm strongly against us cutting. I have a lot of questions. This is a big bill. I'm not down to cut our discussion time.

Speaker: We just had a motion placed on the table. And I'd like a clarification on the motion. Are you calling the question on amendment one, or are you calling the question on the underlying resolution.

Speaker: On the underlying resolution?

Speaker: I believe your second disagrees with that. So I think you need a new second.

Speaker: Okay. You have amendment.

Speaker: We have the amendment on there. I would like to call the question on amendment one. I feel like we've discussed it already. And then I think we take up the underlying. Madam president, sorry.

Speaker: So we've called the question on amendment one from councilor zimmerman.

Speaker: Second, I do second.

Speaker: Okay. And we have a second from councilor clark. We are moving into voting on amendment one. Rebecca, could you please call the roll?

Speaker: Do we not need to vote on the motion?

Speaker: I'm sorry. We're moving into voting on whether to call the question and move into voting on amendment one. Thank you, I misspoke.

Speaker: Council.

Speaker: Can I have a point of order, though, because this keeps happening where people shout out emotion. They're not listed. You didn't call on them. They don't have the floor necessarily. And you're accepting the motion. There's people that are in the queue. So what's the process for accepting motions that just get shouted at you?

Speaker: So as you just made a point of order, there are certain things you can do in a point of order. And my understanding from our attorneys is that calling the question is something you can do as a point of order to skip the line.

Speaker: Okay, they didn't say a point of order. They just said, I make a motion. So if we're going to go by that, that still does not meet the qualification. You said.

Speaker: Call the question.

Speaker: That's fine. We can move forward. I'm just saying this keeps happening, and I'd like clarity on how we're going to honor people that are in the queue. If we're going to let people shout out a motion.

Speaker: I think what we have right now is a decision that we need to make about whether we can finish this in the next five minutes or not, because we have a very packed agenda of things that have to happen to keep us on our budget timeline left today. And so I think we are finding out if we can do this quickly or not right now. Rebecca, we have a motion and a second to call the question on amendment one. Could you please take the roll?

Speaker: Canal i.

Speaker: Will be voting no on every motion to call the question. And I would like to suggest that in robert's rules, there is a motion to limit debate to those already in the queue. That might be a less blunt instrument for the future. So i'll be voting no on this.

Speaker: Brian. I koyama lane. I morillo. I novick no. Clark. I green.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Zimmerman I avalos no. Dunphy, no.

Speaker: Smith i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney I councilors. We are moving to a vote on avalos amendment one which adds pbots building belonging guide. Again I will point out that we received two documents. The accurate one is the second document. It is a 30 page document that you all received from councilor avalos. Rebecca, could you please call the roll on adding pbots building belonging guide to the. Be it further resolved that pbots staff shall utilize existing plans resolved clause in the resolution canal.

Speaker: Given the clarifications, we heard that districts two and three would still receive some investments, if not necessarily at a prioritized level. I think it's appropriate to reference displacement here. Additionally, displacement occurs in districts one and four. The asian American communities have been displaced out of district four and go to gresham and see how many people have come out of not only two, but one over the years as well. So I vote i.

Speaker: Ryan. Know koyama lane. I morillo.

Speaker: This is a common sense amendment, i.

Speaker: Novick i.

Speaker: Clark. I green.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Zimmerman no.

Speaker: Avalos i.

Speaker: Dunphy. I smith. No. Pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: I was very concerned with the first document we were sent that didn't look like it had any relevancy to the work that we were doing. The second document looks like it could have relevancy. I wish that we had been sent it when the original amendment was posted, or that it had been sent posted alongside that because I could not find it. Googling it, I did try about a week ago, but I will with the updated belonging guide sent to us vote i.

Speaker: Nine ayes, three noes. Avalos. Amendment one is accepted.

Speaker: Counselors, we are back to the underlying resolution.

Speaker: I'd like to call the question on the resolution. Or could you state that.

Speaker: As a point of order, please?

Speaker: Oh, point of order. I'd like to motion for us to vote on this and get it done.

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: Okay. We have a motion from councilor morillo and a second from councilor clark. Rebecca, could you please call the roll? This is the roll to bypass further discussion, a vote to bypass further discussion and move to a vote on the amended resolution.

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Ryan. I koyama lane.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Morillo I novick.

Speaker: No. Clark. I.

Speaker: Green I want to hear what my colleagues who don't support the amendment or the resolution have to say no.

Speaker: Zimmerman, no. Avalos. No. Dunphy. No smith.

Speaker: Madam president, can you call the question.

Speaker: This is the vote to call the question. And unfortunately, colleagues, if this fails, we are not going to be able to continue discussion.

Speaker: And, madam president, point of order.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: I just I need you to explain the question.

Speaker: Right now. The vote we are taking is on whether to call the question, bypass further debate, and move to a vote on the now amended resolution.

Speaker: And a no vote is we get to hear, folks.

Speaker: A no vote is to discussion. Except we are already 15 minutes over and there are not things we can bump from this agenda.

Speaker: This is this.

Speaker: This is my point exactly. This would be the fourth time and.

Speaker: I change my vote.

Speaker: How do I do that?

Speaker: This is the fourth time and we got to vote on this. No matter how long it takes, we have to. We cannot afford. When we did previous City Council meetings, you did not limit other agenda items to a certain amount of time. We went over time, but now that cip is going to identify marginalized, minimized communities who have historically not had the investment with city funding, now we get pushback again, and no, we have to vote on this today. We cannot push this back another day. It is unacceptable and it's unprofessional, and it gives us less of a of an opportunity to express where our values truly are. So that's an issue for me.

Speaker: Councilor I'm not going to take the time to discuss that as I'm trying to rush the agenda, but I hear you and I'm happy to discuss it with you later on or off the record.

Speaker: No, ma'am.

Speaker: Do you.

Speaker: Have.

Speaker: A vote? No, ma'am. No.

Speaker: You're voting? No.

Speaker: I'm voting yes, I want yes, we can.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: You're voting? Yes. Pirtle-guiney i.

Speaker: Clark, I would like to change my vote to an i.

Speaker: We have. We are tied at six nay six I I'm calling the question.

Speaker: Is the mayor here?

Speaker: The mayor does not weigh in on procedural questions. A66 is not a majority. Therefore, the vote fails. Councilors, I did not want to cut this short. I gave a significant extra time. We have Portlanders who are waiting for our decision on settlements. We have fees that have to be approved to pass the budget. Madam president, I am very sorry, but we have to move on.

Speaker: Point of order.

Speaker: Of order.

Speaker: I would like to move to limit debate to the current queue.

Speaker: Councilor. We are 20 minutes past time and you pulled things off of the consent agenda. Adding to the time for our agenda today. What do you propose we cut?

Speaker: I propose we take these three speakers and i'll remove myself from the queue and then vote on this.

Speaker: Two we have a proposal on the table.

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: Okay. Can we do this through unanimous consent? Rebecca I'm seeing nods from our attorney. Do I have unanimous consent to end debate after councilor smith?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Okay, rebecca, please call the roll.

Speaker: Canal i.

Speaker: Ryan. Sorry, was that an i, councilor Ryan. Yes. Thank you. Lane koyama lane i.

Speaker: Morillo i.

Speaker: Novick I think this is a big deal and deserves further discussion is not an emergency. That's why I'm voting no.

Speaker: Clark, i.

Speaker: Green i.

Speaker: Zimmerman. No. Avalos.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Dunphy i.

Speaker: Smith.

Speaker: This is an emergency councilor novick and I'm voting i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney I councilor avalos you are up. Okay. I have a bunch of questions as it relates to the financing. Let me pick one that's most urgent. I guess, given the 460 million annual need just to improve existing pavement assets, how are we defining success for this program within these current constraints? And

further, i'll combine two of these questions. Given that pbot is going to need to absorb some of the initial costs through existing staffing and resources. How are you going to ensure that that that this does not compromise delivery of other essential projects, if you have to divert dollars away to implement this before we have dollars to actually build the sidewalks.

Speaker: I'll answer the second question first and i'll keep it very brief. We have within our ability the opportunity to evaluate how we can phase projects to ensure that we're not harming one project over another. To the extent that we are expected to begin immediately with delivering on these projects, we will look at what we have in our queue, what opportunities we have to shift some dollars, essentially borrow from one project to give to another to ensure that we can start the work based on a number of things. Some projects are in design, some projects are in different phases, and so the spending would come later. Some of the things that were referenced in earlier conversations about spending against grants. Sometimes you'll see 30 million spent one year and 100 million spent the next year. That's because that's all in construction. And so we have some opportunities to have some flexibility there. We will be very careful to make sure that we're segregating the dollars, not using grant funds to fund work. That would be general fund funded. So we'll work with a maintenance operations crew and our engineering services group to ensure that the work that we might shift in order to prioritize or ensure that we're delivering within the time frame expected, is something that we're able to achieve. Can you repeat your first question? I'm sorry I didn't have a pen and write it down.

Speaker: My first question was given the \$460 million annual need just to improve existing pavement assets, how are we defining success within these constraints?

Speaker: Point of information. That's the financing is in the resolution, and I'm prepared to speak as a direct response to that. Thank you. In the resolution, we say that if this is passed, the finance committee will need to hear a proposal on how to pay for this. I have been working with dca, barry and his team to come up with a bond issue financing package. So the idea would and I think the current number that we've been talking about internally, although we haven't gone to the committee yet, that is forthcoming, that will come through. The finance committee is \$200 million in bonds. We have a constraint on the ability to spend. We cannot execute anything more than, I think reasonably \$50 million per year. So the idea is \$200 million over four, five years, which is the horizon of the plan would allow for that level of execution. So that proposal, that side of this is forthcoming, the finance committee, but it will be paid for through bond issuance and not not an impact to the current pbob budget. Thanks.

Speaker: And then maybe further back to you, councilor green. How are we managing public expectations around what this will deliver, especially in these high need areas? People who have been promised things and have not been delivered those promises. If funding remains uncertain or delayed.

Speaker: I believe that there's a public engagement component of this. Do you want to speak to that director?

Speaker: Sure. With regard to the funding again, that we will leave that for a separate conversation. The expectation is that with the program design, we would do a much like we do with many of our projects. We'll do a full engagement process. We will notify in some instances, inform in others and fully engage as it depends on the complexity of the project. Community members in the process. Sometimes we'll be able to look at a street and say, we can go do that, and that requires a limited amount of engagement. Others where it's more

transformational, potentially, or where we might need to purchase right of way frontage or help people understand that the frontage that's in front of their home or their business really is city right of way, and we have the ability to move forward. Those conversations will take a little bit more time, but we intend to on a block by block basis. I shared with the team as we've had the opportunity to discuss this. This is a block by block, block by block effort. It's not a traditional effort as it relates to how we would deliver some of our larger capital projects. This is a very different design.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: That's all.

Speaker: Councilor smith.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I urge my colleagues to consider the merits of this legislation. The tangible value to all Portlanders, the weight of our commitments to our shared future. And join me in passing this ordinance. You will notice later on the agenda mayor wilson has put before us an ordinance 2020 5-131 seeking \$80 million to construct 1500 ada compliant curb ramps annually per the creek settlement agreement, which I supported. But I can't help but notice we are prioritizing redoing existing ramps over addressing the ada needs of Portlanders with no sidewalks at all. So I please urge my colleagues to look at this as an investment that we have failed to do in the past, and we are writing our past wrongs and making sure that everyone in the city of Portland has an opportunity not just to survive, but they have an opportunity to safe streets and sidewalks. Thank you.

Speaker: That ends discussion. Rebecca, could you please call the vote on the now amended agenda item nine? This is document 2025 095, which creates the cip program.

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: I'm going to first say that I agree with councilor smith that the process should be done the same way as before, and just finish the job on these items. I want to see consistency, and I want to get out of the artificial scarcity of our meeting times. And to that end, I've written a draft ordinance to move to weekly council meetings, and I encourage everyone to get on board with it when that comes to the floor, if we need to reduce other meetings, provide more funding to different parts, let's do it. Second, with apologies to my district two residents in cully as well as in cathedral park, I think the clarifications that I received today gives me enough confidence in this item that I feel comfortable with my office and my colleagues offices. Indeed, to following up with with pbob to ensure that some of the funding would go there. I will add one thing, which is that I have two things. One, I'm a little concerned about the funding mechanism, so we'll get to that when we get to that. And I'm I'm excited to hear from finance committee enough details to, you know, let me get there. And the other thing is I do want to encourage, especially in light of the Oregonian article councilor zimmerman referenced earlier better engagement from pbob with the community in particular around where there are competing priorities for this work and other priorities like our urban canopy and the needs of residents. So with all of that said, I vote aye and thank you to councilors and to councilor smith for your leadership.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, from 2010 to 2019, I had standing meetings in east Portland at school districts of david douglas, reynolds and centennial, where I worked with teachers and counselors before the bell rang. And in the winter it meant it was quite dark at 7 a.m. So while driving to centennial middle, lincoln elementary, and david douglas reynolds middle school, I witnessed these safety issues firsthand.

And this was a consistent topic among the educators and parents of those school districts and those school communities. As such, I was thrilled to support this long overdue, targeted action. I greatly appreciate my colleagues councilor, smith, greene, clark, and zimmerman for bringing us a thoughtful vision to address our historic, inconsistent investment in pedestrian safety for Portlanders in east Portland and in west hills. The map certainly tells the story. I support the legislation and look forward to more discussion about the financial feasibility of the work as we move forward. I vote i.

Speaker: Koyama lane i.

Speaker: Morillo i.

Speaker: Novick I share some of the concerns that councilor avalos has raised. We are a city where we have a multi-billion dollar pavement maintenance deficit. That deficit threatens our existence as a city. I am fully aware of the sidewalk needs of districts one and four. I'm proud to have championed the fix our streets gas tax ballot measure, which is which has built some sidewalks in districts one and four. But I think that asking pbot to spend time planning to do things we have no money to do is putting the cart before the horse. And I also think that having heard councilor green, I'm not prepared to say that I would prioritize \$200 million for sidewalks before we have addressed the pavement maintenance deficit. If councilor green was talking about a \$6.2 billion bond, then I might be more receptive to that idea. So I regretfully vote no.

Speaker: Clark councilor novick. We'll have more on this later. We will have a resolution on asset management to address some of your concerns as well. So I vote.

Speaker: Green.

Speaker: I think today is going to mark a turning point in the history of this city where we say we are no longer going to accept neighborhoods in our city to be ignored. On the question of infrastructure, there will be related themes that come before this council on how to pay for infrastructure, such as system development charges. Everything must be on the table. We cannot continue with our past practices. We will build sidewalks and streets for all of our neighborhoods. I vote aye zimmerman.

Speaker: Thanks. You know, many weeks ago, months ago, I think I just muttered the idea of \$100 million sidewalk fund after I saw how much money was sitting in the unused category in a variety of parts of the city. So to the other councilors who really put the meat on the bones of this idea, I am grateful. I'm also looking forward to now you know, a resolution sets direction in. Our finance committee will come up with the pay for it plan. I think it's also important to, you know, there are ways in which we bond that this is not a tax increase. And I think that's important to note for everyday Portlanders. But I'll just remind folks, if we had put just \$25 million worth of sidewalks into east Portland since 1986, when it was annexed, we'd be in a different spot. And I don't think that this is going to feel like anything is all that different tomorrow. But when a whole lot of us are retired from this dais and other people are sitting here, my hope is that \$50 million investment over every year for the while coming forward, will look like it made a difference. And that that map that I held up multiple times today looks different, I vote i.

Speaker: Avalos.

Speaker: Thank you colleagues. I appreciate the discussion. Entertaining my amendments. I again just feel that they were important to discuss a larger philosophy. I want to say I am how important this program is not just for our city, but especially for communities like the one I represent in east Portland, where the

lack of sidewalks in poor condition of our roads has long been a glaring symbol of disinvestment. The vision of cip to finally bring safety, accessibility and dignity to every Portlander navigating our public rights of way is one that I strongly support. But as I read the resolution and reviewed the fiscal analysis, I'm concerned that we're moving forward with a directive that isn't fully aligned with our financial reality. The resolution paints an ambitious picture that I agree with, but the city budget office and pbob's own fiscal note make clear there's currently no committed funding for implementation. So in fact, pbob faces a massive deficit over the next five years, which will force hard choices about what we can afford and when. That is not a reason to say no, it's a reason to say let's be clear eyed, responsible and transparent with our community about what's possible. Thank you to the sponsors. I look forward to working together to make sure this becomes a reality we can be proud of. And I vote aye.

Speaker: Dunphy.

Speaker: When I was running for office, I got made fun of on reddit for how often I talked about east Portland sidewalks. I'm jealous that my colleague councilor smith beat me to the punch. I am enthusiastically vote I smith.

Speaker: You know this is a long time coming. We have been trying to get this nonrevenue cip direction to pbob and what this resolution is, just so that the folks who are watching this on tv, this is to mandate that pbob create a four year plan, that it prioritizes how they would put new sidewalks, paving, potholes, tree canopies. And the thing that we didn't talk about, but we should be we're in the early stages of a recession, putting \$50 million or \$100 million on the street. It is going to create jobs. We are going to make sure that our minority contractors have an opportunity to have an opportunity to help us steer the ship on our economy in the city of Portland. We're going to make sure that our young people who are in

summer works and who are in our pre-apprenticeship programs, by the way, that prosper Portland pays for that. They now have a project to be an apprentice on, because you can't be an apprentice until you have a project that you can be on. And if we decide to fund this for the 4 or 5 years, some of those folks will be able to get their journeyman's license on cip. And I like what I heard earlier from the young lady who said cip and swim. If we don't pass this, we're going to have to cip or swim. And I think that we all want the right things for the most marginalized, minimized, underrepresented, underserved, and not served communities in the entire city. So I want to thank my colleagues for recognizing that this is very important and that it's critical, and that it is something that we all recognize that needs to be done. Director Williams, thank you for your comments. Thank you for giving us a realistic idea of what could actually be done, because as you heard me before, I said, let's do 400 million. And, you know, could we actually do \$100 million a year? And you actually curbed my, my idea of what the possible could be. And so I appreciate that. And I will say I vote I for cip pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: I with 11 ayes and one no. The resolution is adopted as amended.

Speaker: Thank you councilors. We are now moving on to item ten on our agenda. Rebecca, can you please read the agenda item.

Speaker: Authorized.

Speaker: Authorized, authorized revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to provide not more than \$80 million to finance curb, ramp and street improvement projects.

Speaker: Director.

Speaker: Councilors. This is a second reading of this ordinance. We had discussion on this at our last council meeting. We have an opportunity for more discussion if folks would like, and then we will call for a vote. Councilor Smith.

Speaker: Yes, thank you, madam president. I heard a lot of conversation about do we have the money to do these ada curb ramps? And I like to hear that same kind of discussion about challenging the mayor, about his idea to put in ada ramps in the city of Portland. I think this is important. I think it will actually go in line with cip, and to be able to put those ada ramps in areas that we have not historically put them. And this is something that I would urge my colleagues to support.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilors. I don't see anybody else in the queue for discussion. So rebecca, can you please call the roll.

Speaker: Canal? I Ryan. I koyama lane. I morillo. Hi novick. I clark. I green. I zimmerman. I avalos.

Speaker: I. Dunphy i. Smith i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney with gratitude for our short work here i.

Speaker: 12 eyes ordinances passed.

Speaker: Can you please read agenda item 11?

Speaker: Add sustainability and climate commission code.

Speaker: Councilors. This is also a second reading. We discussed this agenda item at our last meeting. It was amended six extensively in committee. Is there any discussion on the agenda item? Seeing no one in the queue? Rebecca, can you please call the roll canal?

Speaker: I look forward to circling back on the numerical cap on members and the exact number. But despite that not being addressed here, I think it's still a really, really good piece of work by everybody involved. Thank you, I vote aye.

Speaker: Ryan. I koyama lane. I morillo. I novick. I clark. I green.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Zimmerman i.

Speaker: Avalos i. Dunphy I smith.

Speaker: Smith i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney i.

Speaker: And 12 eyes. It is passed as amended.

Speaker: Thank you councilors.

Speaker: Our next to agenda items are settlement ordinances. These are both emergency ordinances. I hope we will be able to vote on them both. Today I want to flag that one of these two items will likely have extensive questions about policy. I know a number of us often ask about whether policy changes have been made to ensure that we don't end up in the same situation, paying out a similar amount of money again, because we're tight on time, I am going to look to our co-chairs of our community and public safety committee and ask that if those questions arise, that be something that perhaps you take up in committee. If we don't have time for the full discussion today with that, rebecca, could you please read agenda item 12.

Speaker: Pay settlement of joseph johnson civil rights lawsuit for the sum of \$100,000 involving the Portland police bureau.

Speaker: Thank you. And I believe we have david ferro from risk management. And is it chief dobson today who we have? Okay. Please come on up. And it looks like david is online with us.

Speaker: Good morning. Council I'm dave farrell with risk management. This ordinance will approve the settlement of a lawsuit arising from joseph johnson's encounter with Portland police in northwest Portland in the early morning hours of March 25th, 2023, just after midnight, officers observed a stolen weapon inside a parked, unoccupied vehicle, and so they prepared to disable the vehicle and detain the occupants, who returned to it. About two hours later, mr. Johnson and three others returned to the vehicle, and he alleges the tires deflated when he started to drive. Then when he got out, an officer arrested him on suspicion of possession,

possessing a stolen weapon, he alleges the officer pushed him against the hood of the vehicle, handcuffed him and detained him for 30 minutes, both in public on the street and then in the back of a pbb vehicle. Despite officers knowing that he had no criminal record and despite a different occupant of the vehicle acknowledging ownership of the stolen weapon, he also alleges that he notified officers of a medical condition that would be exacerbated by being handcuffed, and that an officer unlawfully coerced him into surrendering his own lawfully licensed firearm while he was being detained. A different firearm from the stolen weapon. He filed suit in federal court against the city and several officers who were present asserting claims for violations of his constitutional rights and for false arrest and battery under state law. After reviewing the ppv records relating to this incident, risk management determined that officers had not prepared reports regarding their interactions with mr. Johnson and their probable cause to arrest him. After interviewing mr. Johnson, risk management and pbb determined the best interests of the city would be served by resolving his claim and lawsuit. We negotiated, that is to say, risk negotiated informally with his attorney, and we agreed on a settlement of \$100,000, inclusive of all attorney fees. To resolve this claim and lawsuit. The settlement avoids the cost of defending the city and the officers from the lawsuit and protects the risk, protects against the risk of a higher verdict at trial, plus an award of his attorney fees. And if you have any questions, please let me know.

Speaker: Thank you. Chief, do you have anything to add?

Speaker: Yes, madam president, as well as the council. This was pre before we had.

Speaker: Could you please introduce yourself?

Speaker: Oh I'm sorry. Yes. Craig dobson with the Portland police bureau assistant chief. This was pre body worn camera prior to this. Unfortunately, this event was

investigated as stated. And in it it was determined that there was a mis several miscommunication or communication gaps between the two units who at that time had not worked regularly together, and in that there was a misunderstanding of who was point in this. As the result of the investigation, four members from those two units did receive corrective action for failing to write the appropriate reports.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Do we have public testimony on this agenda item? Rebecca?

Speaker: We do. We have three people signed up. The first is mark portis. Mark is joining us online.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Councilors, I think we're going to take public testimony and then we'll move into discussion. Mark, if you are ready, please go ahead and unmute and you can share your your comments with us.

Speaker: Thanks. Good afternoon council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is mark boris. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch we understand that joseph johnson and the city have come to an agreement to settle this civil rights lawsuit for \$100,000, and we have no objection. Since 1992, Portland copwatch has been working towards a police bureau that's free of brutality, corruption and racism. We testify on settlements like this to prompt our elected officials to discuss the harms done by city employees, and to prevent them from ever happening again. I appreciate mr. Farrow's description of the incident. Chief dobson's presence here today. My apologies, but you're going to hear the description all over again. The incident that led to this settlement occurred in old town, and the complaint names eight ppb officers, as well as nine unnamed officers from court records. We learned that on the night of March 24th, 2023, mr. Johnson, along with three friends, all of whom are african American, were among

the many people enjoying the entertainment district nightlife. That evening, the four friends arrived in the same vehicle, a white chrysler 300 that was rented by one of the friends, a mr. Patterson, who was visiting from out of town. Again from court records a short synopsis of what happened. Police on foot patrol saw a gun on the back seat floor of the unoccupied, parked chrysler. Police said they could see the serial number on the gun, so they called it in and determined the gun was stolen. It's unclear from the records whether or not that gun was actually stolen. Police learned that the car was a rental. They proceeded to put spike strips around all four wheels of the car, and when the friends returned to the car, police did not confront them, but rather waited for mr. Johnson to back up the car, and the spike strips blew out the tires. When mr. Johnson got out of the car to see what happened, he was forcibly detained, handcuffed with his hands behind his back and placed in a police car for 30 minutes. Despite having asked officers to be gentle because he has multiple sclerosis, mr. Johnson told police he had a legally owned firearm in the glove compartment and the police seized his gun. It's unclear from court documents when mr. Johnson and his companions were released. However, court documents do state that no criminal charges were filed against any of the occupants. That was the allegedly stolen gun, a pretextual justification for the officers to unlawfully and unreasonably detain, search, seize and arrest mr. Johnson. As the complaint proffers, we noticed from the names of the officers involved in the incident that many, if not all of them either are or were members of the focused intervention team or fit. Fit. The fit is the police bureau's current iteration of specialty unit with a mission to reduce gun violence. It's supposedly more responsive to community guidance than prior gun or gang units, because there is an oversight group called the focused intervention team community oversight group, which is tasked with making recommendations to ppb about gun

violence response strategies through a racial and social justice lens. We forwarded the information about this settlement onto the fit cog, as they're well situated to advise the police bureau on matters where racial profiling is or may be involved. We hope mr. Johnson and his friends have fully recovered from this incident. Portland, copwatch, will continue to monitor these lawsuits for indications of police misconduct, including racial profiling and excessive use of force. Finally, we appreciate that the bureau claims data exhibits attached to the settlement is there, and we look forward to seeing more information on there, including costs incurred by the city attorney in the future. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is bridge, crane simka johnson.

Speaker: Thank you. Copy to the council.

Speaker: File copies for the different levels of mayor and administrator and whatever else we.

Speaker: Got going on in the agenda now. Good morning. What a day earlier. Oh, I'm bridge train. Charles johnson, some of you with a long history. Commissioner novick are familiar with bridge cranes and operation bridge crane as covered by opb back in 2016. The departure mayor hales, rushing through his police contract. Portland, copwatch even after the sad passing of dan handleman still doing an excellent job. We appreciate that some members of the council, specifically on the city website, commemorate the passing of something like a theater nerd from a posh suburb, I think is how za'im shake is going to describe it, or did describe it a couple days ago in the Oregonian. In the next agenda item, the actual victim of Portland police violence is on the smart sheet, along with one of their attorneys to talk with us earlier in this proceeding, councilor kanal talked about settlements under \$50,000. And sadly, since the day of commissioner novick bridge crane, many of us in your constituents feel that you have not put forth a good transparent

system to track, especially police liability settlements, but also also other bureaus, liability settlements. Good governments means we should have employees who continually reduce the times they make mistakes that force us to pay out tax dollars in settlements. So right now we're dealing with a civil rights violation on this agenda item that happened over two years ago. On the next agenda item will be dealing with violence and civil rights violations and injuries that happened five years ago. 2020 was a busy time for risk management, but I do hope that as we put together the public safety and whatever the policies are, that we will get better transparency on these agenda items. It was great that Portland, copwatch went into the nitty gritty, but really, you could attach all that information right on the agenda. We shouldn't have to have a pacer subscription to go and find out the details and see what was the civil rights violation that was so severe that y'all guys are getting ready to sign off on a \$100,000 check, so you can go to the next item where you're going to give away, not give away. Person suffered and merits this money \$375,000. I know most of you are very attentive to stopping this. We don't want our constituents, our neighbors, experiencing physical injury or even violation of their civil rights that falls short of injury. So consider having a tracking system that is included when you put this on the agenda. So we'll know that just looking at this, it was the third civil rights violation of 23, or it was the 18th case of violence during 2020. And we also need to have.

Speaker: We. Need to move.

Speaker: To.

Speaker: The next person.

Speaker: I'll be back.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next is edith gillis. Edith is online.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: We can please introduce yourself and then go right ahead.

Speaker: And I want you to vote. Yes, but at the same time, I want you to be much more diligent and following the all of the recommendations of the Portland police accountability commission and national association for civilian oversight of law enforcement. I am not speaking for the organization, but I am a member of the pacific northwest family circle whose loved ones have been murdered by police. We have several hundred of our loved ones. And of course, there are many more than that than their families have wanted to have them uplifted on our web page. I want to be as honor of bill brown, james chassis, bradley morgan, or moose hayes, terrell johnson, john elephant, andre gladden, gulley, and keaton otis many, many more who have been killed by the Portland police. This would be changed if we had better policy and practice and accountability, and I want us to make sure that we pay our victims of crimes far more than this. But it not come from our general fund, but it come from the Portland police bureau and from officers who must be licensed, bonded and insured and held accountable. We need to have different recruitment, training, oversight, accountability, independent and superior medical examiners. We need to have not only cameras, which sometimes are a farce for us because they can easily block them or turn them off or lose the data or control the data. But it has to be continually uploaded and civilian oversight. And, you know, these sort of things we need to have. Cameras and, and the civilian oversight instead of police stop and frisk. We need to change the situations in which we have the police intervening and using these these tactics and training alone, all these. All these different tactics that people have for a little bit of superficial stuff were used by people in minneapolis, saint paul before they combined killing someone. So we need to make sure that we prevent this from happening. And I also want us to have

pie chart budgeting. So we show that the majority of our city budget is spent on policing and change that to have it do to real police and crime prevention. And then we don't have to do this. But when we have civilians, have them paid better, not only for physical but also for mental health and for the trauma that this goes on, and to the larger community that is traumatized each time we allow this criminal behavior.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Councilors will now move into discussion. Councilor canal.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Thank you for including information in the ordinance that answers my previous questions about claims data and the allegations. It helps saves time to have this data in advance. I'd also love to have some of the explanatory information from the relevant bureau, which is obviously not just police. In this particular case it is in advance, but very helpful. And thank you for it, chief. And then finally, to just suggest to risk management to restore the column about city attorney costs, which was in previous briefings. Does this claims data? This is a question to mr. Farrow. Does this claims data include lawsuits that we lost or only those which were settled?

Speaker: It includes all payments. So if there was a judgment. So it includes claims claims that went to suit, claims that went to suit and verdict where a payment was made on a judgment. So it's all of that and all of the payments combined.

Speaker: Great. Thank you to chief dobson. Thank you for giving us the information on the corrective action numbers and things like that. That's incredibly transparent. I don't think I've ever heard that before and I appreciate it. You spoke to body worn cameras, and that's a huge difference from two years ago to now in terms of broader than just for the individuals on the report writing side, has any other policy change occurred and then are there any policy changes that you might

be able to speak to on the alleged fourth amendment violation that this this claim alleges?

Speaker: Define that question just a little bit more, please, for me, what the first part of your question there?

Speaker: So a response to the for the to the officers who allegedly did not write a report theoretically included the corrective action. I know you might not be able to say that that was one for one, and I acknowledge that. But have there been any policy or broader changes to help promote, for example, reducing the likelihood of the miscommunication you talked about between the two?

Speaker: So, yes, internally within the units, there was clarification as well as sop pushed out so that the rest of the bureau would understand better how they would operate. So if you called a certain unit how how they would either take over the call or be there to support the call.

Speaker: And is the answer to the question that both teams would write a report in the future, or is it is it which. So again, it's situational. And so it does depend on on what happens. But there was clarity added to everybody that takes police action. Absolutely needs to write a report.

Speaker: Got it. Thanks.

Speaker: And then anything on the fourth amendment side, have there been any policy changes as it relates to alleged violations of the fourth amendment against unreasonable search seizure?

Speaker: Because this was a settlement and I wasn't part of that conversation. I can't speak to that because I don't have the details.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Thank you. I'd love to get the sop at some point in the future. Just doesn't need to be right now. Thank you, madam president.

Speaker: Councilor zimmermann, thanks.

Speaker: I just want to set some context for what we're talking about. This is the entertainment detail in old town chinatown, where a few years ago, we set up a pretty robust police detail to combat what had become the most shooting small amount of blocks, most shooting blocks in our city at that time. And that there are parking lots in this neighborhood where folks would leave their guns in their car because they knew they couldn't get through the club security to then return to their car when it was time to have a fight. So there's some context that matters for me in this. And I the in the mr. Farrow's discussion, you cited that this person was held for, I think you said 30 minutes because they found an illegal firearm and then eventually determined that this person also had a legal firearm. And the way it was described was that somehow the 30 minutes was a was a violation. What I'm trying to understand is it seems reasonable to me of if you find an illegal firearm in a person's vehicle, that there will be a, a certain amount of time to determine who's the weapon that is and that being held during that time. And during that, I guess the right word would be investigation. Seems okay, but it sounds like the 30 minutes was a concern. So what is the right amount of time? Is it three minutes, 30 minutes, 60 minutes? That one can be held? We wouldn't be in a settlement situation. While we determined whether or not the illegal gun sitting on your car seat is yours or not, this seems confusing to me in these documents, and I pose that to either one of the gentlemen who are comfortable answering.

Speaker: So I would say that the challenge in this case was because reports weren't written correctly. Weren't written. We can't justify the time length that was actually there of the detention or the arrest.

Speaker: Okay. That makes sense to me. Do we know how long it was until the lawful firearm was returned to the subject? In this situation?

Speaker: I do not have that information.

Speaker: Okay. I think that I am able to see some of the, you know, there were failures in report writing, but I I'm also trying to understand the mindset that if you drive around with an illegal firearm in your car and leave it in plain view so that somebody walking by in a parking lot can see it, that we now settle for \$100,000, I think, I think maybe a \$1 check to say, okay, we screwed up our report writing, but also you or your party was engaged in some illegal stuff with illegal firearms. This seems odd to me, and it seems like an avoidance of a bigger discussion in court, but I appreciate I will, I will say I really appreciate the transparency that has come from you, chief. So thank you for that. And I think being able to admit where we didn't do the right thing by policy, procedure and law is always good to be able to talk out loud about. But this is a challenging area in my district that went from a whole lot of gun violence to a lot less gun violence because of very proactive entertainment detail policing down there. And I think those have been big improvements, and I wouldn't want to walk away from that. But I also think sending a message that illegal guns in your car gets you \$100,000 payment because somebody forgot to write a report is concerning.

Speaker: Councilor seeing nobody else in the queue. I believe. Rebecca, can you call the roll on this?

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: Thank you for answering the questions. Thank you for bringing this information forward and putting more of it in writing. I look forward to that. Continuing as we iterate this process under a new council, I think it's a vital step to view this in the way that we've received from attorneys, which is that there's a risk we would lose a lawsuit. And this was an agreed upon settlement. So from that perspective, it makes more sense to me. I had maybe a few different questions

about some of this, this process as well. But with all that said, I will vote. I thank you, Ryan.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: I koyama lane.

Speaker: I. Morillo i. Novick i.

Speaker: Clark. I green. Zimmerman.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Avalos i. Dunphy i. Smith i. Pirtle-guiney i.

Speaker: And the ordinance passes.

Speaker: Rebecca could you please read agenda item 13 and deputy chief I think we're going to do we have you for this one as.

Speaker: Well I think so okay.

Speaker: Item 13 pay settlement of megan brooke bodily injury lawsuit for the sum of \$375,000 involving the Portland police bureau.

Speaker: Thank you. We have a number of folks up here, so go ahead.

Speaker: In whatever order you want to, to present to us.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is caroline turco. I'm an attorney in the litigation section of the city attorney's office. I'm here with mike porter, also an attorney in the city attorney's office, and assistant chief dobson, who's already spoken. We're here on the settlement of the lawsuit brought by megan brooke. This ordinance provides for the settlement of \$375,000. This lawsuit was filed in April 2022, and it claims violations of plaintiff's fourth amendment rights against excessive force, as well as first amendment rights to free assembly and free speech. Additional allegations included municipal liability for unlawful practices and crowd control, and state tort claims for assault, battery, and negligence. The lawsuit arises from injuries sustained during protest near Portland police bureau's north precinct

on the evening of June 25th, 2020, into the morning of June 26th. She alleges that she suffered injuries from a rubber ball distraction device, commonly called an ar. It was deployed by a member of the rapid response team to disperse protesters. It rolled beneath her and exploded. Miss Brooke sustained burns, bruising, shrapnel wounds and had ongoing complaints related to claimed concussion and visual disturbances. Following the 2020 protest, the Portland police bureau conducted a comprehensive review of its crowd control policies. This review resulted in the decision to discontinue the use of rubber ball distraction devices. Ppb has since reduced their inventory to zero, and they will not return to the use of rbds. The city attorney's office, risk management, and the Portland police bureau recommend this settlement as it mitigates against financial and legal risks, including potential attorney fees. Should the case proceed to trial, we recommend approval of the ordinance authorizing the settlement, and we're available to answer any questions you might have. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And I believe we have Joseph Jessie online from risk management. Mr. Jessie, do you have anything to add?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Anything else from folks at the table? Okay. Rebecca, do we have public testimony signed up for this agenda item?

Speaker: We do.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: First is Megan up? Brooke.

Speaker: Megan, thank you for being here.

Speaker: I don't know who said that, but thank you.

Speaker: Go ahead and introduce yourself and then you can go right. Jump right in.

Speaker: Hi, my name is Megan Brooke. And first I'd like to say I kind of want to go over what a rubber ball distraction device is. So it is it looks like a grenade. It is a little bit larger than, I would say, a baseball. And inside it is 50 rubber pellets that when the pin is pulled and it is thrown, it explodes with the not the force of light, but the force of sound. So at the speed of sound and the 50 rubber balls are supposed to fly out and cause some sort of disturbance, getting people to disperse along with smoke and an intense, like sonic sound. And then it explodes. So there's like heat, fire. When that was thrown at me, it wasn't thrown near me. It hit my feet and it exploded on my body. All presumably of the shrapnel rubber balls inside hit me. Part of it lodged into my chest. It blew away part like chunks of both of my legs. The force of the blast would kill so much flesh that I eventually had to have debris. Moments where they would take a shrapnel like a scalpel and cut away the dead tissue. And I was left with scars on both of my legs. The time that it exploded, I was unable to hear anything. All I could see was stars. It blew my phone out of my hand, and I was only able to make it about a quarter block before I couldn't walk anymore, and the medics wrapped me up, took me to the emergency room. I was diagnosed with a concussion and later post-concussive disorder. I was unable to work at as an academic and career advisor, which I've done for almost ten years. I also work as a mental health therapist and had to close my practice because the injuries from the concussion made it so that I couldn't see very well. I was light sensitive and I couldn't stay on Zoom because this was 2020, so all therapy was done remotely and. Sorry. So they're in kind of summary. There wasn't an aspect of my life that wasn't impacted by this experience of violence. And I think that there needs to be more done to protect protesters, especially now as first amendment

rights are being more and more reduced. And I think that we need not forget that the reason we were there was because of police brutality perpetrated on black community members by Portland police. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. I know that sharing your experience is not easy. We appreciate it.

Speaker: Next is victoria lowe.

Speaker: Can I stay seated here?

Speaker: All right. Ahead.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is victoria lowe. I'm one of megan's attorneys. I'm a civil rights lawyer in Portland. I'm here to tell the council what this case is about. We are in support of this settlement because this case is about a bomb that exploded in north Portland in a residential neighborhood on my client's body, by everyone involved in the case. Her only mistake was that she was in a street. After being told to disperse. She had committed no crimes. She was voicing her opposition to police policy, as is her first amendment right. Megan's story is one of many councilors. I submitted our second amendment complaint for you to review. This is a public filing. It is allegations. Those have not been proven in court. However, the complaint cites news articles dating back to 2014 detailing how the Portland police have been injuring anti-police protesters with flashbangs. In 2014 is when I saw evidence that this started 2018. The Portland police shot a flashbang at a counter-demonstration to a proud boy March, and the flashbang lodged in the brain of a protester threw a helmet. On may 29th, 2020, for the Portland City Council. Heard from the Portland police on what they called an emergency ordinance to approve a budget item for nearly 30,000 more dollars for the Portland police to purchase more munitions for crowd control. Including 100 flashbangs. We heard before me that the Portland police has reduced their inventory of rubber ball

distraction devices to zero. Don't be distracted by their name game. The names are all different. A nationally renowned expert on these weapons that I spoke with told me that the explosive devices in each one of these weapons are the same. So what is the difference? Does it matter what kind of payload it was inside the bomb that exploded at Megan's feet? During 2020, in Seattle, a flashbang exploded on a protester and she had three heart attacks. In the instances following that, you can look it up. That article is also in the complaint. Now more than ever, it is critical for the City Council to protect the right to protest.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Rebecca. Do we have additional testimony?

Speaker: We do. Next is Mark Morris. Mark is online. Okay.

Speaker: Mark, go right ahead.

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks. Hi again. Council. My name is Mark Morris. I use he/him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland Copwatch. We understand that Megan and the city have come to this agreement to settle the bodily injury lawsuit for \$375,000, and we have no objection. It's worth repeating again that since 1992, Portland Copwatch has been working towards a police bureau that is free of brutality, corruption and racism. And we testify in these settlements to prompt you to discuss the harms done by city employees and the policies that allow it to happen. We appreciate that Miss Brooke and her attorney are present today. We're grateful for them sharing the details of the incident, and I don't want to repeat them. We hope that they are able, that Miss Brooke is able to recover fully from the harms that were caused by PPB. We appreciate that people will no longer use flashbans from court records. We understand that. Detective Eric Kammerer, who fired that flashbang grenade that caused so much harm in his because she was filming the police with her phone, posing no threat to officers or other demonstrators. Detective Kammerer has been with the Portland Police Bureau since 1994. For

context, chief day started at ppb in 1994 years prior. At the time of the incident, kammerer was a member of the rapid response team. In 2021, the entire rapid response team resigned from their positions when one officer was indicted for excessive use of force. In 2022, the Oregon department of justice investigated kammerer's misconduct during the 2020 protests. The doj investigated four other occasions on which he was accused of using excessive force against protesters. They found insufficient evidence to bring criminal charges against him. This incident was not one of the four that the doj looked into, and while he has not yet been indicted, this is not the first time kammerer has cost the city money for misconduct. Yet he remains a ppb employee to this day, was quoted in the December 22nd willamette week article saying, I want to expose the misconduct of the city and the ppb and make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else. And two months ago, council president pirtle-guiney stated during the \$938,328 index newspaper settlement. I never want to hear that we have to settle for the same issues more than once. So here we are again, our chief of police. And this detective who's harmed so many community members have been colleagues for over 30 years. When chief day came out of retirement to lead the bureau, one of his stated goals was transparency and accountability. He has since replaced that with changing the dynamic between the police and the people they serve, which is insufficient without an acknowledgment of what the dynamic actually is, and without doing the work to change the dynamic for the benefit of the people who are policed by ppb chief days, two other top priorities are to reduce crime and the fear of crime, and organizational growth and development. Depending on what's meant by changing the dynamic, it feels like the bureau prioritizes the comfort and well-being of police officers over the safety of community members. Transparency and accountability. They are but an afterthought. Thanks for your time.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Perez.

Speaker: Bridge. Crane. Simca. Johnson.

Speaker: Welcome back.

Speaker: Thank you. And for the record, I am indeed bridge. Crane. Johnson. You know, this was even worse than when I was here just a few minutes ago. And although she was very eloquent, I think it's important to do what copwatch didn't do and say that a woman, a mental health professional, was watching out for the well-being of her community, and the Portland police bureau fired on her, put an explosive at her feet, incapacitate her to such an extent that she had to be evacuated by medics and presumably from that neighborhood, went to emmanuel hospital, where they had to. Medical professionals had to remove dead flesh, probably over a period of extended care. So earlier comments on the prior item. Miss gillis talked about the amount. You're getting off easy for the actual level of pain and suffering caused. I do hope that we come around again to be here in this room, in this format, and specifically cite the exact dollar amount of settlements that came from the Portland police attacking their citizens and constituents, particularly during 2020. But as the attorney mentioned, slash bang, she knows they were documented during going back to 2014. We know that in 2011. I don't think novick was here yet, but people were getting brutalized right there. As occupy, a protest was pushed out of the park. There's probably a price tag that you could associate with that. So maybe, you know, I hate to be all doom and gloom, so I wish that this had been presented with maybe some positive trends. I'm not Portland copwatch they published it, but the Portland police department, since they've got so much money, a quarter billion dollars could maybe do better pr and at least say we haven't killed anybody for 132 days. Give us a break. And that would actually be a good thing for you as a city that has lots of different employees, and you have all

those posters and some workplaces, they have signs that say, this is a safe workplace, no on the job injuries for so many days, and I might have to get more engaged with Portland copwatch so that they have a website that says how long it's been since there's been an injury by police to people who aren't even engaged in crime. That's something I think that's very difficult, even in the minds of most of us who have been successfully and peacefully in the streets on many of these weekends and on may day with the 5051 movement. Thank god, no violence there, but. Mr. Zimmerman pointed out that somebody with an illegal gun was in old town chinatown. People could see the gun in the car. I can walk past parking lots where people have been killed by police club, rouge club, rogue, whatever it is there. So those people, the only close to injury was a person with ms. Was had their civil rights violated. Yet here we have a person who was not anywhere near an illegal gun doing nothing illegal and has had their legs maimed. So hopefully we're trending to have the police do better. Thank you very much for keeping working on that.

Speaker: Thank you. Edith.

Speaker: Edith gillis edith is online.

Speaker: Hello, my name is edith gillis. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes we can.

Speaker: The us constitution and the Oregon state constitution require all government to not restrict the first amendment rights and the duties of civilians to hold government, including police, accountable. It is our job. We must do that. I have been in Portland for 42 years, testifying in City Council. I have been on the streets as an observer, as a de-escalator peacekeeper, and as a street medic. I know the same person who shot her has shot and killed other people. I have seen videos. I have talked with the victims. I have seen photos that are deleted from the system

after so many years. They get to do the crimes again and so City Council doesn't even know. And sometimes the next chief of police don't know. Chief of police danielle outlaw already lost a lawsuit in oakland, california about flashbang concussion grenades. I've already have seen over and over and over Portland police claiming there's a riot or that they had a right to disperse crowds. First of all, I see no legitimacy in police stopping people from gathering together and saying, this is a problem, solve it. It's not up to the police to change it. But there are very unequal in their enforcement. They escort white supremacists, violent terrorists, abusers, murderers and escort them. They give them bus passes on 82nd. They note that they have all these illegal guns, but nonviolent medics, nonviolent observers are targeted by police not only in those situations where those targeted victims have done nothing wrong, but then they will also go after them, harass them at their house, at their work, pull them over with false arrests or false tickets to raise their car insurance. This is a pattern that's gone on a long time. And I've seen so many people who have been so injured and are no longer able to pay taxes, no longer able to do the good they need to do. And so I think this is a petty, puny little amount that should not you should not settle for such a teeny amount. We need to make sure that police are held accountable. And this doesn't hold any of the police who have done these wrongs accountable. And we need to change our policies that allow police to disperse crowds. And when there are safety issues, police do a lousy job of it. And when I've seen people injured, police have prevented ambulances or medics from caring for them, and police have prevented even people coming to City Council throwing people down the marble staircase when they want to hold police accountable.

Speaker: Edith, thank you for your testimony today.

Speaker: That concludes testimony.

Speaker: Councilors. We are now moving into discussion. I don't see anybody in the queue going once. Councilor kanal.

Speaker: Sorry.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Thank you to risk management, city attorneys and to pb's leadership for the presentation. And in particular, thank you to the claimant and attorney for testifying, as well as all the other testifiers. I have two questions. The first one is, you know, we heard specifically that pb has reduced its inventory of these rbds to zero, and also that we would not be returning to use these, I believe, was the near quote. But also one of the testifiers pointed out that we replenished munitions last year for crowd control. Are those different? And what what rule or requirement is there to not return to using this particular one? In other words, is that intent or requirement in code? Is it in the settlement agreement or is it in directives?

Speaker: So within the state law changed, which makes it not compatible with state law. And so that has been removed from our inventory and will be continued to be removed.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. And then the other question is, you know, last time we talked about the previous ordinance, we talked about the fourth amendment. This one alleges first amendment violations. Can you speak to big picture? Because I know there's been a lot of things that pb has done since 2020. What has taken place with relation to first amendment protections in pb directives, sops, practices, etc? I know there's been a lot, so i'll happily take a summary.

Speaker: So the summary we have re rewritten our crowd public order ordinance or our our policy. Within that, we've also gotten a grant to work within with professor stott from england to help us understand and better utilize dialog

policing, which is an intelligence led form of approaching public order, so that we're based on four pillars one being education, communication, facilitation and then finally differentiation. And so I think in the past several months, you've seen a different style of policing from us when it comes to public order events. We've had several large public order events that have gone extremely peaceful, and we're going to continue down that route of facilitating events, working with our dialog officers to ensure that we have good communication with folks and that we can facilitate those lawful events, and then only arrest those individuals who are committing crimes that are affecting the public or the tenor of the event itself.

Speaker: Can you speak to what happens when, in current practice, when a group that is attempting to hold a first amendment related event does not want to engage in dialog or pre-clear routes or anything like that with the Portland police?

Speaker: So again, first amendment is important to us and protecting that right. People have the ability to choose to speak to us or not. It always helps when folks want to work with the city to ensure that we can have a safe route for them, and that they aren't choosing a route that maybe gets them into trouble with other traffic or other citizens. And so we always encourage that, but we're not going to force that. If it's a peaceful assembly, we're not going to interfere with that in any way unless there's criminal activity that indicates that we've got to handle something that becomes an emergency, if you will, where someone might be hurt because of the actions of the event itself.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor. Seeing no further discussion, I would ask rebecca to call the roll for a vote.

Speaker: Canal colleagues, I'm going to support the settlement and vote yes in a moment. All my comments and comments on what should be in the ordinance and exhibits for the last ordinance apply here too. I have two things I want to just raise. Among the many concerns raised by this situation and the ordinance. First, we have settlements that come later than the events that they occur. There's a larger gap sometimes for when there's a large number of incidents, such as 2020, which the protest response will continue to have claims for a while. It's not a delay. Things just take time to file, settle and bring it to council. Doesn't mean anyone's doing anything wrong. But the gap has one negative result, which is that even if we have changes to policy, it takes a long time for owners to see that and to build trust. We need to be good at something for years before people will start to believe it. And the length of time is proportional to the length and magnitude of the pattern of actions that break trust. Second, we need to talk about protests, and I understand that once an independent, neutral third party determines that there's a riot, that we probably do need a police response. And I think that that's there's no other tool that currently exists for that. But I do think that there is a need here to revisit the work of the citizen review committee and some of the other work that's been done to talk about why is our first line of interaction with first amendment events, the police, and to look at finding another solution for that over time? I don't believe that this is going to be over time is not a that was not an intentional pun, but it's also a pun, I guess because of overtime costs. But, you know, I do think that that's a conversation that I hope that this conversation, this incident and this settlement helps bring back into the forefront of our minds. With that, i, I can't speak for anyone else, but in my role, I do want to apologize to the person who had this happen to them. And with that, I vote i.

Speaker: Ryan. I koyama lane.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Morillo I just want to thank megan for their courage and bravery coming up here and sharing their experience. That's not easy to do. And I vote, i.

Speaker: Novick I clark.

Speaker: I'd also like to thank megan for being here today. I appreciate your testimony and hope you're healing.

Speaker: I vote yea green i.

Speaker: Zimmerman i.

Speaker: Avalos megan, thank you for your testimony. I'm very sorry for what happened to you, and I'm committed to ensuring we respond with policy suggestions to ensure this doesn't keep happening, I vote aye,

Speaker: Dunphy,

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Smith. I pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: Megan, thank you for being here. I want to echo my colleague's gratitude for your bravery to our bureau. I know that we've had state law changes that have direct us, directed us to make changes, but I hope that we don't just rely on direction from others, and that incidences like this also lead to evaluations of any changes that we need to make. In addition to that, internally. With that, I vote i.

Speaker: 12 ayes. The ordinance passes.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I am remembering correctly, we now have a reordering of our agenda and councilors, we are moving to the last item on our agenda, which is that 2121 agenda item 21. Well, I get myself there. We have a committee staff summary from ashley hernandez, which we'll start with.

Speaker: We need to read that.

Speaker: I'm sorry, would you like to read this agenda item, rebecca.

Speaker: I sure would. Item 21 at fair wage policy code for certain city service contracts.

Speaker: Thank you. Ashley, can you give us an overview of what happened in committee?

Speaker: Madam president? Councilors. For the record, I'm ashley hernandez. I serve as a surface staff with workforce development committee. The ordinance document number 2025 2022 5178 was considering the labor workforce committee on April 24th, where it was referred as amended. I mean, when it was referred to City Council with recommendation to be passed. The ordinance adds city code chapter 5.70 for fiscal year 2024 2025, the hourly rate for contracts in both covered services will be set as 90 and \$19.80 in fiscal year 2025 2026. This hourly rate will be adjust to 90 to \$19.80 plus percentage increase based on cost of living cola determined by consumer price index. Urban wages earnings and. And for the west region. The full impact statement on this item includes fiscal and budgetary impacts, community impacts, and community involvement. One person submitted written testimony after the committee highlighting the fairness of the ordinance. And thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor smith. You were presiding over that meeting. Is there anything you'd like to add?

Speaker: Thank you, madam president, I appreciate you you coming forward and giving us this testimony. I don't have anything to add, but I do support this amendment. It came through the labor and workforce development committee, and I believe it was a50 vote. And so we didn't have any problems with this. And we want to make sure that all of our, all of our workers, employees, that they're being treated with dignity and respect.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor dunphy. You are the carrier of this item. Would you like to give us any information about why you brought it forward?

Speaker: Absolutely. Colleagues in late 2024, the previous City Council, the guidance of the auditor, underwent a code revision and removed roughly 600 pages of what was deemed as duplicative code. Included in that was the city's decades old fair wage policy. This is a statement of plainly declaring what an employee or contractor of the city should be entitled to, as it, you know, simply by virtue of being a city contractor, a city employee. It was brought to our attention by our friends at seiu that this policy was removed. This action puts it back. It simply adds updated language to our current practices and includes a call, a call out for escalating cost of living there. Has we checked in with every city bureau who this applies to? And almost unanimously, none of them knew that the code was gone, so no policies will be changed and there should not be any additional impacts. In fact, everybody was moving forward. But I do want to express my thanks to seiu for bringing this to our attention, and I urge you all to help. Well, this is a nonemergency ordinance, so we do not need to vote today, but I urge your support.

Speaker: Thank you. Rebecca, I believe we have public testimony signed up. Is that correct?

Speaker: We do. We have two people signed up. Maria flores and gloria hernandez.

Speaker: Perfect. Jasmine. Jasmine ibarra.

Speaker: Is joining for translation. Apologies.

Speaker: My mic.

Speaker: As well. That would be great.

Speaker: Great. For the record, my name is yasmin. I'm the political director for seiú local 49. I'll be providing translation for these two women.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Okay. Hola, president.

Speaker: And vice president, koyama lane miembros del consejo. Hola. Mi nombre es maria flores. Soy trabajadora de limpieza en el edificio Portland trabajado para la compania de la ley durante mas de un ano. También soy de la llegada sindical de union, tal vez me, I am a me or my colleagues limpiando algunos pisos.

Speaker: Hello president pirtle-guiney, vice president koyama lane and council members. My name is maria flores. I'm a janitorial worker at the Portland building. I work for relay for over a year and I'm also a union delegate. You may have seen me or my colleagues cleaning some of the floors.

Speaker: Su apoyo in la restauracion de la policia de salario giusto de la ciudad six de policia. Politica marcado una gran diferencia para muchos de mis companeros. Cabron trabajando con como janitor e personal de seguridad in los edificios de la ciudad.

Speaker: I'm here today to ask for your support in restoring the city's fair wage policy. I know that this policy has made a significant difference for my coworkers, who have worked for years as janitors and security staff in city buildings.

Speaker: And ustedes tienen el poder de garantizar trabajos con salarios cuando. Empecé me salario era de veinticinco por hora, pero gracias a esta politica aumento. Noventa. Para me familia este es la diferencia ha sido muy importante.

Speaker: I understand you have the power to ensure jobs with fair wages. When I started a year ago, my wage was 1825 per hour. But thanks to this policy increase to 1890, the difference has been important for me and my family.

Speaker: Es una casa ahora con un salario un trabajo. Establish gracias a la union. Estoy ahorrando para solicitar un préstamo de casa saber. Qué tengo un empleo seguro? Un salario digno de la confianza para planificar un mejor futuro para mi familia.

Speaker: My dream is to own a home now with a fair wage and a stable job. Stable job. Thanks to my union, I'm saving to apply for a home loan. Knowing that I have secure employment and a fair wage gives me the confidence to plan for a better future for my family.

Speaker: La politica de esto es una manera en la ciudad. Puede demostrar valora el respeta a sus trabajadores una. Compensation esta no solo. Record nuestros dispuesto, sino también nos permite a seguir adelante con este trabajo tan importante. Gracias por su tiempo por su esfuerzo para establecer esta politica a precioso attention e apoyo maria flores.

Speaker: For the fair wage policy is a way for the city to show that it values and respects workers. Fair compensation not only recognizes our hard work, but also allows us to continue doing this important job. Thank you for your time and for your efforts to reinstate the policy. I appreciate your attention and support. Maria flores.

Speaker: Thank you so much for being here. Maria.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: Vice president, koyama lane y miembros del consejo. Mi nombre es gloria. Hernandez. Soy la janitor and justice center a trabajado para la compania de relay durante dos anos. También soy miembro de union, local 49.

Speaker: Hello, president pirtle-guiney, vice chair, koyama lane and council members. My name is gloria hernandez. I am a janitor at the justice center. I

worked there for the company and for the company relay resources for 22 years, and I'm also a member of my union, seu local 49.

Speaker: Centavos por hora no tenia seguro médico cambio cuando relay me contrato finalmente acceso seguro médico asequible un plan de pension diaz festivals para dos mejores salarios.

Speaker: When I first started as a janitor, I earned \$7.85 with no paid vacation or medical leave. That changed when relay resources hired me. I finally had access to affordable medical, medical insurance, a pension plan, paid holidays, and better wages.

Speaker: Justice center no. Siempre facil, especialmente durante la pandemia. Las protestas el trabajo en ocasiones, incluso basura solo para tratar de entrar la edificio. A pesar de todo a trabajar todos los dias porque mi trabajo es importante.

Speaker: Working at the justice center hasn't always been easy, especially during the height of the pandemic. Protests made it difficult to get to work, and at times I even had trash thrown at me for just trying to enter the building. I still showed up every day because my job mattered.

Speaker: Cuando la ciudad politica de salario dolares por una una gran diferencia para mi familia. Cuando mi esposa no puedo trabajar durante nueve meses, s aumento la renta y los gatos algo de otra manera. No habia perdido ser posible.

Speaker: When the city razed the fair wage policy to \$15 an hour, it made a huge difference for me and my family. When my husband couldn't work for nine months. That wage increase helped me cover rent and expenses, something I couldn't have done otherwise.

Speaker: As the politica sindical. Convention is coming to three centavos por hora cuenta con beneficios solidos de mi familia.

Speaker: Now, thanks to the city's policy and union bargaining, I make 2123 an hour with strong benefits that support my family's well-being.

Speaker: La politica de la ciudad de trabajadores como yo salarios ayudan a seguir adelante y hacer este trabajo dificil, pero esencial esto esta politica de los trabajadores. Gracias por su tiempo y consideracion.

Speaker: The fair wage policy shows the city values workers like me. Fair wages help us keep going and do the difficult but essential work. Please restore the policy and continue supporting workers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Speaker: Thank you so much for being here and sharing your experience. Gloria. Do we have anybody else signed up to testify.

Speaker: That completes testimony?

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Counselors, is there any discussion on the ordinance before us?

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Counselor Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, I just want to make a point that at the end of 2024, the transition team brought us, like, felt like bucket loads of code changes that we had administratively move into the next to be in compliance with the charter. It made all of us quite nervous. So thank you for catching this and I hope the transition team and your office at the administrative level is looking into this, because we did mention that. Then I phrased it as we've all moved a lot in life, or at least I have. And there's the times I did it right where I went through everything carefully before I moved. And then there are the times where I didn't do that, the majority where I had to pack things up quickly. And then when I got to the new place, I had to sort through it. That's what we're doing. So just know that I appreciate you for catching this. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you. I put myself in the queue. I just want to thank councilor dunphy for bringing this forward to us. As yasmeeen and your members, both those who are here and the rest of the members who caught this. As councilor Ryan said, we're we're digging through some of the things that slipped in there. And it's important that this one was caught in time to make sure that we put it in back in before we do our budget work. I really appreciate all the work that went into this. And, councilor smith, I appreciate you making the time on your agenda for it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Is there any other discussion? Okay. Councilors, this is a non emergency ordinance, so it will show up on our next agenda for a vote. With that we will close agenda item 21 and move back to agenda item 14. And we are opening agenda items 14 and 20 all together in order to have a unified committee staff summary and additions from our chair. We will then take public testimony and see how much time we have for discussion. We'll do discussion on each of these individually. Rebecca, could you please read the agenda items?

Speaker: Agenda item 14 amend fee schedule for tree permits. Agenda item 15 adopt rates and charges for water and water related services for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th, 20 2616. Revise sewer and stormwater charges and fees for fy 20 2526. See 17 revised sewer and stormwater rates for fy 2025 2618. Adopt fees and charges for water system development and water related services during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th, 2026. 19. Revise transportation fees, rates and charges for fy 20 2526 and amend transportation fee schedule and fix an effective date. Item 20. Amend Portland permitting and development fee schedules to improve cost recovery and service levels for customers.

Speaker: Thank you christopher. I believe you have a committee staff summary from the finance committee that covers all. Is that seven? All seven of these?

Speaker: Good afternoon, madam president. Councilors. For the record, my name is christopher haire and I serve as staff to the finance committee. The ordinance before you document number 2020 five, dash 123 was considered by the finance committee on April 1st and was referred to council with a recommendation to pass, as amended, the ordinances document numbers 2020 5-1323137 were considered in the finance committee on April 7th. Of these, 2020 5-1, three three and 2020 5-1353137 were referred to council with a recommendation to pass 2020 5-132 and 134 were referred to council with a recommendation to pass as amended.

Collectively, these ordinances amend and adopt various city service rates, fees and charges for fiscal year 2025 through 26. Document number 2020 5-123 updates the prk 2.03 fee schedule related to tree services. It increases the fee in lieu of preservation and planting by 4.9 to 5.5% and development review rates by 5%. It also eliminates several non development permit fees, reduces the administrative review fee under enforcement by 50%, and increases all restoration fees by 5%. 2025132 establishes water related service charges with a retail rate increase of approximately 8%. 2025133 adjust sewer and stormwater charges, fees and service development charges. Dash 134 set sewer and stormwater rates, and dash 135 adopts updated fees for water system development and related services. The average increase in each of these ordinances is approximately 5%. 2025136 revises transportation fee schedules. Approximately 75% of all the fees are held constant or increased by less than 5%. Higher increases apply to select fees, especially where fees have not yet reached full cost recovery. 2025137 updates permitting and development fee schedules, with fees increasing by about 5%, the committee adopted amendments to document numbers 2025123, 2025, dash 132 and 2020 5-

134 prior to referring them to full council, and the effects of those amendments are detailed in the full committee staff summary online. The full impact statement on these items includes financial and budget impact analysis, community impacts and community involvement, and economic and real estate impacts. The committee received public testimony on the following items for 2025-132 relating to water rates and charges. Two individuals testified in committee. One individual submitted written testimony prior to committee action, and one individual submitted written testimony after committee action but prior to full council. General themes included acknowledgments of the increase in cost and workload for certain services that require increases in rates, fees, and charges. Concern around the continued increase of water costs and affordability, and requests to evaluate striking certain charges and fees as considered for prk 2.03 for 2025134 relating to sewer and stormwater rates. One individual submitted written testimony prior to committee action, and general themes included concern around stormwater charges and areas where stormwater services may not currently be provided for 2020 5-136 relating to transportation fees, individuals submitted written testimony prior to committee action. General themes included. Request to remove certain charges for non permitted work and administrative review appeals, and finally for 2025137 relating to permitting and development fees. One individual submitted written testimony prior to committee action, and the general themes included a request to remove certain charges for non permitted work and administrative review and appeals. This concludes the committee staff summary.

Speaker: Thank you for that amazing level of detail and speed. That was fantastic, councilor zimmerman, these came through your committee. Do you have anything you'd like to add?

Speaker: I feel like we just got told these are not the droids you're looking for. So these, you know, these fees came through and there was some discussion on a few of them. The, you know, the tree code, some slight amendments. And I would put it in the de minimis amount of changes for the overall budget, but maybe significant for the individual in Portland. There was a little bit of discussion and around parking fees, and then the utility rates had an increase that there was some discussion at council or at the committee regarding the difference between the mayor's proposed and what the committee ultimately ended up adopting. And I think to summarize my colleagues who are on the committee, if I say it wrong, please jump in. But to summarize, fairly significant overall city change in to the negative. If we would have adopted what the mayor asked for. But on the individual ratepayer, it was only about a 50 cent difference, and the idea around that was that most families can take on a 50 cent difference. But the overall system impact was fairly large. And so you did see some changes there. This does not encompass all the fees that exist in the city. This encompasses a set of fees that have to come before ordinance. And I think that's that's all I'll say. And we can kind of go into discussion if there's individual questions.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor, I see a number of folks in the queue for discussion. We do have some public testimony that I'd like to make sure we get to today. Councilor dunphy, are you looking for a point of clarification that you need before that?

Speaker: Yeah, just really quickly under the revised transportation fees document, exhibit g is a blank document currently online. There is information available on the draft exhibits attachment. I just wanted to see if anything has changed between draft and final.

Speaker: That is a great question. Why don't we make sure that staff are looking at that? I'm looking to Haley to see if she has somebody who can check that for us. Can you repeat which ordinance that was on?

Speaker: Absolutely. This is document 2025 136 revised transportation fees, rates and charges and amend the transportation fee schedule and fix an effective date. Specifically, exhibit g community events on my computer. At least it keeps pulling up as a blank a blank white pdf. But in the draft exhibits, there is a document there that shows fee increases.

Speaker: We're going to have staff check that and get you an answer and move to the next question. So they have an opportunity to do that. Councilor Green, did you have a clarification that you need before public testimony?

Speaker: I can save it for after. I was just wanted to talk about my motivation for the amendment on that rates thing.

Speaker: Great. And I apologize, councilor Clark. I jumped over your hand.

Speaker: No problem, madam chair. I just want to mention that, and I don't know, maybe this is preempting your comment, councilor Green, but we had in the transportation infrastructure committee had a pretty robust discussion of the water and sewer fees, just so everybody knows. And I believe those were actually recommended. The increase was recommended by or the decrease by mayor Wheeler, not the current mayor. Just be clear on that. And one of the interesting things that everybody should know is that the water bureau has a terrific model for having a different rate schedule for low income people. And it's a really great model. And other bureaus are actually looking at possibly replicating it. So I feel really good about the decision that we made. And we ask councilor Green to carry it to the finance committee. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for adding that, councilor. Councilor Ryan, is your question clarification needed before public testimony?

Speaker: I think it will help. It's for those of us not on the committee. This is our first reading. And the mayor, you worked on this before the mayor's budget, and I know you touched on it briefly, but I think will be helpful for the rest of us to true that up to see the differential between the mayor's budget and what this is before we go to the final vote.

Speaker: Understood. And I think for folks who didn't catch it before, there are changes that were made here. The mayor's budget made assumptions about the proposed ordinances, and because we changed. Some of those, we are actually starting slightly out of balance.

Speaker: And I get that. I just think we could.

Speaker: We can get you the numbers.

Speaker: Exactly. And then I think what was confusing is that when you come in at this hour, it looks like specific bureaus are submitting fee schedule increases for council approval. And other bureaus have fees for service schedules that we're not looking at. Is that true?

Speaker: We do have some bureaus who set fees administratively, and other bureaus who are directed to come to council.

Speaker: Before I vote. I just want clarification on why.

Speaker: And I note that one of those that sets fees administratively is parks. So other than the fees for urban forestry, there are other fees we don't see here. Annie, do you have background on why that is, or is that a question we need to get back to folks on?

Speaker: I'm sorry, I do not, but I will get back to you on that.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it.

Speaker: Okay. Councilor kanal is your question something we need to answer before public testimony?

Speaker: I think it might be helpful.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: It's on the tree. Permit. One 2025 123 under the financial and budgetary impacts, it talks. It was a little confusing to me. It says that pcef provides funding to urban forestry. And then it says that para anticipates reducing and eliminating non-development fees, and that pcef funding will replace the program revenue. My question is, is that referring to the same thing, or is this new piece f dollars? And if so, did we run it? Did the committee weigh in on that?

Speaker: Councilor zimmerman, would you like to address that?

Speaker: Yeah. So this did not that was not a change that came from the committee that was already brought forward in. I think the pcef committee, their plan. Right. Their five year plan is that they were they were supplementing future moving forward, supplementing part of the urban forestry program. And those changes were reflected in what urban forestry submitted to us. The changes that the committee adopted for urban forestry were, were my words fairly limited in currently, if you have a violation, it costs a Portlander money just to appeal the violation. And so the committee pulled that back and there was another, another similar fee in that same realm. And I think that the staff budget report to us put it in the like, no more than \$15,000 a year that that represented in that change. And so it was just going further than what pcef was already reducing that from 50% reduction to 100% reduction on that, that violation review fee. So pretty small. But was part of the program before we got ahold of it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor smith, is your question something we need to answer before testimony?

Speaker: No, I can wait. Thanks, counselor.

Speaker: Clark, I see you back here. Is that for after public testimony? Perfect. Rebecca, could you please call up folks who are signed up to testify?

Speaker: First for item 14, edith gillis.

Speaker: Good afternoon. This is edith gillis. Can you hear me?

Speaker: We can welcome edith.

Speaker: There were many students who worked very diligently, many hours over several years to improve the Portland city tree code. And they were patronized, lied to and betrayed. And this is why sometimes people will then despair of going through the process, and then you'll see them out on the streets, angry. One of the ways we stop that is to respect them. When they do that, what we need to do is lower the cost for people who are appealing this and lower the cost for people who are caring for trees. But we need to maximize the fines for people who kill, poison, destroy or log or steal trees. And we need to put more care into increasing our tree canopy. City of milwaukee has 40% of every lot, every type of land, residential, commercial, public must be a minimum of 40% tree canopy. And we should have the tree canopy that maximizes cleaning and cooling the air for public health and safety, and for reducing our costs later on for sewer and for fire, etc. We need to have trees that are going to adjust to the air pollution and the changes in climate, and we need to invest in trees as a way to reduce crime. We need to invest in trees for equity that east Portland not be hot and a killing place, but that it be a place where people can gather and community and belonging and have hope and take care of each other and have crime victim healing instead of anger with hot tempers and hot temperature. We need to reduce the cost of people who mean well and

having trees and cannot afford it. But we need to increase the cost for those like developers. Ted Wheeler delayed the tree plan so that schnitzer and others could give him campaign donations. After destroying the trees. We need to reverse that.

Speaker: Thank you for your comments today, edith.

Speaker: Next for item 15 is lauren rosenkranz.

Speaker: Lauren, welcome. Go ahead and unmute yourself and introduce yourself when you're ready.

Speaker: Hi. Can you hear me?

Speaker: We can. Yes.

Speaker: Okay. Good afternoon, elected leaders. My name is lauren rosenkranz. I live in district one and I'm here as a voting member and co-chair of the Portland utility board or the pub. While we appreciated the opportunity to engage with the council committees last month, we felt it was important during this time of transition to highlight some of our priorities for full council consideration. The pub serves as a community based advisory board to ensure improved transparency, accountability and oversight of Portland's utilities. We seek early information sharing and sufficient time for the public's authentic engagement in decision making, which has been a challenge during this transition. With decisions moving quickly and little time for notification, let alone effective engagement, we urge you to, we ask, to have a clearer point of contact with council to ensure that we stay informed and engaged when utility policy or budget decisions are scheduled for your consideration. Just as a reminder, we serve as informed representatives of the community and we ask you to value our time engaging us early enough to have influence and impact in utility decisions. The pub center's equity in our considerations, and we believe that every person is entitled to clean and affordable drinking water, healthy communities and healthy watersheds. We appreciate that

through council committees and the proposed budget, that the utility rates proposed today are a return to those from prior financial plans. However, that we the affordability of current ratepayers should remain a priority. The city should also prioritize intergenerational equity on top of that, which requires investments today to avoid pushing infrastructure burdens on to future generations. With that being said, the planned rate increases are not sufficient to maintain services and projects, so our effectively a reduction. And while the pub supports the bureau's approach to reductions, they're utilizing the only options. We do remain concerned about the impacts and risks on workforce and infrastructure. The plans do not anticipate new challenges, cost pressures facing the utilities with construction escalation costs years of lower than lower than projected rates and rate increases. Unknown liabilities caused by deferred maintenance and new costs for charter transition and citywide issues. The utilities must be allowed to update financial plans based on new and increased costs, and impacts should be considered in developing future year rate guidance. Affordability remains a core focus, along with ensuring adequate investments for sustainable and resilient system. Expanding access to target targeted financial assistance is the most effective way to respond to increasing rates and to protect the most vulnerable. We are also concerned of the lack of a citywide equity tool to. Often, equity programs are the first to go during cuts, and I'm running out of time, so I will defer to our written testimony. We just ask that you ensure that every process applies an equity lens, so that decisions consider the benefits and burdens of actions. And my colleague karen williams has more to say.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next and last is karen williams.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Thank you very much. My name is karen font williams. I am the co-chair with lauren and have been a voting member of pub since 2019. I live in district four, as mentioned by lauren. We do support the 6.33% combined rate increase for the utilities and in addition, we had supported the bureau's proposed 5% increase to system development charges for the utilities. The sdcs fund debt payments from investments that have already been made in the system, capacity to accommodate increases in demand. These are one time investments that are calculated based on the direct impact to the system. As community members, we also recognize the housing deficiency in Portland, and we are eager to support justifiable solutions that incentivize sustainable development and address these gaps. However, our board remains concerned about the blanket suspension for all housing. Development of system development charges. Without clear metrics on the impacts to the utilities budgets, we do understand that it is difficult to project the potential financial impact to the utilities budgets, but we do believe that a loss of these, this one time revenue can be significant when we already lack significant funding for deferred maintenance and needed infrastructure improvement. As you may have read in the auditor's recent report, they have warned of the risks to the city of underinvestment in routine and preventative maintenance, the backlog of costly and increasingly urgent unfunded needs, and the intergenerational inequity of that neglect. We do support policies encouraging sustainable development that is, at a minimum, climate neutral. But we do believe that for those who profit from their investments, they should contribute their fair share of the cost to access water services. The city's waivers that encourage affordable housing and their supplemental assistance programs are justifiable investments for all ratepayers to fund. We do ask for your reconsideration of the sdc suspension. Given the likely trade offs of reduced

funding for maintenance of water systems and watershed restoration for current and future generations, our board is eager to collaborate with you on these difficult decisions, and we appreciate your feedback not only on our role, but priorities for the utilities and how we can effectively engage with you. Thank you for your public service and thanks for listening.

Speaker: Thank you so much, karen. Councilors. We had a hard stop at 130 today and it is 133, so I am going to close agenda items 14 through 20. I am going to recess. I'm saying all of this first before I gavel. I'm going to recess today's meeting to tomorrow at 2:00. We will add time tomorrow before we hear the insight survey to allow us to pick up the appointments that we didn't get to today, and hopefully then have time to reopen these fees and get a few of them off the table. What we don't do tomorrow, we will need to open back up on the 21st before we pass our budget, and I will be asking folks to attach emergency clauses to those items at that time, so that we can still move them in time for our budget work. We will be reconvening at 2:00 as the budget committee. And as a reminder, we will also be convening tomorrow as the budget committee that was initially scheduled to convene at 245 for the prosper hearing. We will end up pushing that a little bit later in order for us to take up the items that we are carrying over to tomorrow's council meeting at 2:00 from today. If that was clear as mud, I'm happy to say it again after we recess the meeting, but for now I will recess today's council meeting. We will meet back here at 204 to ensure that our staff has that full half hour break for our first convening of the budget committee.

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Speaker: It I am calling the recessed council meeting to order. It is 2:02 p.m. Councilors. You will remember that we carried over a number of agenda items from yesterday's council meeting. We are going to get through as many of those as we can, but we may not be able to get through all of the fees today. This is a first reading on the fees, so they do need to come back for a second reading anyway. But we're going to do what we can. We are for folks who are watching. We will get through some of the business that we carried over from yesterday. We will then hear the insight survey, and we will then move into a budget committee hearing as the prosper Portland budget committee. We will likely be starting the work of the insight survey, and then the budget committee hearing between 30 and 50 minutes later than scheduled. So if you are here for either of those agenda items, bear with us while we move through a little bit of our previous business. Rebecca, can you please call the roll.

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: Ryan. Here. Koyama lane.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: Morillo here. Novick. Here. Clerk. Here. Green. Here. Zimmerman. Here. Avalos.

Speaker: Present.

Speaker: Dunphy.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: Smith. Pirtle-guiney here.

Speaker: Thank you. And could we get the overview of our rules of decorum and order from our attorneys, please?

Speaker: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland City Council. To testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at. Council agenda. Information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's web page. 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, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. If you're a lobbyist, identify the organization you represent. Virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Councilors. The first two items on our agenda are appointments that had been pulled off of the consent agenda because they were pulled off of consent. We don't have committee staff summaries. Rebecca, could you please call the first agenda item for us?

Speaker: Item 22 appoint matthew sanchez and vessela lee to the urban forestry commission for terms to end March 31st, 2029.

Speaker: Perfect. And I'm sorry, do we need to go through the agenda approval process? Because this was a recessed meeting, I wasn't sure we still needed to do that. No. Okay, great. We'll keep going. So I will turn to our committee chairs for any information that they want to share about these appointments. And I'm not sure councilors who was presiding over that meeting that councilor morillo or councilor novick.

Speaker: We can't remember either.

Speaker: Is there anything either of you would like to share with us before we have the folks from parks and rec come up?

Speaker: I think maybe I was presiding, but everything feels like eons ago. I don't have anything new to add. I think all the candidates for this were really wonderful. They took a lot of time to answer tough questions from our committee, and we're very thoughtful in their approach. So we're very grateful for their time and the fact that they are leaning into helping our city at this time. So I would recommend that we approve them and move forward.

Speaker: It was a five to nothing committee vote to approve matthew in a 4 to 1 vote to approve in the committee.

Speaker: Perfect. Thank you for sharing that information. I see councilor zimmerman in the queue, and I'm going to pause for one minute. Rebecca, these came off of consent, but I don't believe we have public testimony because they had originally been posted on consent. Is that correct? Correct. Okay. Councilor zimmerman, go right ahead.

Speaker: Thanks. Since they got pulled from consent, I got a couple questions. Do you know and this to really to anybody if there are any members of this urban

forestry commission who've ever experienced the tree regulation enforcement wing of our operation, is there any perspective like that represented on that commission at all?

Speaker: I believe we have somebody coming up from our bureau who can answer that question for you. Councilor.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. Good afternoon, councilors. I'm brian landa with urban forestry. I staff the urban forestry commission, councilor zimmerman. I am not aware of any enforcement actions. I imagine they have interacted with our permitting program in some ways, just through being property owners or other ways. I'm not aware of any enforcement specific experience.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: I agree with the councilors who said that they look quite qualified. Et cetera. I think given what I've learned over the last few weeks, that's a perspective that I'm going to be looking for. And I don't know that we've got time to build it in, but I'm not going to support the appointments today simply because I think with everything going on in urban forestry that I would actually like us to go recruit somebody who has had some pretty deep enforcement so that that perspective is on this commission. And I've heard in other branches that there are some parts of the commission that have had problems with the administration of this. And I just think that there there can be an elevating here. But that's all i'll say on it. I appreciate everybody's work. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor councilor morillo.

Speaker: Thank you. I think that's, you know, a fair thing to want a variety of perspectives in this space. And I would just say, as I've seen a few hands go up, that

the people who are doing this are coming to volunteer their time at the city to help us with projects. And I just want you to think about the perspective of being someone who is maybe not regularly a bureaucrat who's going through the committee process, which is a little bit daunting, then going before the full council and what that would feel like, because I think there are broader political questions that we may have about urban forestry that have nothing to do with the volunteers that come to serve for us. So I just wanted to lay that framework out there. Before we get move into any further discussion.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor, councilor Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I was in that meeting and I am the person that voted yes on one and no on the other. And it was a little bit with that. It was with that lens for sure, of just lived experience and engagement. And I experienced the appointee, matthew sanchez, to answer questions with that depth of responsibility and knowledge coming into this commission. And I actually just didn't hear anything from the other person that that it didn't seem like they understood. That is where a lot of the tension is and challenge. And so I usually don't do this, but I just couldn't get any enthusiastic, didn't have to be enthusiastic. I didn't get anything from them that allowed me to sense that they knew exactly what the roles and responsibilities were of the committee. They seemed to be a fine. Their camera was off. They weren't here. That probably didn't help. The other person was here in person. We had more dialog, so I seldom have ever done that, if ever. But I just wanted to be honest about why I was a no vote, and it was in that in that lens as well. And having overseen parks, I became more sensitive to that lens.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor councilor kanal.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. I'm going to say two things. First, why I pulled it from consent. And this will also cover the next agenda item. And then something specific to this. Before I do that, I just want to be up front that I do intend to vote yes on, on this. And I think both I'm personally supportive of both nominees and want to just state that up front. You know, I've had the privilege of sitting on that side of the table in both roles as a appointee. When then commissioner Ryan appointed me to the parks board with council approval, as well as I don't know how many times as a advisory board staff member for the city. And I've also been in that role when advisory groups have come and presented their findings and their recommendations to City Council and this City Council in the past has often not engaged with those recommendations, not engaged with those members, and said it was because we didn't know that the group was going to be so biased, or we didn't know that the group didn't have this or missed this perspective, or that they, whatever the reason was, but they appointed those people, right? Those previous councils appointed those people. And it is incumbent upon us if we're going to do this exercise and not have it be performative, to have advisory bodies at all, that we engage with the recommendations. And if one of the barriers to doing that is not engaging with the appointment process and not ensuring that we have the level of representation and importance on each of these groups that they need, then we should take that barrier away. And removing it from consent agenda allows for that. If you have thought that maybe that's not a real thing. Yesterday alone, we heard from the co-chairs of the Portland utility board about feeling not consulted in advance. And we also heard reference to the pcef committee, who has some of the co-chairs and some of the councilors have had meetings with the co-chairs where they've talked about needing to be consulted in advance and having their opinions be engaged with. On the flip side, we've had a

really good relationship. I thought, with the final report of gtac, where we did engage in a in a strong way. So that's what philosophically we're looking for. And I think the conversation that councilor zimmerman and Ryan have is exactly the kind of conversation we should be having here of what does this commission need to be successful, what perspectives are necessary. And we cannot do that if we're not talking about that here. So that's that's the statement in the general sense. And that will apply to the other one as well. For this particular one, I would say I get a lot of feedback. Constituent input on urban forestry. It's probably the second highest level after zenith of city actions that have been taken that I hear about from constituents. I think it's worthwhile to have a conversation about how we build a community body that is advising the urban forestry staff on how to engage and how to do their jobs, and I know there's going to be conversations about what their job should be over time as well. So while I definitely do support the idea of these particular nominees, I want to at least cosign for future nominations. The idea that councilor zimmerman raised that we should be looking at some of the folks. And if you just go to willamette week, you'll find their names who have had have tried to get approval from the city and from urban forestry to do something, warning that if they are not able to do it, there will be dire consequences, not been able to do that and then have those dire consequences. I think that's a really important perspective to get, and I would hope that in the future we have those nominees here. The fact that any 1 or 2 in this case nominees don't have that is not for me a reason not to vote for them today. So I will be voting for these two nominees. But I did want to raise that issue, and I really appreciate my colleagues having this this discussion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor, councilor green.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Just a quick clarifying question. Do these appointees fill the full allotment of the commission?

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks for I was I was looking to mention that we do have one more vacancy and we plan to return to council later this year with an additional appointment. So we still have to do recruitment for that. And so I appreciate all these comments for us to consider when we're when we're filling that next seat. So thank you.

Speaker: And I asked that because I wanted to be sort of responsive to the councilors concern that we have a broader set of voices. I, you know, I've looked at I've looked at these appointees and their backgrounds, and I think both of them are going to be good contributors to the leadership we need from community. On urban forestry. I do support urban forestry, even though I'm I'm pretty sensitive to the arguments that councilor zimmerman has made about kind of the enforcement arm, but I don't see that as needing necessarily commingle with this decision today. So I intend to vote yes on this.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor. Councilor novick.

Speaker: Just partly in response to councilor zimmerman's remarks, I think that we should all make it clear to the bureaus that our committees want to be involved in the recruitment process early, and they should not expect us to be a rubber stamp. As to the issue of consent agenda, I think that we might get to a point where we know the committees have been thoroughly part of the process, and we might be comfortable putting the thoroughly vetted appointees on the consent agenda for the full council. But I thoroughly agree that we need to be more deeply engaged in the recruitment process.

Speaker: Thank you councilor. I wholeheartedly agree with your statement. I believe councilor kanal, are you back in the queue or is that former hand okay? I

believe that is all of the discussion that we have in the queue. Rebecca, could you please call the roll?

Speaker: Are they both together or are they separate still.

Speaker: The urban forestry commission candidates are together. The sustainability and climate commission is the next agenda.

Speaker: We voted on these two separately. Each person in the committee.

Speaker: Who.

Speaker: Just fyi.

Speaker: On a single report. I'm not sure how that happened. If they were voted out of committee separately.

Speaker: I apologize. That's our fault.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: The item was voted out in whole, but we did not have.

Speaker: We voted on each separately in the meeting.

Speaker: If it was voted separately in the meeting, then I think we should vote on them separately in our council meeting despite them being posted together. Is that possible from a recording standpoint? Rebecca.

Speaker: I believe we could do a motion to divide, but that that I feel like that would be necessary.

Speaker: That may be what we need to do. It looks like our clerk and our attorney are consulting, so let's see if they have something else they want us to do. And if not councilor, I would entertain a motion to.

Speaker: Move that we move these forward separately as they were voted upon in the committee.

Speaker: Councilors, we have a motion to divide. Do we have a second?

Speaker: Second?

Speaker: Do we have unanimous consent to divide this agenda item? No. Okay.
Let's take a roll call. Vote, please.

Speaker: Canal on the motion to divide. No.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. For the sake of consistency and transparency, i.

Speaker: Koyama lane i.

Speaker: Morillo.

Speaker: I novick. I clark. I green.

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Zimmerman i. Avalos i. Dunphy i.

Speaker: Smith i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney i.

Speaker: Motion carries.

Speaker: Okay so we are dividing these two appointments I believe because we have divided these we now probably need a motion to move each of them forward separately. So I would entertain a motion to appoint to confirm appointment of matthew sanchez to the urban forestry commission.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: Okay, I heard a motion from councilor novick and a second from councilor canal. Rebecca, could you please call the roll canal?

Speaker: Thank you for your service.

Speaker: I Ryan. I koyama lane. I morillo I novick. I clark.

Speaker: Green I zimmerman.

Speaker: Can you clarify the name of the person for this vote?

Speaker: Matthew sanchez.

Speaker: I. Avalos i. Dunphy i. Smith i.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney thank you both to matthew for serving in this position and to our committee for doing the work of vetting and bringing this name forward. I.

Speaker: 12 ayes. It passes the report, councilors.

Speaker: I would entertain a motion to confirm appointment of vessela lee to the urban forestry commission.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: We have a motion from councilor kanal and a second from councilor novick.

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: Thank you for your service.

Speaker: I Ryan.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Koyama lane i.

Speaker: Morillo i.

Speaker: Novick I clark.

Speaker: I green. I zimmerman.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Avalos i. Dunphy i. Smith.

Speaker: Hi pirtle-guiney.

Speaker: I thank you.

Speaker: Ten ayes and two nays. The motion carries.

Speaker: Motion carries. Councilors, we are moving on to our next set of appointments. Rebecca, could you please call the agenda item.

Speaker: Item 23, confirm appointments and alternates to the city sustainability and climate commission.

Speaker: Thank you. And again, because this came off of consent, we don't have a committee staff summary being presented. Councilors, novick and morillo. Is there anything that we should know and did these come as a single item out of committee or did they come as individual votes?

Speaker: Thankfully, they came all together.

Speaker: It's a long list.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: One thing I would like to say about this group is that I had concerns that the climate commission, hardly any of these nominees, have any background in transportation, and I was wishing that we'd been involved earlier in the process to make sure there was a special recruitment to people with an interest in transportation and that interaction with climate. I actually asked all of the nominees, I made that point in committee and said, raise your hand if you're willing to commit to pay attention to the connection between transportation and climate. And I think most of them raised their hands. So that was somewhat reassuring.

Speaker: Thank you. And councilors, I don't see anybody from the city administrator's office in the room, but I believe we have at least two in the room. So I'm hoping there are people who are hearing the call to work with our committees earlier in the process on appointments, and I will bring that to the city administrator as well. Councilor canal, you are in the queue for discussion.

Speaker: Yeah. Thank you. I gave my general comment on why I pulled it from consent in the last item. I won't repeat that. I'm intending to vote yes on everyone here, and I'm very grateful for everyone's service. I want to just specifically highlight that this one is one of the more important commissions, both from a community perspective and because we just put it into code. So this is a one of the few city advisory groups that are in our code. Of the several hundred, the only thing that I

wanted to flag on this one and I'm going to vote yes anyway. But I do want to note that there are these five names that are great people at the bottom that are listed as alternates. There's no alternates written in code, and we don't necessarily have an answer for what happens if one of the members full members resigns or leaves. For how does an appoint an alternate come forward? I would like to explore something that doesn't require us to appoint them twice at council. Now as an alternate, later as a member, and also has some criteria and some empowerment to ideally, in this case the bureau director or the stand in for that would be the chief sustainability officer. So it's a little removed from the staff, but it's someone who clearly knows the space and can say, well, someone left. The person that will best make a representative body is one of these alternates, and it's this one of those five alternates. And council has effectively by appointing them as an alternate with those criteria allowed for that, that that's something that I would like to see. There's a little bit of ambiguity here. I just wanted to flag that it's not a reason for pause for me, but it's something I felt needed to be addressed in full council. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you councilor. That's a good point. We'll make sure that that's passed along. If we don't have our folks from the sustainability commission in the room. Councilor zimmerman, thanks.

Speaker: I'm just wondering if we have any information about if any of these nominations are direct or their or their organizations are direct recipients of city funds to include any of our variety of funds, general fund pcef restricted funds. I'm curious about that. Thank you.

Speaker: We have.

Speaker: One of our staff coming up to answer that for you, councilor.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Council. Thank you for having me today. My name is Elaine Livingstone and I'm the sustainability and climate commission coordinator. I do not have on hand if any of the nominees, as their affiliations receive funding from PCEF or otherwise from the city. However, I will note that although their affiliations are listed in their biographies, that's for identification purposes only, and they are expected to represent themselves as individuals and not from the organizations that they work at.

Speaker: Thanks. I think that's admirable, but I, I think that's also wishful thinking. In a sense. We I will support these, but I do think that it raises an interesting question, given some of the dynamics of how we are continually told. The advisory committee says this, and then you find out the advisory committee has a whole lot of interest in where this goes. And so I think it's a to further Councilor Connell's point is there remains information and experience to be a little bit more daylighted as we see these moving forward. And so this list I will support, and I think there are some spots in here that should raise some eyebrows. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor, Councilor Dunphy.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam President. I just would like to point out first, it's a great list of folks, and specifically the individuals who are on this list to represent District One. I met them all, and they're great. But I will point out that there are four members representing the east side of Portland. There are six plus one alternate for District Two, five plus one alternate for District Three, nine plus two alternates for District Four. Just calling that out. I know we have fewer trees, but we're not going to get trees if we don't have representation. So thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Councilor.

Speaker: Councilor Ryan.

Speaker: That happened. I just want to acknowledge elaine. Did you want to respond to councilor dunphy's? Because that did come up in the committee. So I think it would be helpful if you provided some feedback.

Speaker: On.

Speaker: The data.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you. Councilor Ryan. I appreciate that. To respond to that. From the pool of applicants of the 245 people, we only had 13 applicants from district one and 60 to 70 from all three other districts. We made the choice to weigh all of the district one applicants and invite all of them to be interviewed. So that was how we tried to overcome that imbalance from recruitment going forward. We have been starting to already think on for the next recruitment cycle, how we can really engage district one. And I think that those three representatives we do have from district one will be a key part of that, where we're leveraging their community pathways, their pathways of trust to do a larger, hopefully a larger pool of recruitment from district one.

Speaker: Yeah, I do appreciate that. And I know that the level of engagement in district one is difficult because people stop showing up because the government hasn't shown up for them. I get that we also have an incredible group of very talented community engagement staff all throughout this community. I'm certain that more could have been done. I don't blame you, but I know that it is indicative of the broader problem and we're going to start fixing it. And it's worth just calling it out every time we can. So thank you.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Thank you I that's not why I put my hand up. But I didn't want that to drop because we had that dialog at the committee meeting. I wanted to acknowledge you and vivian satterfield for when I met with her prior to this. I just

said I'd like to see some balance and point of view, and it just helps when there's people who have lived, experience working with the infrastructure in the energy and transportation services to be included with those that might come from a more academic, environmentalist lens. All are good. It's just I've always been asking for that diversity of point of view at the table, because that kind of tension leads to better outcomes. It doesn't mean everyone gets what they want, but it tends to be more pragmatic in terms of moving work. And so I just want to say I was really satisfied with what I saw in the complete lens. There was a lot of a lot of willingness to really bring that type of collective table together. And I haven't always seen that in these types of bodies. So I wanted to acknowledge that and give you some thanks.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor kanal.

Speaker: Yeah, as I mentioned, I've done a bunch of recruitments for this. And when I heard the description from elaine and vivian for this of what they went through, how they did it, it's encompassed in brief in the impact statement under community impact and community involvement. I didn't have any notes and I was surprised by that. And it's because you did a fantastic job, and I want that to be stated publicly. And although there is nobody here from the mayor's office or city administration, I don't know if the office actually is here. There are dca's here. Please look at this as a model for what we can do to recruit people. This is, I think, the second biggest recruitment after the charter commission in recent years at the city. We have work to do for district one for sure. There's room for improvement always. But this, this should be a model that is done when we recruit these high profile commissions, in particular those in code. And I just wanted to make sure I

said that publicly. And thank you, elaine, as well as chief sustainability officer vivian satterfield for the work that you did on that. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor. Councilor zimmerman, are you back in the queue or is that old hand okay? Councilor seeing no other discussion in the queue.

Rebecca, could you please call the roll?

Speaker: Canal.

Speaker: Thank you to all 25 of you for your service.

Speaker: I Ryan. I koyama lane.

Speaker: I also want to acknowledge how much hard work elaine and vivian have put into getting us to this point for the sustainability and climate commission. I hope you feel really proud of your work. You've worked so hard and maybe celebrate somehow. Today I vote i.

Speaker: Morillo this is a really exciting day for Portland. I'm really happy for us to have this entire commission set up and started.

Speaker: I vote yea novick.

Speaker: I'm very grateful to everyone who has agreed to serve. And I want to say again, as I said in committee, that I've been waiting for 28 years to vote for angus duncan for something, so I'm happy to have the opportunity today, i.

Speaker: Clark.

Speaker: Thank you for your work and trying to find balance. I know that was an issue I brought up in committee, so I really appreciate your efforts.

Speaker: I vote yea green.

Speaker: Yeah, I echo everything everyone said about the thoughtfulness that went into composing this, the balance of this committee. I see people on here that were displeased with my vote on a recent land use decision. I also people see

people on here who were pleased with that. So I think that's an interesting cross section, and I think I'm really bullish on the chief sustainability office. So I vote i.

Speaker: Zimmerman I'm mostly appreciative of the inclusion of students and that representation. I think that was an important step. So thank you for that. And I vote for I for all.

Speaker: Avalos.

Speaker: Thank you for your work. And I look forward to partnering and ensuring that we're increasing district ones representation. I vote aye.

Speaker: Dunphy.

Speaker: I. Smith i. Pirtle-guiney as.

Speaker: Everybody up here knows, being the first on any body to help start it up and make it work is not easy. And I am grateful to everybody who applied to be a part of the work of our sustainability and climate commission. Thank you all for being willing to be a part of not only the work of the city, but the work of building something new.

Speaker: I and the report is accepted and confirmed with 12 votes.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Councilors. Yesterday we opened heard the committee staff summary and some information from our committee chair about and heard public testimony on a number of fee ordinances. What I would like to do is figure out if any of these are going to be easy to move forward. Today we're about a half an hour over time. At this point, I'm going to try to keep us to about 20 minutes of work here. So I'd like to open these all up, and then I'll run through and just see if there are any that we can do without too much controversy. Move those through, and then we can figure out where we need to spend additional time. Rebecca, could you please read agenda items 23 through 30?

Speaker: Items 24 starting with item.

Speaker: 24 I apologize 24.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Item 24 amend fee schedule for tree permits. Item 25 adopt rates and charges for water and water related services for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th, 2026. Item 26 revise sewer and stormwater charges and fees for fy 20 2526. Item 27 revise sewer and stormwater rates for fy 20 2526. Item 28 adopt fees and charges for water system development and water related services during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th, 2026. Item 29 revise transportation fees, rates, and charges for fy 20 2526 and amend transportation fee schedule and fix an effective date and item 30. Amend Portland permitting and development development fee schedules to improve cost recovery and service levels for customers.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor green. Are you in the queue on a specific fee?

Speaker: I was going to offer insight on how we can maybe take these up. If you're open.

Speaker: To it, go right ahead.

Speaker: Well, I think I would propose that perhaps we take the combined sewer and stormwater and water rates question up first, and I could maybe explain why I amended that one in the finance committee. I think that's less controversial. Well, counter-intuitively, I think that's less controversial than some of the other ones that have very specific line items.

Speaker: I wholeheartedly agree I was going to hope we could start with those, then move to things that hadn't received amendment in committee, and then end with trees.

Speaker: It all ends with trees.

Speaker: So let's look at we.

Speaker: Actually have a big.

Speaker: Picture question.

Speaker: Some of us work.

Speaker: On the finance committee. So this is the first time we're having a conversation about this. Is that true?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: I we opened them yesterday and heard the committee staff summary and public testimony yesterday.

Speaker: We did yesterday on this.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: And then it got cut.

Speaker: Off and then it got cut off before we could have discussion.

Speaker: So big picture repetitions are key to learning. The mayor proposed a budget that had different rates than what is here. I just need to understand the rationale on the difference between what we have here and what's in the mayor's budget, and if there's an increase of what the mayor proposed and why. And my point of view on this is the last council made decisions that were to not increase the fees as much because Portlanders, like most people in the country, are hurting. And this is an increase in expenses to their households and businesses. So I just need to understand what the differences between the two.

Speaker: We have.

Speaker: Dca coming up who can answer the technical question, but on a less technical level, councilor. The mayor made proposals to a number of fee increases, and for the most part, the finance committee either chose to accept those or chose to lower those fee increases.

Speaker: Oh, that's.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: There's one.

Speaker: For the most part. There's one increase, right? And we'll talk about that one. But that does mean that there are differences between what we have before us, which we won't pass today. These are first readings of non-emergency ordinances, but hopefully we'll get them right today. And then so there are differences between what we will pass today and the assumptions or what we will discuss today and the assumptions that the mayor made in his budget. So his budget is a bit out of balance compared to this work.

Speaker: It apologies, if I may, for the record, jonas berry, dca budget finance and city chief financial officer. The actions before council today are consistent with what's in the mayor's budget. There are 1 or 2, I think, small fees that are scheduled to come back at a future date aligned with budget to align, but at least as far as I know, the water and bts utility rates, parking, short term rental and urban forestry fees that are in the current ordinances are consistent with the assumptions in the mayor's proposed.

Speaker: I apologize, that is not what we had been previously told as it related to the fees. Does that answer your question, councilor?

Speaker: Well, I think.

Speaker: It answered a lot of people's questions. It just wasn't mine. We just got new information correct that they're all in alignment with the mayor's budget.

Speaker: Is my understanding from review with staff over the last 48 hours.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Point of order. Can I just I and I apologize for jumping the queue, but no, I'm. I have to ask a clarifying question regarding that because in committee, we

adjusted two minor fees for the tree code. But in my budget briefing, i, I thought what I had been told was that no change from the committee perspective had been built into the budget. And I think that's what the president is clarifying.

Speaker: Yeah. And I apologize, because that may have been our belief at the time those briefings occurred. We've given the conversations over the last few weeks, have tried to do a very diligent line item review. And the information that I've discovered, as it appears to all be consistent.

Speaker: I will also say, even if it wasn't true, it is. What I would say is 0.000000 of a single percentage point. And so the diminutive nature of it is I'm comfortable with it.

Speaker: But we didn't.

Speaker: Go.

Speaker: Above the mayor.

Speaker: In one case we did.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Okay. Councilor green, you are talking about agenda item 20. Seven. Is that correct or 26 is.

Speaker: It's 2525. And I believe also 26 okay.

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Okay. So councilor Ryan, you raise a good question. So I want to sort of daylight an amendment that I made in the finance committee that did change the previous mayor. So ted Wheeler had given guidance in the formulation of this budget to lower the water and sewage rates and stormwater rates, well, lower the projected increase by 5%. So that's a rate cut by 5%. And during the finance committee briefing and thinking through the information we got from the public works staff, what we what we learned was that the impact to ratepayers, the

average impact to ratepayers would be \$0.50 a month on a combined basis. The impact to the bureaus would be in the millions of dollars, and it would impact their ability to execute on their planned asset management expenditures in the near term. And so the consequence of that was for a very small kind of a nickel and dime, for lack of a better term level of impact. And this is actually quite common in rate making institutions. You would see very large impacts to the actual service delivery. And so I offered an amendment that just restored the pre mayor. This is complicated. Restored the previous projections for the combined 6.3% rate increase prior to mayor Wheeler's then mayor Wheeler's guidance to lower the increase by 5%. So that's a mouthful. That is a.

Speaker: That is a clarifying question right there. So that means that the rate would have been 1.3% to the person paying the bill, because you said 6.3% was projected. The mayor said no more than five. Would you say cut it by 5%?

Speaker: I was 5%.

Speaker: And so that means there's a 1.3 difference.

Speaker: Councilor if you look at the amended version that's included, I believe this is agenda number 25. It was an increase from \$3.87 to four. Seven. Hold on. There's a few numbers in there, so I'll let you read them. What?

Speaker: There's a lot of numbers in that exhibit.

Speaker: It looks like 73, 87 to 7414. You can see going down the list the numbers in the amended version. This is agenda item 25.

Speaker: Right.

Speaker: So the dollar impact on the bill was \$0.50 per month to the ratepayer. And so by restoring this we're increasing the rate to ratepayers by \$0.50 a month for the combined bill. But we're giving back the bureau the several millions of dollars that they need to do their infrastructure upgrades. And then I think, as I

understand it now, that's actually in the mayor's proposed budget, which he anticipated this, this vote. So I just flagged that. So I'm not sure if that actually clarifies anything for you, but that's that's what that's what I did in that in that.

Speaker: And we explain.

Speaker: A little special here. I hope I'm the only one that needed clarification.

Speaker: And, you.

Speaker: Know.

Speaker: Maybe i'll just yield. Looks like.

Speaker: Can I jump the queue just for a second and just add on to that councilor?

Speaker: Go right ahead.

Speaker: Just so you know, councilor Ryan, that this was fully vetted in the transportation and infrastructure committee. We had quite a discussion about it and about the programs that assist low income families, that the water bureau has excellent programs. And we actually asked our member, councilor green, to take it to finance committee, which which is what he did. So we had a very thorough discussion of this and that, and we came to this conclusion.

Speaker: That helps. And I think all of us just learned from jonas that this has all been trued up in the budget. And that's what was confusing. And so we had that clarification for all of us just now, since we are in budget season.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Councilor smith, are you in the queue to talk about agenda items? 25, 26, 27 or 28, which are the water and sewer related items?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Okay. Go right ahead.

Speaker: In fact, I'm going to. I'm going to let councilor. Councilor Ryan, are you still.

Speaker: I'm good.

Speaker: Are you are you good?

Speaker: Yeah, I'm just looking.

Speaker: At you. Okay.

Speaker: I appreciate.

Speaker: That about the stormwater. We heard testimony yesterday during the cip resolution. The sidewalk improvement, and pavement program. One of the things that we heard was that there are very few sidewalks and very few drainages in, in, in district one. And I wanted to ask the finance chair, was there any conversation about leveling the playing field? Because we have so few sidewalks and our sewer rates are going up. And when we actually did enter into the city of Portland, we all had to pay that \$25,000 to connect to the sewer fees. And now we're getting another rate change. Was there any conversation about how to, you know, level that out so that district one is not paying so many higher fees? Was that a conversation at all?

Speaker: As a representative of southwest, where our stormwater plan is gravity? No we didn't it did not come up. Councilor.

Speaker: I just wanted to bring.

Speaker: It up. Good. But it didn't.

Speaker: Come up. I just wanted to bring it up as another point. I know commissioner novick is concerned about how we would have different rules for different people and putting our resources, but I just wanted to say, I know I looked at it briefly, but I don't remember any conversation, and I just wanted to put it on the record that we are now taking another hit in addition to the sewers that we had

to put in, in addition to higher rates. And we have very few drainages. So I mean, we have to pay the higher fees. So I'm just bringing that up, sir.

Speaker: Yeah, it it did not come up in the finance committee. But I do think it it introduces an important perspective, which is when you're in the city, are there certain basic services we consider part of basic services or the way we've treated east Portland? And the way we treat a lot of southwest Portland is you can have that basic service if you cut us a check. Right. And I never thought that that was a very healthy perspective for people who are already in a city and already paid taxes. But that is unfortunately, I think, a philosophical mountain for us to climb, and we should climb it. But I don't know if it's going to happen.

Speaker: I don't know if it's I don't.

Speaker: Know if we have the time to do that right now. But, you know, I never thought that the city of Portland would have the philosophy of rasheed wallace and saying, ctc, cut the check.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: You know, I agree.

Speaker: I agree with you. Councilor. I agree with you.

Speaker: Councilor green. Are you back in the queue on agenda items 25, 26, 27 or 28?

Speaker: Actually, no.

Speaker: I'm going to.

Speaker: Stick to those agenda items for now. Councilor novick are you in the queue to talk about sewer, water and stormwater?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Okay. Is there any other discussion or proposals for amendments to agenda items 25, 26, 27 and 28? These are our water, stormwater and sewer rate

agenda items. Okay. Seeing none, I am going to have us close those agenda items. We don't take a vote today. This is a first reading. They will be back before us for a for a vote on the 20 morning of the 21st.

Speaker: They passed a second reading on may 21st.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: 9 a.m.

Speaker: Perfect. Thank you. Councilors, I would like us to look at agenda item 29. This item was not amended in committee. This is our fees and rates for transportation. And I am wondering if there is any discussion needed or proposals for amendments to agenda item 29. Number 29. Revise transportation fees, rates and charges. Counselor zimmerman.

Speaker: So, colleagues, this this passed I believe it was a 41 vote from finance. The point of and I was the no vote. The point of this there are some i'll call them standard increases. The one that got some attention at the finance committee was the parking rate increase. And the parking rate increase. There was an amendment that failed, but otherwise i, I don't remember any point in this schedule that got much more discussion. And I offer that just up. So to focus us if there are questions for any specific areas.

Speaker: Councilor green.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. And I maybe someone knows the answer to this, but I believe this ordinance has the transportation network company fee schedule and is. Does anyone know the answer to that?

Speaker: I believe that is the case, but I'm going to look. I see our pbod director nodding yes. So are there questions about that or are you just pointing out that that is in here?

Speaker: I guess I have a question. You know, I offered a budget amendment yesterday, and I know there's a number of other colleagues who were thinking about changing the tnc fees as part of this process. I just I wonder if it makes sense to do that now rather than as part of the adopted budget. Does that make sense? Do you guys hear me?

Speaker: We have a couple of options. We could do that now. We could also we haven't voted on this yet, so we could do that on the 21st to make sure that it's in line with what we think we're going to do in our budget. We would then need to add an emergency clause to this so that we could vote it out that same day that it was amended. But that is the other option is we could wait to do that as part of our budget process. But within this agenda item on the 21st.

Speaker: That's helpful, I think. I think we should think about this over a week. And maybe be prepared to have that happen on the 21st. Does that, and i'll just leave it there.

Speaker: As a point.

Speaker: Of information.

Speaker: Go right ahead, counselor.

Speaker: Just because I'm I think I'm just struggling to keep up with the conversation because we're talking about different ones at different times. So how are we approaching this? Like, are we talking about all of these at once? And people in the queue are doing that. We're going to have to vote on them individually. But I guess I'm just expressing I'm having trouble keeping up.

Speaker: So I open.

Speaker: Them all at once so that we could try to take, first of all, those water storm water sewer as a group, but figure out what we could get through the first reading on today to ensure that we have that discussion, knowing that all of these

will need to come back for a vote on the 21st, because I have promised staff we won't run more than an hour late today, and we still have other meetings ahead of us, so we're closing in on eight more minutes. So I'm trying to get us through as many of these first readings as possible with discussion, but also noting that some of the things on the list may be more controversial than others.

Speaker: Then maybe my request would be if people are speaking on an item, just be real clear about which one you're talking about, because then I can't like, look at what you're describing because I don't know which one you're talking about. So thank you.

Speaker: And right now we're specifically talking about agenda item 29, which is the transportation fee schedule.

Speaker: That was actually my other question. These numbers are different scroll. New numbers.

Speaker: They were posted for today. So there are new numbers I apologize councilor I should have drawn your attention to that.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor dunphy.

Speaker: Thank you. Two points. First, I want to thank jeremy patton for updating. Yesterday, I pointed out that exhibit g was incorrectly posted online. Not only did the email it, but it is corrected online. So thank you for doing that. Second, I just wanted to echo to the rest of my colleagues what councilor greene was saying, that specifically, I would expect a further conversation regarding to tnc fees. I think they need to be higher.

Speaker: Councilor zimmerman.

Speaker: So given what councilor dunphy just said, can you highlight for us what was wrong in exhibit g? Because I'm going to show something that was wrong in exhibit f.

Speaker: Specifically when it was uploaded yesterday. Exhibit g was just a blank pdf.

Speaker: Okay, so given that I am looking at what passed out of finance and that is exhibit f, and I would say it looks like it is the second line item and it reads that tnc transportation network company fee per ride. The current year is \$0.65. This was proposed to the finance committee and left the finance committee at \$0.65. The mayor's proposed budget yesterday included \$1.30, which is a significant increase. So I will go back to I am not sure that the mayor's proposed budget actually includes. And I will caveat that with if the exhibits have been adjusted, that's great, but that's not what passed my committee. So I'm going to pause to give some time for that statement to mature and marinate, and then we can maybe get an answer.

Speaker: And councilor, I ask because you said that exhibit may not may have been updated, that exhibits after something passes. Committee are never updated unless they are amended by this body or by going back to committee to be amended. Because if we have a recommendation from a committee, we should be voting on the same thing in this body, unless we have explicitly changed that item.

Speaker: You and I are speaking the same language, madam.

Speaker: Otherwise, we're going to have some significant issues. I also just want to flag for my colleagues that it is my intent on the 21st. When we are deliberating amendments to the budget for us to have some sort of omnibus fee bill before us as well that day, so that any changes that we make to fees can be reflected in a fee bill that is available that day, that we will be building as we build the budget, probably going back and forth between budget committee and council meetings.

To do that, though, I need to talk to our lawyers about exactly how we want to get that done. So if there are changes that we need to make to fees that are not reflected today, we will have the vehicle to do that on the 21st.

Speaker: The last part of my sentence before I yield is just that this transportation network fee, otherwise known as the uber and lyft fee, was not discussed in any way that I can remember at the finance committee. And so that was a surprise in the mayor's proposed budget.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor, I apologize. I thought you were done. I jonas, would you like to address this?

Speaker: Yes. Thank you. And thank you, councilor, for flagging that. And apologies if that wasn't clear in my prior statement. There is one fee that we're aware of that is misaligned, and that is exactly that transportation network fee, which my understanding is, is in the queue, so to speak, to come to finance committee in time to align with that action that council president identified. So thank you for flagging that.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor canal.

Speaker: Yeah. Well, while we have.

Speaker: You here, jonas, sorry. Could you what is our estimate based on our actuals for this year, of how many rides? There are a year that are currently paying the \$0.65?

Speaker: I don't know if I have that. I know there's pbot staff in the room. If they happen to have that handy, I would welcome.

Speaker: I want to be right behind.

Speaker: You.

Speaker: As you speak.

Speaker: Good afternoon, jeremy pan with pbob the rides that for the current rides that are paying, which means that they're starting in Portland is 8 million per year.

Speaker: Approximately million rides or dollars.

Speaker: 8 million rides. Thank you. Yes.

Speaker: And then to councilor zimmerman's question does, does the conversation, just so I'm clear, mean that this exhibit is accurate? But the previous statement of was not. That's my understanding of interpretation okay.

Speaker: This is the exhibit that that has tnc at \$0.65 per ride. That's what past finance and should be here. That's not what was proposed in the mayor's budget. That has to be a later action. And that's what mr. Berry just highlighted. But this exhibit did pass because and there was no discussion of it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor. Councilor zimmerman, are you back in the queue?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: All right. I had.

Speaker: To remember my question. So given the transportation network fee and since we're here, let's have the chat. Is that fee when it was set up? And actually, I also will just note councilor novick experience here is that fee directly related to a cost recovery model for a certain service, or is it is it movable to whatever level the city wants to determine? And I've heard a variety of answers, so I'm looking for some clarity on how that was set up and what its intent was. And perhaps why it didn't grow with a cpi or other types of percentages. Thanks.

Speaker: Yeah, I would say it's both. So currently the current fee right now is set up in a way to recover costs for the regulatory function, the regulation of the tncs it can be increased and go towards other transportation related purposes, which is what is included in the mayor's proposed budget.

Speaker: Councilor. Oh, I'm sorry council, did you have a.

Speaker: Follow up?

Speaker: Has it changed since it was in place, or has it always been \$0.65 since old commissioner novick there, over there. Put it in place.

Speaker: Did actually change this last year. Okay. Yes. Thank you. Yep.

Speaker: Councilor dunphy?

Speaker: Yeah. Councilor zimmerman, I want to also note that we were the first city to implement a local ride fee, and it was originally \$0.50. It is worth noting that the tnc committee recently recommended that this fee get increased to. I believe it was \$1. 60 and the City Council, the previous City Council raised it to \$0.65. So there is a recommendation for a higher level fee coming from that committee, but it was not reflected by staff. Also worth noting, though, we were the first. But cities like new york charge four bucks. I think airports charge multiple dollars. Seattle, I think, is at \$4 or roughly there. There's a lot of room in this area.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor, councilor Ryan.

Speaker: I'm just going back to good old parking meters topic. So I haven't met one storefront business owner that would probably think this is a good idea. So what was the dialog with that lobby like in your meetings that decided to project this increase?

Speaker: Councilor zimmerman you actually proposed lowering the increase. Do you want to speak to that?

Speaker: Yeah, I'd like to speak to it, but I'd also like to attempt to speak to why the increase has been proposed. So first on, I think to represent the best I can. Why the increase has been proposed is that from a, you know, testing of the wind, it is hard to get parking in downtown Portland from that perspective that parking is being used, but that the more aggressive your parking schedule is or excuse me, your fee

schedule is, the more turnover you'll have. And that that's a that's a supportive thing for a good for business. And I would also say as a person who used to run a parking district in a sense that there's a lot of truth and thought to that. The reason I proposed not to increase it at this time had very little to do with our cars parking in downtown and everything to do with incentivizing more reasons to come downtown. And I and I admit that that fee doesn't have much to do with the economics of cars moving out of spots, but it does have to do with the storytelling and the economics of reasons to come downtown. And I thought that increasing parking fees in downtown wasn't a headline I wanted to see Portland have at this time. A couple of years ago, when I was working for the previous mayor, I even proposed a free day of parking on a particular day of the week to see if we could get some juice on that. And that was all about free redescribing Portland, downtown Portland's story. And so that's where I was coming from in my decrease. Not it wasn't about our parking lots filled or our people staying in positions long enough. And so i, I still think that the wrong thing to do is to increase the parking fees. But the I also recognize and acknowledge the math in terms of the turnover of a spot. So I think it's going to be hard for downtown Portlanders and downtown businesses to swallow this idea. I wish that we could we could help them out with the narrative, but I was not able to pass that amendment.

Speaker: That was helpful. So that was the dialog. You kind of summarized it. Okay, great.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor kanal.

Speaker: Just to follow up on that conversation, was was there a discussion around because this is about street parking? Was there a discussion around smart. Parks as well? Was that related? Just get a little insight there.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: So the.

Speaker: There was and the goal would be that the off street the parking garages remain more affordable per hour than am I saying that. Right. More affordable per hour than the on street parking. And that that remains the case even with this increase. And to drive folks to make a choice to go into the smart park. So that remains the case even with the increase. I was just trying to make the case even bigger.

Speaker: Yeah, not not disagreeing at all with with your point, I'm just trying to understand what exactly is happening here. Yeah. Where can you where in the exhibits is that the.

Speaker: I believe it's exhibit a councilor never started.

Speaker: The back.

Speaker: End, the exhibits right way forward.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: So if you look into exhibit a, you'll see a significant part of downtown was about 240 or 140 in Lloyd. Or five bucks for providence park. Each of those have gone up to things like \$3, two, 60 or \$7. So some relative increases, but most of all for downtown Portland around the Portland state area, \$2.40 goes to three. A an event at providence park goes from 5 to 7. Moda center from 3 to 5. And I think it's fair to say that across the board, you see about a similar increase in percentages on all those parking districts.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor green.

Speaker: Yeah, I just to follow up briefly on the question, because it's an important question, part of that discussion in that committee hearing was really on the

economics of price signals. You know, you've heard councilors remembrance arguments, which we talked at length about, I think I think the point I was making in that discussion was more germane to the, you know, we want to incentivize people to pay the true cost of the trip and the cost of storing your car in the street and the turnover. It's actually good for business to have that turnover of shoppers. And yeah, the lower cost in the garage would be incentivizing that. Also, you know, sort of in sending the price signal to take transit, I think was part of the discussion as well. So I'll note also, I think these rates were developed with a price elasticity of demand model that try to estimate like what is that optimal? When do people say, I'm not taking that trip at this price? And this is what I think staff proposes being a reasonable, incremental change at this time. I wanted to go higher, but I wasn't going to touch it at this time.

Speaker: Councilors I see folks getting back in the queue. We are over time for when we need to start the insight survey. These will be back before us for more discussion.

Speaker: This is the only time we have an opportunity for discussion because we vote next week. So the first reading is built for this. So I actually actually have a really appreciating this because I'm not in the committee. So this is my opportunity to understand what's going on.

Speaker: I understand and it's.

Speaker: My.

Speaker: Job to try to balance that.

Speaker: Yeah, I look forward to talking to some of you over there that have all the knowledge what the dialog was like with the storefronts, who complain about the following. They don't have access to their places. So what they want is turnover, but they also want just access. So whether it's all good stuff, it's trade offs. So pbot you

did all the wonderful during covid, providing places for people to sit outside and eat. Those have also taken up valuable parking spots for cleaners and people who are selling things that flourished and such. Then we have bike paths downtown that took out parking in front of those same businesses. So maybe because I've been here for just a little while, I've heard those complaints consistently over the last three years, and they're all begging for businesses to come back. So I just want to daylight the complexity of this conversation more than just the parking meters, but about having access to those businesses who are all barely making ends meet. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor, councilors, we need to move on on our agenda. It sounds like we do not have closure on whether or not we want to make changes on this agenda item. We also haven't had a time to dig in on the tree fee permits or on the Portland permitting and development fee schedule. There are some proposed changes in that schedule, I believe in the mayor's proposed budget as well. So these will be back before us on the 21st. If there are amendments, we will need to add emergency clauses so that we can pass them that day. While we're doing the budget, I will make sure that we schedule in some time for additional debate that day. If there are proposals you all want to bring, I would encourage you. If you have questions, but not proposals for changes, to bring those to our committee chair. I'm also happy to have those discussions as the finance committee vice chair, so that we can get everybody's questions answered, though we can't have that debate. Obviously, off the record, I am going to close the rest of the open agenda items. That is 24, 29 and 30 and. Could you please read agenda item 31?

Speaker: Insights survey and budget listening session presentation.

Speaker: Thank you. I am looking to ruth. Are you leading this conversation for us?

Speaker: Starting okay.

Speaker: So councilors, one of the tools that we have in understanding where Portlanders are as we do our budget work is the insight survey that's done annually. Obviously, we have a number of different ways to hear feedback from Portlanders, but this is one of them. And today we will have 45 minutes for a presentation. And then some questions about the insight survey so that we have that background as we go into our budget work. Ruth, go right ahead.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Thanks. Thanks, council president. And for the record, my name is Ruth Levine. I'm the director of the city budget office. And I'll have the team here introduce themselves when they start speaking. But we're very excited to be here with you today on this topic. So you can go to the next slide. So today we have a quick presentation for you. We're going to provide a quick overview of the insight survey and some highlights. I also just want to recognize that before we really get started, that sort of as we've transitioned the form of government and are in the process of updating the budget process, we knew that one of the major changes we were going to have to make was around public engagement in the budget process. And so we see the two sort of products that we're going to talk about today as part of that evolution. And look forward to all of your comments and feedback around how we can continue to incorporate those in the budget process going forward. Next slide. So we're going to give you a brief introduction to actually three different sets of information about Portlanders' priorities and some data about trends that are impacting Portlanders. The main focus of the presentation will be on the Portland insight survey, which is a biannual survey that provides a snapshot, a representative snapshot of Portlanders' thoughts on the city and on its government and services. And that survey also includes an outreach component that ensures that we have the sentiments of community members who might not typically

engage with government and might not show up to testify or or historically respond to surveys. So while this data is sort of less frequently updated, I think it's very useful as a complement to some of the other information that council gets as you're considering the budget process. We will also preview performance Portland, which is a new data dashboard, which is very exciting. And we will talk a little bit about the budget engagement feedback that Portlanders have shared throughout the over the last few months. So hopefully together, these three sources provide a more complete view of perspectives at this important stage in the budget process. With that, I will pass it to ning to talk more about the insight survey.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is ning yang, project manager of the insight survey from the budget office. Today i'll share the project approach and some key survey findings. The insights project combines a biennial survey with focus groups. We conducted the 2024 survey last summer in collaboration with Portland state university's regional research institute. Doctor debbie elliott and her team are here today to assist with any technical questions. What distinguishes the insight survey and what we take particular pride in is our hybrid hybrid sampling approach that ensures more equitable representation of Portland's diverse communities. This approach has two components. First, through randomized mail survey, we selected 20,000 households to receive survey invitations, giving each household an equal chance of participation. Second, recognizing that traditionally underserved communities often don't respond to mailed survey requests, we partnered with community based organizations to directly engage these communities and increase their response rates. With this hybrid sampling, we gathered and analyzed more than 4000 valid and completed responses. Due to this rigorous scientific approach, the respondents represent the diversity of Portland, and the results can be

generalized to the Portland population as a whole. As Ruth mentioned, in addition to the insight survey, we are also sharing with you the newly published performance Portland dashboards. In this project, we've worked to make performance data more approachable and easier to understand. On the right hand side of this slide, you can see a snapshot of what the dashboard looks like, where you can click into each metric for charts and explanations.

Speaker: Next please.

Speaker: Now, I'll quickly walk through some of the highlights from the survey report and the performance dashboard. The 2024 survey includes 37 citywide high level benchmarking questions, alongside 17 service specific questions designed for program development. In addition, the survey asked 15 demographic questions allowing for disaggregation. Now let's review some of the key results. Here. We asked residents if they were satisfied with living in Portland and various aspects of it. On a scale of not at all satisfied to extremely satisfied. Generally, as highlighted in this orange box, Portlanders are between somewhat and moderately satisfied with different aspects of living in Portland. They are most satisfied with outdoor and the natural surface natural areas at the top of the graph, and the least satisfied with cost of living and the downtown towards the bottom of the graph. To see how various Portlanders experience the city differently, the data was further disaggregated by demographic factors such as the district they live in. On this slide, indicated by a lighter green color, district one respondents were slightly less satisfied with Portland as a place to live, as a place to raise children, and with their own neighborhood. I want to add that although these differences are statistically significant, the effect size is small, meaning that the actual variation in satisfaction are small among districts. Participants were asked to rate the quality of city services on a scale from poor to excellent. Respondents were overwhelmingly positive in

their quality assessment, with parks and natural areas at the top of the graph and the least positive, with street maintenance as fair. Survey respondents were asked here to consider which city services are the most important to fund, given city's limited resources. The strongest support is for affordable housing and homeless services, followed by city streets, sidewalks and transportation and safety services. From here, I'll pass it to Lilian Nguyen for the rest of the results and the performance. Portland. Thank you. Ning.

Speaker: My name is Lilian Nguyen and I am the interim performance manager in the city budget office. I'll share the remainder of the data highlights with you. We also asked respondents about the greatest challenge facing Portland. It's probably not surprising for you to see that homelessness, cost of living and community safety ranked as the top three. Over the next few slides, we are showing data from the performance Portland dashboards to contextualize these challenges and to give you a glimpse of the types of data you and members of the community can find on these dashboards. Regarding the top challenge of homelessness. As you know, unsheltered homelessness appears to be continuing to rise. For the second challenge of cost of living, the number of households that are burdened by housing costs seems to be increasing as well. This increase is driven by a rise in cost burdened renter households. Finally, for community safety, we are seeing that some crime has decreased. But as evidenced by what we've heard and what we've seen from survey results, the impact of the spike in crime from a few years ago is still felt acutely by residents. Digging into that third challenge a little more in the insight survey, we asked respondents about how safe they feel. What is on the slide in front of you are results from the questions about feelings of safety while walking in their own neighborhoods, disaggregated by district. As you can see, Portlanders from district one reported feeling less safe within their neighborhoods, both during

the day and at night. On this slide, you can see the disaggregation of that question by race and ethnicity instead. This is the last result that we have time to share with you today, but we hope that this preview gives you a sense of the types of data that we have available through the survey and through the performance dashboards. I'll pass it to jonas for the next section.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Next slide please. And so just one more slide. I just wanted to close with just kind of a quick summary of the data of all the feedback that was received. As ruth noted at the top, improving community participation related to the budget is a work in progress. We're proud of the advancements we've made this year, but as noted previously, we continue to aim to improve opportunities for education, for community participation and providing multiple pathways for meaningful budget engagement. As you can see here, the city's district based budget listening sessions were redesigned and a promising exercise. We're grateful to the hundreds of Portlanders who showed up to share their perspectives. All of the additional pathways for input, including comment card handouts that were available at the listening sessions, the online budget comment form, newly developed ranking exercise. All of these provided new opportunities to capture the passions and priorities of respondents. And as the mayor noted previously this week, that community input has meaningful, meaningfully informed the proposed budget that was published this week. You can just see on the slide the levels of response that we received via each of the various pathways. And I know further detail is available in a full report that was previously provided to you on April 14th. We're excited about the opportunities to continue to improve, both for actual engagement and ultimately for results into the budget and opportunities to increase our ability to hear from all Portlanders, to enhance translation through

outreach and implementation of other best practices. I believe that's the end. And that's there's more. Comment from the cbo team. Great. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you all for the overview and councilors. The full report is attached to the agenda item. I know that a number of folks saw it when it was first released a few weeks ago. Councilor smith, are you in the queue to kick off debate?

Speaker: Yes, ma'am.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Thank you all for putting this together and actually submitting a survey during the listening sessions. That was great. One of the things that I noticed was that the city of Portland does not do any listening sessions after the mayor's budget, so it's kind of disingenuous in a way, to give people a survey for something that is totally different than what the mayor's budget is. And so I while I appreciate what you did, I would like to see you all do more listening sessions and participate in budget listening sessions after the mayor's budget. And I'd like to see the mayor's budget out there for a couple months so that people can really digest it the way it's set up right now. We looked at the budget, the 21st, we have to vote on it, and luckily, district one, we recognized that there were no listening sessions after the budget was released. So we have a listening session on Saturday at parkrose middle school, and we're going to get some feedback on the budget, not the proposed budget. That was, by the way, it was unbalanced. So you can't give folks an invalid document and expect to get the response that you really need. One of the things I also noticed was that in district one, respondents expressed more fear than other respondents and other districts that they would be a victim of a violent or property crime in their everyday life. That being the case, when I looked at michael jordan's budget and looking at the current mayor's budget, the public safety department was flat. They did not get any

additional monies to make those folks. If the idea is that police is not the answer to making communities feel safe, then we need additional, additional program dollars for programs like cease fire so that they can go into the communities and tell them what they can do to be helpful in in how to move folks who are gang related off of the off of the streets and into jobs and apprenticeship programs that we actually pay for. So I would just say thank you for what you did, but it really has to make it make sense. We really have to make sure that we have these listening sessions. After the mayor's budget, the balanced budget, and we have to have it earlier. The last question that I wanted to deal with. The example is the executive summary stated that folks in district one had the lowest affordability ratings across all service areas except child care, and reported the highest need across the programs. And I don't know how we can be helpful with child care. I do know that our pre-apprenticeship programs are part of the reason why we do pre-apprenticeship programs, because they have trouble with transportation, child care, housing affordability. Those are the things that the money through the next generation pays for. With work systems. They they also have those kinds of things. So while I am mentioning these things as I appreciate what you did, but we need to be smarter about how we're going to engage with the community and we need to give them we need to give them true facts so that they can actually give us the right feedback. There are a lot of good things that are in this mayor's budget that we didn't have in, in the, in the administrator's budget. And so I would have liked some of those things to be talked about. Number one, I like the pilot project, the \$500,000 pilot project for home sharing. There are a lot of seniors in the city who are house rich and cash poor. And what this program does, it allows seniors to stay together. And it it actually helps those those families in in communities that are struggling with livability and affordability. I have a lot more. I'll email it to you, ruth. I don't want to

take up all the time, but I just wanted to give you a suggestion for next year. I know we're going to be better next year. We're going to be bigger, better, bolder, and we're going to be more informed. We I mean, we are just actually trying to get it together. July 1st. We have a whole year to kind of work on this. And you all are dealing with a new form of government and 12 people that you have to respond to. And I get it and I understand it, but I just wanted to tell you, thank you for what you did. This is good information and keep up the good work. Hang in there with us. We're trying to we're we're trying. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, councilor and councilors. I was remiss in not flagging a time check for everybody. We are supposed to move to the budget. Work on prosper Portland at 345, but that still gives us 20 more minutes. Councilor avalos.

Speaker: Thank you so much for your work. I thought the data was very informative, but I do have some questions. So first off, some residents criticized the budget reduction exercise as presenting false choices, and I do agree with that. So how do you all plan to improve the next version so that it better reflects real options and trade offs?

Speaker: I can.

Speaker: Take a pass and then hand it to you. I mean, I think generally I think what, what I would love, at least for I won't speak for anyone else, but for, for next year, as we think about the budget process, is to really think about, you know, I think the insights survey gets like high level things that are supposed to be more stable over time. So that serves a slightly different purpose. But then to be able to get at some of the more concrete choices. I would just love to have a conversation with you all about when and how you want to do that, whether that is something you want to just do through your own offices, through through, you know, your

own polling and outreach, or if it is something that you want to coordinate and have a citywide approach for. And just really think about that. I mean, I think, I think, excuse me, to councilor smith's point, there are there are trade offs about, you know, the earlier you ask folks, the less relevant the information may be versus if you kind of try to rush it at the last minute, there's kind of less time to incorporate that feedback potentially. And so there are trade offs. But I think we just need to have a dialog over the next 4 or 5 months to figure out what could that look like next year, and how do you all want to do it differently? I think, you know, there's no perfect answer. And I do think, you know, one of the things i'll just highlight is there is the focus group portion of the insight survey, and that could be used in the future to do more. Kind of like it wouldn't be as it wouldn't be as scientifically rigorous as the survey portion, the quantitative survey. But you could at least do some consistent focus grouping that you could choose, you know, a set of budget reduction or budget choices for to do consistently. So I think there there are lots of options for how to do it going forward. We just need a little more time to be able to develop it. Well.

Speaker: If I if I may, I would take even a step further. And councilor smith, I'm going to quote you bigger, bigger, bolder and better. Absolutely. I think in addition to everything ruth said, I think recognizing that we've developed a habit which most many governments do, of treating the budget as a one time, once a year conversation rather than an annual conversation, and that's where I think we need to shift this conversation so that we're having conversations this summer about what the priorities of Portlanders are, so that when we start that early development, when we start those early community conversations, we're working from a set of ideals and priorities that when we get to this moment, I want to say it's going to make the job easy. But then we're working from a document in

February and April and March that already has benefited from that annual conversation, and then we can come back and look at it in June and say, how did we do? Did we actually meet that objective? So that takes a lot of person power, that takes a lot of resource to make that happen. It's going to take a couple of cycles to get there. But I've said since I came into the city, I think when we sat down for orientation with with all of you in the winter, laid out that that's the vision that I have for evolving this budget process. And so I appreciate the support and trying to get there.

Speaker: Thank you. And I definitely plan on working with you all on that. I have a hidden talent which is making budget timelines. I'm actually really good at it and I have a lot of ideas.

Speaker: I seem to remember.

Speaker: I am, I am thanks to all my work with student fee committee at aspsu. All right, moving on. Another question. So only 3.5% of respondents said that contacting the city is extremely easy and 3.3% are extremely satisfied with city communication. And district one residents reported the hardest time reaching the city. So what is being done to fix that? What is our plan to rebuild trust and accessibility in our communications?

Speaker: That is another great question. I don't know that we're able to answer it here at the dais, but I'll just say appreciate flagging it. And I think the broadly the enterprise efficiency exercise that's going on and learning and both learning to and leaning in to operating as a true collaborative organization that's responsive to the community is the broad vision for how we ultimately implement at that more detailed level. It's a great question.

Speaker: Yeah, I understand I know these are big questions, but mostly this is also an opportunity to daylight that these are the things I want us to be working on. And

I'm happy to be a partner in that. Next question. The top preferred ways to receive city info were email and mail, but we still rely heavily on online portals and social media. So do we have a plan to align our communication strategy with what people are actually using?

Speaker: Yeah, I mean, I don't know if there's answers in the context of budget specifically. I'd say broadly at the city. Yes. That's part of the objective. I don't know if you have an answer specific to budget engagement.

Speaker: No, not specific to budget engagement. I mean, I will say generally, I think and maybe Nick can speak to this a little bit more. We are really pushing, and one of the sort of goals around the insight survey is to actually take some of the data that's in here to bureaus and programs throughout the city that have a nexus with it and actually help work with them on, like, how do you how do you how could you interpret this data for sort of decision making in your programs? So I think that's an excellent idea. And hopefully some of the comms folks are listening. And you know that we can follow up with them on that specifically.

Speaker: For sure. And I'll also just comment on what you had said a little bit earlier. I do think that we should have a city wide strategy. You had said, oh, is it coming out of the budget or the council offices or not? No, I do think it needs to be a citywide strategy and happy to talk about that. And then my last question is many residents in these surveys pleaded for progressive revenue, such as taxing the wealthy. So is the budget office considering a pathway for council to explore some of these options?

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I believe the question is for the budget office, but I'll take it. Yes. I mean, I know there's a lot of ideas out in the ether about revenue generating ideas. And so there's conversations, I think, ongoing about trying to find a forum to have that

collaborative conversation. Finance committee is perhaps one of those there's a lot on the agendas, but I think broadly and I'll say, just maybe the CFO role I sit in, we've never been good at that at the city, at having a collaborative citywide level approach, lots of little popcorning of ideas, whether it's from our bureau or from a single touchpoint. And so I'm really hoping that we can build that new DNA so that we have those collaborative conversations, look at impacts up and down and sideways and diagonally, and not just look at it from sort of one lens. So appreciate the comment. Absolutely. And hope to have some bandwidth and support to really elevate that that approach in the coming fiscal year.

Speaker: Councilor for what it's worth, I would suggest that any of us could and ought to if we wanted to bring up that conversation and that could come to finance. If you have a proposal that you'd like to bring forward.

Speaker: Yeah, I definitely have ideas. And mostly I'm just signaling that I really want the city budget office to work with me on what are ideas that have come up in the past that maybe weren't politically viable? That could be. What are other ways that we've been looking at progressive revenue? Every time I go into Mayor Wilson's office, I always say, so how are we going to tax the rich? So he knows that I've been asking this and I have lots of thoughts about it. But again, just want to flag, especially because the survey showed that lots of folks want us to come up with these options. And I want to add some urgency to us doing that, likely not able to do much in this budget cycle, but I want to start early on the next budget cycle on finding these progressive revenue options. That's all. Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor Novick.

Speaker: What I'm about to say is meant as a criticism of anybody who is doing what they could in the time they had with the resources they had. But I do want to underscore that the people who came to the budget listening sessions are not and

representative group, they're a group of people who are upset about cuts they saw in the city administrators proposed budget. So that's extremely self-selecting group. And as councilor smith pointed out, if we could have gotten a different group of people, if we'd had the listening sessions after the mayor released his proposed budget. And I heartily agree with councilor smith that it would be ideal if the mayor released his budget a couple of months earlier. As to the insight survey, it's my understanding that although it's a big sample, it's not really a scientific representative sample either, right? Because it's dependent on who happens to respond to a request they got in the mail.

Speaker: That's a very good question. I'm debbie elliott, I'm with the regional research institute at Portland state university. And the survey is actually representative. And it's generalizable to the Portland population based on the random sampling done and the outreach done, to be able to represent and overrepresent the, the, the subgroups that are actually small in the population, so that when we do the weighting, the statistical weighting to bring it back into proportion with the population, their voice is elevated and ensures representation. So it is actually generalizable and representative.

Speaker: Do you want to talk about.

Speaker: Would you say that it has a 4% margin of error with a 95% confidence level or something like that?

Speaker: It actually okay, I don't I didn't memorize this number, but the sampling error is actually where is it. It is 1.49. And the standard general acceptable rate is plus or -5%. So it's an extremely good with a 17% response rate, which is a reasonable response rate for many surveys such as this.

Speaker: So you've weighted it to make sure that it's demographically accurate.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: What did you want me to say.

Speaker: Response rate.

Speaker: But you got it okay.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Councilor green.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Thank you to all of you up here today. I actually really, really love the Portland insight survey. It's really valuable tool I have. I have some technical questions on it. I'm going to continue this sample selection bias. Line of line of questioning. I did note and I looked at the tables. I think it's table four. And these are the unweighted just the descriptive statistics. And i, I saw that and I read your methodology that it's actually really difficult to sample and pick up a representative random sample of across racial and ethnic groups because there are some there are some social and political factors that that obstruct that. And I see that you've made an effort on that in the unweighted table. I think it's 60% owner occupied in like 39% renter occupied. But the city of Portland is about half and half. And so I didn't see like a corresponding weighted post weighted descriptive statistics table. And I just wonder if you could speak to that weighting piece of that.

Speaker: You mean how weighting is done? Well, I just.

Speaker: I guess specifically on like who, whether you own or rent and whether that that piece entered in into the directly or indirectly into the weighted outcomes.

Speaker: Yes. In the weighting section, it talks about all the various all the all the characteristics that are going to not use the words we always use, but we. All of the, all of the demographic variables that were used in the weighting process are listed in there and housing situation, which is that rent owned was included in that. And what happens is, is that with weighting, it mathematically takes the distribution in

the sample and it adjusts it so it brings it in line to the proportions in the population. So some subgroups that are overrepresented in the survey are their answers are kind of decreased in emphasis. And then those who are underrepresented are increased. But housing situation was included in that okay.

Speaker: That's really helpful to know. And that's actually the only thing I wanted to ask. Thanks.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Councilor. Thank you so much, councilor Ryan.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president, and thank you for being here. I always look forward to this. I was focusing on those who moved away. I appreciate that you included them. We've lost Portlanders at record levels over the last five years. Last time we experienced this was in the early 80s, which was an economic reason. This has been characterized as much different than that, and I think this starts to get at it. So when I look, you see affordable, affordable housing, found something safer and better schools, which really hurt to see that because that usually wasn't there. I wouldn't think historically, but I couldn't find the demographics of those who. You're ready to say something. No, I don't think I need to finish because I want you to finish my sentence. Do you have the demographics of those who answered that section?

Speaker: We do. We just did not include them in the report. We can add that.

Speaker: Okay. I just assumed I'd experience one more time in this meeting that it's somewhere I just couldn't find it. So it's somewhere I couldn't find it because it wasn't there.

Speaker: Right? Legitimately it.

Speaker: Wasn't on the tip of your tongue.

Speaker: No.

Speaker: No, I don't have all the data memorized from the report, so can.

Speaker: Oh, can I just add one other thing, which maybe you were about to add, which is that this is not representative of folks who moved away. So keeping so these are the people who are picking up here, who moved away, are people who who were who previously had a Portland address, who happened to have moved away. So we can't think of this as a movers survey. It just is like an ancillary bit of information that got picked up. If you wanted.

Speaker: To do a case. Actually.

Speaker: If you wanted to do that, you'd have to kind of do a different survey happen.

Speaker: So you send it out to people who used to live here. It actually tells the story. And of those that you sent it to, this amount of people have actually moved away. And then they gave us the reasons why. So like in the world of sales, like when you're trying to not lose your sales, you really pay attention to that information because you'd like to recoup those sales again, so you could be prosperous.

Speaker: And if I may just add sorry to interrupt. No you're not if I may just add one more thing. So the group that have moved away and given us their responses is there are only 37 of them. So the sample size is really small. Debbie may add to it. It may not be a practical choice to separate 37 people into more demographic groups, to tell us a story.

Speaker: That helped to here the sample size being so low, I appreciate that. That said, this is called insight survey and this is quite an insight, in my opinion, that what I'm seeing here and it would be great to have more information and perhaps there could be an insight survey to those who have moved over the last five years,

and we can understand why. Is there anything else you'd like to say on those? I think they were pretty predictable. I councilor avalos I just want to ask you a question. Earlier, you used the terminology. When you meet with mayor wilson, you ask him what the proposals are for taxing the rich. But I just want to know. I just want to know the definition of rich.

Speaker: To me, we have a lot of folks who in Oregon actually that it has exponentially our millionaires have grown by a huge amount. I don't have the number on the top of my head, but I will give you the data that I have. I think that we need to be looking at various corporations and looking at higher income earners to make sure that everybody is paying an amount that is contributing to all the services that we have. So obviously, yeah, that definition, I can't give you an exact definition. It's not a number. It's more so an idea that I have that we need to be ensuring we're bringing in the right revenue so that we can provide the services to Portlanders, obviously up for debate.

Speaker: But I just.

Speaker: Think it's important that we highlight that because it's a it's a quote I hear often right now. So I just want to understand what the definition of that was. And I think when we listen to and look at some of the data that talks about taxing the people who have more means, Portland is known as the second highest tax city for that category. The number one is new york city. And the difference is our threshold is more 200,000 per family. And maybe that's the definition of rich for you. And the new york is 25 million. So that's a big difference. So i'll just in my point of view, I think we're one of the best practices nationally on how to tax the rich. I that's just where I sit. So I don't see that as a motivation as much. I'm trying to get some revenue back in the city. Please invest in Portland. All right. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you. Councilor, councilors, I think we're going to end after councilor kanal so that we can move on to the next part of our meeting today. Councilor, you want to close this up?

Speaker: Sure.

Speaker: I apologize, I had to step out for a moment. Is the only slide on the budget engagement one. The slide 21 that was shown the reduction exercise that we had people go through.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: I believe the full report is attached to the item.

Speaker: I reached.

Speaker: Out to the clerk to ask if we could show page eight of that report. It is. It's the third attachment on it. This is the cuts that Portlanders preferred. You can get to it on the presentation here where it's shown on the website. I'd love to see that up on the on the screen here. And I did ask the clerk in advance if we could get that posted. While I'm doing that, I'll just comment on the conversation that I thought was really fascinating a moment ago between councilors Ryan and avalos. I think, you know, it is a worthwhile endeavor for us to look at where we draw the line. 200,025 million is very different, and I just want to comment that that's something I'd love to talk about with this council going forward. The what's shown on the screen right now is the results of that 4700 person survey of folks at what was the things that they wanted to cut. And I want to first say that, that this this had an incompleteness, this, this budget reduction exercise because it only asked about cuts. And it also, we've already talked about the weakness of a survey that doesn't compare things. So there's an incentive for people to say that they don't want to cut anything because there was no hard choice forced. So I personally do want to pursue looking at new revenue as well, where that's appropriate to do so. And in

fact, you can see that born out. In fact, only one of the 21 things on here actually had a majority of people that wanted to cut it. So there are some some weaknesses to that data. But I want to specifically point to the very I think it's the second to last thing on the bottom there, which is reducing fire response coverage or closing a fire station. I saw that that got floated as a way of trying to affect the overall public safety budget. And I just I really, especially for my colleagues in, in district one who is already underserved by fire stations but but citywide really point to how this needs to be something that's off the table. And I've heard it floated from a lot of different people here. It's the second least popular cut. And even if there's some deviation from the perspective of what is popular and what's not, and you can you can all look at the top couple of things on there to see what is popular to cut but fire second least popular cut. So I just wanted to bring that up and daylight it here. And again this is page eight of the report which is the third attachment there. Spring 2025 budget engagement summary. Thank you, madam president.

Speaker: Thank you councilor. And thank you so much to our team who put together the insight survey and who pulled through the results not only of that survey, but of the. Folks who showed up to our various listening sessions and who filled out the budget exercise at our listening sessions. We really appreciate all the work you put into helping us understand where Portlanders are in a variety of different ways, so that we can see where the commonalities are and where there are divergences depending on the approach. Councilor I am now going to close our council meeting and we will open a meeting as the budget committee for prosper Portland, and we have, I believe, now until 6:00. We're delayed by about an hour. So until 6:00 for a hearing on the prosper Portland proposed budget. We are going to start by hearing from the prosper team about their proposed budget. We have a significant amount of public testimony, so we will move to public testimony to make

sure that we can hear from the public. And then my hope is that we will have time available at the end for our comments and questions, much like we had yesterday, though probably a much more abbreviated amount of time. I also understand that we have some councilors with hard stops before 6:00, so we will reevaluate periodically to make sure we still have a quorum, and I suspect that we will have some questions for you all in writing via email, because we won't have as much time for discussion today. So please go right ahead. Shay, are you starting or. Okay, donny, kick us off.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. Council president donny oliveira, deputy city administrator for community economic development. For the record. So as council president noted for this item, City Council is convening distinctly as prosper Portland's budget committee. And while this action is a part of this. Larger city budget process, this step.

Speaker: Is, as.

Speaker: I said.

Speaker: Distinct, and I flagged this nuance as an opportunity.

Speaker: To daylight for the public. The unique governance structure of prosper Portland and its relationship with city of Portland. I know this has come up at committee. Several times, but, you know, there's been a few discussions at committee, so this feels like a fine opportunity to offer a high level overview.

Speaker: Of that relationship.

Speaker: So as a part of the budget presentation, prosper staff will outline the governing code and charter that.

Speaker: Defines this relationship.

Speaker: And as codified. Prosper Portland is the city of Portland's economic development agency and among other functions that staff. Will outline. Prosper is

the steward of the city's inclusive economic development strategy, known as advanced Portland. And what I hope it becomes obvious to you all is that prosper programs that support small businesses and our workforce training programs are essential and are centered in our city's values. Also, as you listen to the staff presentation, as you listen to our invited panelists and testimony, I encourage this body as the prosper budget committee, to contemplate what signals that you want to send out to our local business community and even those emerging entrepreneurs that might consider Portland as a place to start or grow a new business idea, concept or innovation here in our city. So I ask you this how do we as a city want to cultivate a truly inclusive economy for our collective prosperity? How do we encourage people to create a life here, which includes having meaningful employment or careers? And perhaps how do we even spark interest in starting a new business? And to that end, how do you want to work with prosper to deliver that vision? Lastly, on behalf of mayor wilson, I want to thank board chair talbert cruz and the prosper leadership team for making tough decisions to meet the reduction targets that they were directed to find to help balance our budget. There are no good cuts, but they handled it with rigor to minimize impacts as much as possible. And to that, I'm very grateful for their partnership in that. And thank you, team for that. I'm going to step away to make space for tony barnes, but i'll be available for questions as needed. Thank you. Council president and council.

Speaker: Before you begin, I am so sorry. I thought because we were seamlessly moving between meetings, we did not need to call roll again, but it turns out that we need to call roll again. Could we take care of that brief administrative order of business before you jump in? Thank you. Rebecca, could you please call the roll?

Speaker: Canal still here?

Speaker: Brian?

Speaker: Koyama lane here.

Speaker: Morillo.

Speaker: Novick here.

Speaker: Clerk. Green here. Zimmermann. Avalos. Dunphy. Smith.

Speaker: Pirtle-guiney here. And almost conducting the meeting appropriately.

Naomi, do you want to read our rules of conduct again, or should we skip that part?

Speaker: I can't.

Speaker: I can't if you like. I do not think it's necessary, but.

Speaker: Okay, if it's not necessary, then let's let our guests continue. Thank you so much for that brief interruption.

Speaker: Okay, great. Thank you very much. Good afternoon. Council president pirtle-guiney and City Councilors. I'm gustavo cruz, chair of prosper Portland board of commissioners. I'm joined by our interim executive director, shay flaherty. Beteen economic development director andrew fitzpatrick, development and investment director lisa buffo. And chief financial officer tony barnes. We are pleased to be here this afternoon to present the fiscal year 20 2526 proposed budget to City Council, serving as prosper Portland's budget committee. This is also my first appearance under the under the new before the new City Council structure, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you. I will kick us off and then shay will provide an overview of the budget, key outcomes and our strategic priorities. Lisa and andrew will then share how those priorities show up in our programs and projects, and how that programing is supported by returning tiff and other general fund resources to the mayor's proposed budget, as well as Portland clean energy fund allocations for a new grant program for small business owners and landlords making clean energy infrastructure improvements. We will also summarize the impacts related to general fund cuts included in the mayor's

proposed budget and the estimated impact of those cuts. The team will also highlight items in our portfolio that will play significant roles in our overall work this year, including six new tif districts, the recently launched office of small business, the ongoing work of the office of film and events, and our ongoing collaboration with partners on significant initiatives like the omsi master plan, albina vision trust, the Portland mercado, the williams and russell block, and the james beard public market. On behalf of our five member volunteer board, I offer thanks to the members of the community budget committee listed later in the presentation, as well as the many community partners and staff involved in the presentation of the. Excuse me in the preparation of this budget. We appreciate the considerable time, energy and commitment from everyone involved to refine and prioritize investments in alignment with both citywide and geographically specific priorities, as well as a racial equity lens. Thank you for your consideration of this budget and for your support of prosper's mission to create economic growth and opportunity for all of Portland. And now i'll hand the presentation over to interim executive director shay flaherty.

Speaker: Thank you. Chair.

Speaker: Crews.

Speaker: Angela, can we.

Speaker: Go forward? Two slides. Good afternoon. For the record, my name is shay flaherty. I use pronouns like he, him, and I, and I'm currently serving as interim executive director at prosper Portland. Our agency was established in 1958 as the city government's economic development and urban renewal agency, formerly known as the Portland development commission. We changed our name to prosper Portland in 2017 to more accurately reflect our strategic direction and commitment to shared prosperity. Our role here is to work with all of you, our community

partners, and our development partners to make Portland one of the most globally competitive, healthy and equitable cities on this planet. I also recognize we have a lot of testimony here, so I'm going to go through these rather quickly. If we can go to the next slide, we often receive questions about our status as a separate legal entity as as director laura mentioned, as a reminder, irs 457 and our city charter name prosper Portland as the city's redevelopment authority. Our board of commissioners, led by chair cruz, oversees our agency's day to day operations. They set our direction and they approve expenditures in alignment with you, our City Council, and all the plans that you approve. As our City Council, you approve our annual budget, including both our tif budgets and the general fund. You approve economic development and housing related policies that guide both our work and the Portland housing bureau's work. Finally, you also vote on the creation of tif district and tif district action plans. Next slide. A citywide vote on the city's charter established prosper Portland as a legally a separate entity with separate internal services. Our internal service teams have subject matter expertise specific to our work. They make up approximately a third of our agency. That includes our legal counsel, finance, it, hr, procurement, equity policy and comms with specialized expertise in public private partnerships and agreements across areas like lending, small business finance, real estate, property acquisition. Now, in other cities and counties across Oregon, often there are different elected methods for exercising the powers of rs 457. Many times, a county commission or a City Council will gavel in and out as the redevelopment agency's board. We do often hear that that structure can limit the innovative and collaborative tif planning that prosper has pioneered, which has been called the tif gold standard in salem. I'll also note that changing the structure would require another citywide vote to amend the city's charter. So in the past, i'll also note we've received this question, particularly at

times when prosper's financial future has been uncertain. We've examined we've examined alternative models for these internal services with a focus on customer service, timelessness of delivery, and cost efficiency. We technically could have additional intergovernmental agreements that would allow the city to provide these services to prosper. Portland. And while a recent internal analysis showed that contracting with the city could be a similar cost to us at prosper Portland than providing the systems in-house, the additional cost to the city is another story. There'd be complex moves to make from a labor standpoint, given our separate unions. It would cause delays and be administratively burdensome. So just putting that out there, if we go to the next slide again, while recent city charter amendments didn't create changes to our government structure or the relationship between our board of commissioners, the mayor and City Council, the image on screen shows how prosper integrates into this new structure with the city administrator and the service areas. We're still governed by our board, who are all local residents, appointed by the mayor and approved by you all at the City Council. Our editor, our executive director reports directly to that board. And additionally in this new structure, also coordinates closely with the community economic development service area and deputy city administrator, all while still technically reporting to our board. Here you can also see the five operating departments that I mentioned, including our separate legal, procurement and finance functions that support our business lines and economic development and redevelopment. If you go to the next slide here, you can see our prosper Portland board of directors. They should come up on screen shortly. Proud to say that for the first time in our history, they are all representing Portland's diverse communities as well as our total. You can also see our total resources and budget beneath their. These mayors have been. These numbers have been updated to reflect our proposed budget and

changes from the mayor's proposed budget. Again, i'll remind folks that our total resources number on the left is higher because we are often carrying project investments over multiple years. Our capital investments also can be carried across different projects. Our funds are often pre-committed, so the difference you can account for by understanding that we are waiting for often certain phases of development to happen in construction before expenditures are made. If we go to the next slide on screen now, you can see our major business lines. You'll hear more from directors abeloff and fitzpatrick on their respective departments shortly. But for now, i'll point out that in general, the economic development programs on the left are predominantly funded by city general fund and recreational cannabis tax dollars. These tend to be more service or program based work funding activities in community like small business support, workforce development for job seekers, events and film production support, employee retention, expansion and recruitment. And while all of these non tif funded activities that are coming from general fund and recreational cannabis tax that collectively represents less than 25% of our agency's budget, we consider those resources to be among our most precious because they fund the work that legally tif cannot. Our general fund investments are often complementing tif investments as the critical community capacity to stabilize businesses and residents on the right. Our development investment team oversees and deploys the bulk of our agency's budget in the form of tif resources that may be part of those development projects or grants and loans, and in the ongoing maintenance and management of assets that range from spaces like affordable commercial tenant spaces all the way to larger properties that we own, like union station. Lastly, everything you see on screen reflects the work of 105 staff as well as countless nonprofit and private contracted service delivery partners. Next slide please. Now, in terms of context, we know that

economies operate at a regional level, but local investments are influenced by city level growth management strategies. So achieving inclusive economic growth in Portland depends not just on the success of the actions described in advance Portland, but also in ensuring connectivity between related plans like the regional ceds, the comprehensive economic development strategy and work system strategic plan, as well as with the city's own comprehensive plan, climate action plan and housing production strategies. Our own plan, advanced Portland is the city of Portland's strategy for inclusive economic growth, as donny mentioned, was approved by council in 2023. Advance Portland is our north star on how we get the economics right. In order to have jobs for people who are receiving job training, generate wealth to enable people to buy homes, increase income to create demand for retail and other amenities, and support the tax base that enables public goods and quality of life. We do host an advisory committee of public and private implementation partners to help keep us accountable and on track across the five years of the strategy's objectives. And again, i'll note from a policy context, because because 45% of the tif funds are allocated to the Portland housing bureau through the tif set aside policy for affordable housing, and because the remaining 55% of the tif funds that remain at prosper can be spent on both mixed income and market rate housing, it is important to note that that is how we connect with the city's housing production strategy. We go to the next slide, I think briefly trying to go quick here. We often acknowledge the complicated agency history that we have as pdc, including the harm that occurred to and within communities as part of past urban renewal efforts. The equity statement that you see on screen reflects some of the changes our agency has made to learn from the mistakes of the past, and statements are great, but for me, the focus is on our outcomes and how we continue to address disparities in our community. At a time when the work of lifting

all boats gets dismissed in dc as dei and is defunded nationwide, I wanted on the record today that we will not be backing down from our commitment to address disparities in our city. Next slide. Evidence of that is what you see on screen. Some of our outcomes over the last year or so. Job numbers reflect our work to retain and expand and attract firms. These are companies participating in public benefit agreements and often receiving enterprise zone tax abatements. The 1400 plus businesses reflect clients served through our inclusive business resource network for diverse construction firms and the new office of small business workforce reflects our fantastic and ongoing partnership with work systems. I believe folks from work systems are here today and you'll hear from them. Volunteer hours reflect community support in the neighborhood prosperity initiative districts. You might recognize some of them as the division midway alliance or culley boulevard alliance or the rosewood initiative. The access to capital numbers are comprehensive. That's all our grants, our loans and programs like the recent repair restore and the winter relief for things like damaged pipes and broken windows. We're proud of that. 36% number of funds spent with cobid certified firms. And then I will point out, the last number reflects leasable space that we operate in. Properties like the nick fish, the lents commons, the alberta commons, and now the fairfield. Again, I fully acknowledge that using acronyms like poc and bipoc can perpetuate erasure of specific communities. So please know we do have disaggregate data by race, ethnicity, and gender. But we're short on time for these presentations. So with that, I'm going to pass it to tony barnes, our cfo, because I know we're trying to move quick.

Speaker: Thank you. Shay.

Speaker: Hi. Good afternoon, council president pirtle-guiney council members. For the record, I'm tony barnes. I use pronouns like he and him. Portland prosper

Portland cfo. The next several slides will recap our budget process and some high level trends. Before we get into some more details on the tif budgets and economic development budget. Next slide please. With City Council serving as prosper, Portland's budget committee to approve the budget prosper's budget process is aligned with the overall city of Portland schedule, as displayed on this slide. Our process begins in November as we update work plans and forecasts and engage with our community budget committee to seek input on our work plan and draft budget. While no specific action is taken at these early stages, prosper staff present the draft budget and forecast in January to the prosper Portland board of commissioners, prior to submittal of the recommended budget, the council and the budget office in February. Ongoing outreach occurs through April, and our team continues to work with tif district stakeholders to seek input on district plans. And that brings us to today, where we are presenting the proposed budget to council, acting as the budget committee. Budget approval is scheduled for the 21st may 21st. The budget will then be submitted to the tax supervising conservation commission on may 22nd. And then finally, the prosper board will take final action to adopt the budget on June 18th, following a hearing and certification by the tsek. Next slide please. As noted in the budget process, we engage with our 15 member community budget committee. Throughout the early stages of the process. The committee's members include partners and representatives from across tif districts and economic development programs, and some of our partners will be joining us this afternoon to speak on the budget. The committee this year provided direction on prosper's general fund 10% reduction package for the initial recommended budget, which carried through into the mayor's proposed budget. These challenging conversations around programmatic reductions to workforce business development, inclusive business resource network and small business supports will

be further highlighted in andrea's presentation this afternoon. We also reviewed the budget with the action plan updates with specific tif district stakeholders, including the central eastside industrial council, old town community association, cully leadership committee, the north northeast action plan leadership committee, and the south Portland neighborhood association. Next slide please. So moving to some key themes for the upcoming year. These key themes focus on the completion of projects and priorities in active and sunseting tif districts. While new tif districts and citywide programs are implemented. Active and sunseting districts include approximately \$135 million in resources to deliver on remaining plan priorities in gateway, lents, north northeast, broadway corridor, and north north macadam. Over the next several years, several new six new tif districts are anticipated to receive very limited tax increment first year tax increment resources in the upcoming year, most resources will be dedicated to setting up the districts and creating the respective action plans to help guide future investments and the strategic investment fund, a revolving investment pool created in 2020 2023 to support small business, commercial lending and real estate investment citywide, with \$50 million to deploy over the next several years, will becoming more critical tool paired alongside general fund and other citywide economic development resources to help increase access to capital goals of advanced Portland. Next slide please. This final sorry summarizing recent history and forecasts. This graph illustrates the level of spending by major type of funding source looking at the last five years, as shown in blue compared the upcoming five years forecast shown in green from left to right. General fund shows slightly higher forecast amounts from the prior five years to the returning tax increment in the next five years, due to returning tax increment allocation from the last budget cycle. However, general fund will change to show a decrease if the proposed reduction in ongoing

resources for one-time general fund of \$2 million is approved, that would result in a reduction in the general fund five year forecast of approximately \$8 million. Federal and state resources show a decline over the next five years, mainly due to one time resources such as expiring resources, such as the American rescue plan. Of all the categories, the largest shift will be a decline in the available tif district program spending as district resources are spent, and new district spending will take some years to grow over the next five years. Also shown are the strategic investment fund and revolving loan resources, which provide increased funding for lending programs over the next five years. Next slide please. And a final key theme moving forward in this proposed budget is the continued pivot of prosper's operating budget to a more diversified funding model that supports projects and programs, as existing tif district resources spend down. The approach includes three primary components. Ongoing support from the general fund to provide a firm foundation for citywide economic development program delivery that leverages other public and partner resources. Return on investment from some expiring district resources, and those from the strategic investment fund to help support delivery of those programs and new community based tif districts that will help deliver on economic development and affordable housing priorities over the longer term, as shown by this graph as terminating district resources shown in green continue to be expended over the next couple of years, prosper's operating budget becomes more dependent on investment returns and new tif district resources over the longer term, while general fund resources shown in blue provide a firm foundation for all the work. And with that, i'll hand it over to lisa for the next phase of the presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Tony, for the record. Good afternoon. Council president pirtle-guiney and council members. I'm lisa. I use she her pronouns. I am the director of development

and investment with prosper Portland. Happy to be here with you today. To share a bit more, both about our tax increment district budgets that you see individual funds for in the proposed materials, as well as our citywide investments via the strategic investment fund that tony mentioned. Next slide please. As you can see illustrated on this slide, it provides a timeline of when tif districts started and where they are in their life cycle. And what you see is we are, in fact, at an important moment of transition for tax increment finance districts in the city. The majority of districts that started in the 80s, 90s and the aughts have either terminated or are sunsetting. You see those to the left of the timeline and the tif. The tif investments that will be sharing more about today are largely in the sunsetting districts. Those are the districts in yellow. These are districts where all bonds are paid off and tif revenue is no longer being collected. But there are tif proceeds to spend. These are districts like central, eastside, lents and interstate, as well as those districts in green that are mid cycle. They currently collect tif revenue and have more significant resources available to invest in projects. Districts like gateway and north mac. And finally, we also have active districts that are relatively new and include districts such as cully and the six new tif districts that tony mentioned, three in the central city and three in east Portland that have pretty limited funds because they're so new. But they will continue to issue tif for some time, and remaining maximum indebtedness exists over the 30 year cycle of the tif district. Next slide please. This map provides an overlay of City Council districts with tif districts and shows where tif plans, action plans and resources are available to invest in each council member's area. We're looking forward to coordinating closely with council offices and anticipating, in anticipation of bringing east Portland community leadership committees before you here in the next few months, and then new tif district action plans in all four council districts for your approvals over the next year or so, as well

as continuing to engage with council offices on major projects and at key project milestones like the street construction getting underway at Broadway corridor or the Williams and Russell groundbreaking that recently occurred this past spring.

Next slide please. This slide represents two ways of showing our TIF district investments. The bar graph on the left illustrates total available resources for investment, including page views, affordable housing, work by specific TIF districts. As you can see here, the active and sunset districts have the most resources. Those are largely the areas on the right with North Macadam resources dedicated to things like infrastructure and redevelopment, and the remaining funding and interstate committed to affordable housing via the set aside and redevelopment via commercial property loans and grants to projects like Williams and Russell and the cultural business hubs that are contemplated in the North Northeast action plan.

Conversely, the block chart on the right actually shows the aggregate of investments across all the active TIF districts by different business lines, including how much is programmed to the housing set aside, as well as to infrastructure and redevelopment. You'll note those are the three largest spending categories where redevelopment does include both our lending activities, our grant activities, as well as our property management activities that Tony mentioned.

Next slide please. As the six new TIF districts were being approved, we received a lot of questions about how bringing those new TIF districts online compared to the retiring set of TIF districts that were terminating. This graph illustrates those two impacts in green is the impact of the TIF districts as they come online over the next ten years or so. In blue is the amount returning to the city from the terminating districts.

Acknowledging these returns have been factored into the city's budget, and forecast that council is currently reviewing as part of this year's budget process over the first ten years, you'll note the impact of new TIF districts to the city is

approximately 71 million, while the city is receiving back about 448 million from the growth in those terminated districts. In total, over the 35 year period that new tif districts will be in place, this amounts to a net 1.3 billion back to the city's general fund. Next slide please. The majority of our tif district investments are guided by action plans. This is an occurrence that we put in place over the past ten years where we moved to having action plans developed with community input and oversight to guide investments over a multiyear period. Each of the action plans shown here in old town, lents, north northeast and gateway are approved by the prosper Portland board and City Council. An action plan outlines specific community priorities and measurable outcomes that guide what we invest in a tif district. And you see that in each of the tif funds for old town, for lents, for interstate, as well as for gateway. These plans are typically five year initiatives that can be extended, that are developed with significant community engagement and focus on community goals, investment priorities based on those available resources over the five year period, and offer specific investment and community outcomes. You'll note that themes of stabilization and inclusive growth for small businesses, residents, and opportunities for community gathering are consistent objectives across most of the action plans. As we're out in community co-creating those plans. Next slide please. I'd like to now touch on how we implement on those community plans within the development and investment department. We have staff working in three major areas. First, we provide direct loans and grants to stabilize and grow small businesses, property ownership and commercial development, both within tif districts and now citywide. Via the strategic investment fund. We offer access to capital via a range of financial programs, from smaller grants like our repair and restore grant that we just closed out in 2024, or our smaller business prosperity investment program grant that's available within tif

districts all the way through to larger scale loans for business retention and commercial property redevelopment that can be also used for middle income housing. In each tif district. We have dedicated district staff who work closely with businesses, property owners and stakeholders, and they manage a portfolio of projects. This includes acquisition and disposition of property, as well as working in close coordination with our infrastructure bureau partners. When working on larger scale equitable development projects involving new streets, new utilities, new parks. And finally, we have a team of real estate professionals that manage the district leasing and tenanting, a prosper Portland owned commercial spaces that also offer small businesses opportunities, as well as community hubs for the community to gather and deliver on the community action plans. Next slide please.

So now I'm going to jump into a bit more detail of describing the breakdown of some of the outcomes that shay shared a bit about. We're going to showcase a few programs and projects that we've supported and have delivered significant community benefits through. We've launched the small business repair and restore program. We actually launched it about five years ago, back in 2015 to 2020, with the goal of providing rapid financial support to small businesses who were impacted by the physical damage from break ins and vandalism, or by ongoing economic hardship due to increased costs related to security, insurance and operations. This was originally intended as a short term response to help businesses recover from the effects of the pandemic, and the program has had lasting impact and benefit to our small businesses over the past four years. You can see by this number that our team disbursed more than 1500 grants to over 1000 small businesses, totaling just under 7 million in investment. Next slide. And as illustrated on this map, businesses from all four city quadrants and along most of Portland's commercial corridors received support through this program. By

adapting to the evolving needs of small businesses, this grant program has played a critical role to stabilizing many of Portland's small enterprises, including during emergencies such as the 2024 winter ice storm. Initially funded through one-time arpa funds and limited tax increment finance council, later allocated important and critical general fund dollars to extend the program through the end of 2020 2024. While there is currently no funding for the repair and restore grant program, prosper Portland does retain the internal capacity and infrastructure to quickly relaunch the program if needed. Next slide please. We also offer direct business and commercial property loans, both citywide through the strategic investment fund and in designated tax increment finance districts. The strategic investment fund, or sif, is a revolving loan fund supported by loan repayments, property sales and income from prosper owned assets in closing tif districts. This allows us to then invest citywide beyond the limits of a tif district boundary. Previously, our working capital loans were very limited and only available via eda resources that we had, and the sif now enables larger scale investment in Portland's small business ecosystem, supporting companies like mctavish shortbread, pan's mushroom jerky or nomad cycles. Our loan programs don't compete with private lenders. In fact, they fill gaps in access to capital for businesses and for projects that can't secure traditional financing. Over the past two years, our underwriting team has closed 27 loans, investing over \$44 million into small businesses and commercial development. This includes 3.5 million that we did invest into. The project that you see here in the picture, the short stack mississippi project, which is a 36 unit mixed income housing development that is using innovative cross-laminated timber construction for more rapid delivery, recently completed and now in the market, the project helps to advance Portland's housing production goals. Applies clt to deliver replicable missing middle housing production, all while demonstrating

strong performance in both our construction and professional services equity requirements. Next slide please. As Andrew will elaborate, elaborate on a bit more as he presents. We also have a five year, 30 million or so funding agreement with PCF to support strategic priorities outlined in the City Council approved climate investment plan. This partnership focuses on three areas first, providing business support, technical assistance and contractor capacity building to align with our climate action goals. Second, we will be launching a new citywide energy efficiency small business grant program, including targeted resources for 82nd Avenue to help businesses and commercial property owners invest in energy efficiency upgrades, and priority will be given to high energy use sectors like food service, small manufacturing, lodging, lodging and laundromats. And then finally, we also are offering resources that expand access to capital for energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation improvements, including for large scale energy retrofits and pilot commercial to residential conversions. We're excited about this new partnership and the opportunity to offer integrated, climate aligned financial support both through Portland Prosper Portland's programs as well as the PCF resources. Next slide. So I'm going to move on now to the equitable development component of the work that we undertake each year. And I want to highlight a few equitable development investments reflected in the specific TIF district budgets that are before you in the Gateway TIF fund. The budget directly supports the council approved five year Gateway action plan, which focuses on three areas. This is the rendering that you see in the upper right hand side of the slide. To grow an inclusive economy and celebrate diversity, to activate the district and improve livability, and to produce a range of housing opportunities. Recently, with the resources that you see in the TIF plan or in the TIF district budget, Prosper Portland acquired a five acre site at 102nd and Pacific, adjacent to a David Douglas

school district property plan for future elementary school expansion. Near-term plans that you also see in the tif fund for the coming years include partnering with pbob to design and build a new segment of 100th avenue, which will improve access to both sites as well as fulfill the gateway master plan master street plan that called for better connectivity within gateway. We will also be supporting pre-development for a mixed income housing project, with a private development partner aiming to deliver at least 200 new units of housing units near the gateway transit center. Next slide please. In the interstate tif fund, you'll notice that the fund aligns directly with the goals of the north northeast community development action plan, with rfbs set aside funds also supporting their north northeast housing strategy and the related preference policy. Within the non set aside budget, you'll see funding for the williams and russell project, a collaborative effort led by the williams and russell cdc in partnership with prosper Portland, the Portland housing bureau and legacy health. With the resources on the non set aside, going to the black business hub, this project reflects over seven years of community led planning and involves the return of a 1.7 acre vacant parcel from legacy health to the cdc. Guided by the cdc, the project seeks to restore economic opportunity for Portland's black community through affordable rental housing to be developed by homeownership townhomes and a black business hub that will provide business tenancy opportunities. You see the rendering of the hub in the lower right. The cdc has successfully leveraged over 23 million coming from both set aside dollars and non set aside dollars in interstate tif resources to secure additional funding and the land transfer. And if you go out on site today, the site cleanup is actually just getting underway. With construction of 20 affordable home ownership townhomes set to begin this year and finish in October of 2026. Next slide please. And finally, we also play an important role in providing stable tenancy opportunities for small businesses as key at key

community anchors within the tif districts. For example, in the interstate tif fund under the mlk and alberta property management line item, you'll see that we master lease alberta commons and then turn around and provide. We sublease and provide affordable commercial tenancy opportunities to culturally connected local business owners, including champions, caissons, fine meats as well as the miso makers market. Similarly, in the town center budget, you'll notice we have resources to help small businesses to tenant approximately 7400ft² of ground floor commercial space. This is. This building is located in the heart of the town center, and we're excited to have just moved in pro gear bike shop as one of our tenants. This is a family owned business whose founder actually started repairing bikes as a hobby. And then it was something he learned from his grandfather, and then he parlayed that into a business. And in fact, they are also an important community partner, donating 10% of their net sales to nonprofits within community. Next slide. This slide highlights the various ways we engage with community in the tif district, investment and decisions beyond just annual budget outreach. We work closely with the community to ensure that our annual investments and our ongoing investments align with tif district plans and five year action plans for major projects like broadway corridor. You see this on the left. We convene initiative specific committees such as the labor management community oversight committee, to track construction equity throughout multiple phases of the project. In smaller districts like old town, we actually partner with existing neighborhood and business associations to track and report on the action plan progress. And in larger districts like north, northeast and cully, you'll see this on the right. Prosper and fps both convene and work with formal oversight, or what we are increasingly calling leadership committees to guide and monitor implementation in cully, a unique community leadership committee supported by a community liaison, are

developing the action plan with us and will lead investment decisions and maintain strong connections with local businesses and residents. Next slide please. And in each of our east Portland tif districts, which included a governance charter as part of the tif district plans, there will be committees to help guide the implementation of both the tif plan over time, as well as the five year action plan. This builds on the model that we did develop in cully. These committees will reflect diverse lived experiences and expertise with members who support inclusive growth and prioritize benefits for historically disadvantaged communities. The application process is currently open for the three east Portland community leadership committees, and we'd appreciate your help in spreading the word. If you go to our website, it's at prosper Portland. Backslash pdx. Following the application period, community partners and city staff will review submissions and bring recommended committee rosters to council for approval in and around fall 2025, and then the subsequent district action plans will also come before you in 2026. And with that, I'm going to hand it over to andrew to talk a little bit more about our general fund and economic development work.

Speaker: Thanks, lisa. Good afternoon, madam president. City Councilors. For the record, I'm andrew fitzpatrick, interim director of economic development at prosper Portland, and I use pronouns like he and him. I'm proud to highlight our citywide economic development business lines, illustrate how each of these are funded, and then to share with you an overview of anticipated program impacts resulting from the general fund cuts and the proposed budget. As shay mentioned, general fund resources are absolutely critical to implementing citywide programs because they do not have the same geographic or use restrictions as tif funds do. Angela, if we go to the next slide, please, our economic development business lines can be split up into four areas business retention and expansion, small business support,

workforce development and business district capacity building. Next slide. First, in terms of our business retention and expansion programing, this work really focuses on traded sector job creation, competitiveness of our local economy and equitable economic growth. Recent results have included 25 relocations to Portland, or local business expansions from employers like danner, boots, dos hermanos bakery, daimler truck north America and many others. \$126 million in investment into Portland through the enterprise zone program and business expansions last year, and just under half \$1 billion in cumulative spend at local bipoc owned businesses through Portland means progress since 2019. In the upcoming fiscal year, we will offer direct assistance to 250 traded sector businesses, including companies like birch biosciences and ranger chocolates, to support local growth and generate at least \$125 million in local investment from zone and business expansion projects. With 44,000 employees at companies participating in public benefit agreements. Next slide please. Our small business support programs provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs at varying levels of need across the city, including one on one and peer support workshops and specialized professional services like accounting, legal services and capital advising. Last year, the inclusive business resource network served over 600 unique clients and 145 construction industry businesses received assistance through the community opportunities and enhancements program, or coep. Mercatus serves as the growing business directory that facilitates greater procurement and spending with diverse local businesses. Through collaborations with Portland means, progress business Oregon and regional supplier diversity initiatives. lbn and coep together will seek to serve 660 firms in the upcoming fiscal year. Our office of film and events strengthens Portland's film and events industries to drive economic activity, attract tourism and enhance the city's brand. This is achieved through investments in high

impact events, navigation and permitting assistance with expert guidance for event producers. The office showcases more than 150 businesses at each my people's market, drawing thousands of shoppers and visitors. The Portland winter ice rink drew families from throughout the region and as far away as Seattle and southern california to downtown Portland, and our film team has facilitated about a billion and a half dollars in spending by the film industry in Portland since 2015, with the proposed budget, the office of film and events can deliver 19 event grants for local event producers who are focused on adding to our city's vibrancy. Provide navigation support for 15 large scale events that draw visitors and guests who directly support small businesses and offer film navigation support for 150 production permits. With a target of \$100 million in local spending by the film industry. I'm excited to announce the newly created office of small business, which focuses on a customer centric approach and the centralization of small business assistance from the city of Portland to our city small businesses. Officially launching this month, the office has already begun casework with individual businesses and has participated in community listening sessions with many of you. The liaisons of the small business office will be holding in community office hours, and an informational website will soon be available to provide new access to a myriad of small business resources. The office's first year goal is to serve 500 unique businesses throughout the city. Next slide please, in partnership with work systems, inc. Who's here today with us? Prosper Portland funds adult and youth workforce development programs for low income Portlanders. These programs include services like career counseling, vocational case management, and work readiness training. These programs serve approximately 900 Portlanders annually, with up to three years of individualized job training and preparation, with an emphasis on high paying industries. Providers include central city concern, our just futures, erco,

southeast works, trash for peace, new avenues for youth, Portland youth builders, p.c. And Portland community college. The community based workforce navigator program serves about 500 residents each year. The providers include Portland community college, the urban league of Portland, rosewood initiative and division midway alliance, and finally the community opportunities enhancements program that I mentioned earlier also serves about 150 individuals in the construction workforce annually. The partners that deliver this work are service providers like central city concern, constructing hope, Oregon, tradeswomen, Portland youth builders and the urban league of Portland, and the upcoming fiscal year, 150 people will be served across each of these programs cumulatively. Next slide. To the neighborhood prosperity network. Seven community based organizations and districts receive grants, training, and technical assistance. These organizations create economic opportunities, small business growth, and neighborhood capacity. Prosper Portland is also partnering with other city bureaus to coordinate a comprehensive business district strategy to efficiently deliver support to business districts citywide. We will continue to coordinate quarterly meetings with each council district and deliver direct grants and training to business districts themselves. We are actively looking at new partnerships to help efficiently address the spectrum of needs of business districts across the city. Next slide. Each of the key programs and investments I just described are available citywide, meaning they're not restricted to tif districts. As you can see in this graph, they are funded by a blend of general fund cannabis tax, strategic investment fund, Portland clean energy fund, federal community development block grants and enterprise zone funds. So many of them, you can see that there's actually kind of a braiding or blending of these different funds to fund single program offerings in total, this this graph shows \$14.8 million in technical assistance contracts and grants, and \$11.5

million in lending capital into the community. The brown band on the right shows the level of general fund cannabis and cdbg allocated in our current fy 2425 budget. Just to give you a sense of how the 12% general fund cut and the loss of one time general fund and cannabis resources impact each of these programs, the 12% general fund reductions show up in community based district support, and the office of small business and workforce development one-time general fund. Impacts from the current year also show up mostly in the office of film and events. However, there are also one-time impacts in workforce development from the expiration of arpa funds. One-time cannabis impacts show up in the reimagined Oregon grant, mainly from the spend down of one-time grant resources. The business advancement area at the top of the chart shows higher funding than the current year, due to the inclusion of pcf funding for the clean industry hub, which we can talk more about if you're interested, and some one-time retention funds included in the 2526 budget. This graph does not include \$1.2 million in repair restore grant resources that were also programed in one time in nature in 2425 fiscal year. Next slide please. The 12% general fund budget cut removes funding to venture Portland, but keeps funding for direct grants to business districts. It reduces the administrative capacity that operates our community of practice meetings within ibm, which are important settings that facilitate learning, capacity building and client referrals across our ibm and service providers. It reduces by about 112 the number of Portlanders who benefit from youth workforce development under the next gen program, in partnership with work systems. Fortunately, through our lending team's hard work, we have been able to utilize the strategic investment fund to absorb about 50% of this proposed cut to mitigate program impacts and stabilize the programs that will be delivered in the upcoming fiscal year. It is also critical here to note, on the right hand side of this slide, that the

\$2 million of ongoing general fund that was replaced with a one time general fund resource in the proposed budget, without addressing this replacement for the next fiscal year, fy 2627 significant programs that rely on general fund may have to be fully eliminated in the workforce development or business support program areas. With that, i'll turn it back to shay to wrap up our portion of the conversation.

Speaker: Thank you. Andrew. If we go to the next slide, angela and the next one after that, I know we're short on time. So in summary, our total proposed budget totals 189 million or 153 million. Once you take out the affordable housing, set aside, tif district spending remains. Most of this, and the citywide revolving strategic investment fund represents a growing portion of the budget, as does investments from the Portland clean energy fund. General fund remains a significant foundational component of the overall budget, providing necessary funds to deliver citywide economic development programs and simply do the work that tiff cannot. Next slide. I want to end briefly on our expected impacts for the next fiscal year. What you see on screen is a sneak peek of the key performance indicators that we'll be sharing alongside our community economic development service area partners on may 14th, and the budget work session that day. I also just want to appreciate all of you for your time and for your questions and for your engagement. I know you're likely tired of hearing from us, so because I know we have some invited panelists that we've invited here today, and what I'm hearing and I'm told is I understand there's quite a few folks that have registered to testify, so I'm going to cut my remarks short and just say thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you all for all the information. And thank you for the cognizance of time. We do have a one more panel of folks to share information with us councilors. I think we should bring that whole panel up at once, since a few folks

are online, and then we can run through everybody. So in the room, I believe we have steven green from better Portland, michael harrison from ohsu and rana usman from Portland youth builders. But we are actually starting this panel with sam taylor from nia who is online. So sam, when you are ready go ahead and unmute and you're welcome to introduce yourself and start.

Speaker: All right. Thank you chairman.

Speaker: Good afternoon City Council members.

Speaker: My name is sam taylor and I am the community community development manager for nia. I am from the hopi tribe in arizona. Thank you for the opportunity to highlight the important work that the family center, along with our small business technical assistance program and our neighborhood prosperity network programs, have contributed to more than a decade to small businesses in the Portland area, particularly in the cully neighborhood. Our collaboration includes dedicated staff support for businesses on cully boulevard and 42nd avenue, reinforcing the principles of place based economic development that empowers primarily small and bipoc entrepreneurs. One of our key initiatives is the basics of business, or bob. This program outlines essential business components through a standard perspective, featuring insights from successful, experienced entrepreneurs. Topics covered include mission development, marketing strategies, financial management, and more. Participants receive one on one coaching, helping them identify and achieve both short and long term goals. We have seen remarkable success stories from our programs. For instance, be still images began as a concept and has now successfully established a food photography business. You can look at her progress at bstillsimages.com. Similarly, javelina indigenous dining started with local pop ups and has now established a brick and mortar thanks to the financial readiness that they cultivated through our support. Since

launching our native business accelerator, or mba in 2019, we celebrated numerous achievements that highlight the impact of economic development programs. Out of 43 graduates, 41 businesses remain operational, collectively preserving 73 jobs and creating 39 new ones, which significantly bolster wages and economic conditions in our community. Importantly, the foundational support from prosper and the city has been critical in enabling us to secure additional funding from the state and various foundations, which in turn fuels initiatives like the mba. Participants have reported enhanced capabilities in bookkeeping, marketing strategies, and operational understanding, showcasing the transformative power of our comprehensive economic development efforts. A couple inspiring stories include katana, connolly, and indigenous artists join nea's marketplace and the nba program. With comprehensive support, she rebranded her business and secured over \$15,000 in grants and more than doubled her income. Her journey illustrates the power of culturally informed business support in fostering economic growth and enhancing community impact. Another example is sita simonet and leilani ovalis, who have transformed their acupuncture business into a thriving wellness center post-pandemic. Their innovative approach not only generated substantial income, but has also created a supportive environment for other wellness practitioners. Practitioners for marginalized communities embodying equity in the wellness industry. Neha oversees two neighborhood prosperity networks, or npns. In cully, our 42nd avenue and the boulevard, which culley boulevard alliance excuse me, which has been instrumental in place based economic development for the past 13 years through strong community relationships. Neha, our 42nd avenue and cba leveraged federal funding to inject over \$1 million into businesses in the northeast. Portland 97218 zip code during the pandemic, contributing to business growth in the job creation. And there were no businesses lost during the pandemic,

as highlighted in a 2023 prosper Portland report, the npn support small businesses by offering technical assistance, facilitating hiring, promoting events, securing grants and connecting businesses to loan. We've managed two affordable master leases that provide below market rate commercial spaces, enabling some businesses to expand and grow their operations. Some have even purchased their own properties. Additionally, we have had two businesses grow and ultimately purchase their own land and buildings. Those businesses are essential quality care that specializes in in-home care for elders. And the Portland bloom, which was a plant based business, is a plant based business. Neha, the npns and several other cully based organizations played a leadership role in developing a new model of tax increment financing, or tif, in cully. Together, we've led a thoughtful community engagement process for several years that helped inform and design the plan that was ultimately unanimously approved by the mayor and City Council. The tif district is the first of its kind in the nation. Co-created entirely by cully community members, business owners and partners. Currently, 13 members of the community leadership committee have collaborated with prosper and to co-develop the first five year action plan and budget. Our approach and mode were replicated in other areas of the city. The community's active involvement has been instrumental in shaping the npns in cully, and driving their success over the past 13 years, the city's long term investment has created an environment for small and bipoc businesses, and it's important to continue funding this work so businesses can continue to operate, grow and succeed. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you very much, sam. Next we have steven green with better Portland.

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon. Councilors council president I'm steven green, executive director of Portland. We're a business chamber with over 300

members here in town. We're working towards a Portland where bettering businesses means bettering everyone. We're trailblazers, renegades and the ones who think big have a place to feel connected and are supported. In this Portland, we'd like to open the kind of doors that can't open on their own. Over the last three years, myself, along with one of our board members, have worked closely with prosper staff and elected officials to inform what has become the city's most recent economic development strategy. Advanced Portland, one of the key pieces of the better. One of the key pieces for us at better Portland was the office of small business. I've spent two plus decades running funding and supporting businesses here in Portland. One of the things that sets our city apart from others across the country is our default to community and supporting each other. While that works well when you're connected, it also is meant if you've lacked some of the resources and see other cities, we lack some of the resources that other cities our size have. As of 2024, we were the largest city in the country not to have an office of small business or center for entrepreneurship. For small business owners, that meant we were a great airport, but lacked the air traffic control tower to figure out which one way we should be on, when maybe you'd get lucky and get connected to better Portland, or had a neighboring business owner who could help you navigate the landscape. But most people struggled to find answers to basic questions, and even more lacked knowledge around how the city could support their journey. The announcement of the office of small business was a commitment by the city to go from being reactive to proactive. We're already seeing positive results from the office with a strong manager and experienced team. We had to fight last year to keep the office's budget hole and we're at it again this year. It's time for the city to continue to be the one that works and works for small businesses. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next we have michael harrison with ohsu.

Speaker: Good afternoon president pirtle-guiney and Portland city commissioners. My name is michael harrison I use he him pronouns. And I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I serve on prosper Portland's budget advisory committee. I work for Oregon health and science university and a longtime board member of the south Portland neighborhood association. I guess I'm here to share a tif success story, which makes me optimistic for the outcome of the tif districts that are new and emerging in the city. In the 1990s, the City Council had a goal of revitalizing a brownfield, bringing people closer to the river and ensuring that ohsu grew in Portland rather than expanding into the suburbs. Ohsu also shared the goals. We wanted to stay here, we wanted to grow here through a combination of ohsu, public dollars, private investments and the city's tax increment financing. Much of this work has been accomplished by creating a new neighborhood in south named south waterfront. While there remain some crucial roadway and greenway greenway infrastructure to be built, significant headways in removing and capping contaminated soil, extending the willamette greenway, and building transit and bikeways and roads have occurred, and, crucially, tif funding has invested significantly in affordable housing as well. As you probably know, ohsu also carried through on our commitment by growing significantly down by the river. We've built two outpatient medical buildings, a patient housing building, the knight cancer research building and the robertson collaborative life sciences building that we share with psu and osu. Given the neighborhood's extensive transit availability, the good paying jobs, excellent education, and high quality health care that takes place in these five buildings is much more accessible to those living throughout the city than they would have been had we grown somewhere else. And through apprenticeship programs and esb contracting, good jobs have also been created

and supported during the construction of these buildings as well. I appreciate the time to speak with you today and to celebrate the significant partnership that has existed between ohsu and the city for decades. We hope that the city will continue to utilize the remaining tax increment funds in south waterfront to complete our shared goals. Thanks so much.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Next, we have alyssa kajikawa online. Go ahead and introduce yourself and you can get started.

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon councilors. My name is alyssa kajikawa. I use she her pronouns and I'm a community development director at apano, a local nonprofit profit that works to build power, develop leaders and advance equity. I'm here to speak to the impacts and effects cuts to prosper Portland's general funding can have on the communities I work with and our future work. One program I oversee is the jade district. The jade district is one of the seven neighborhood prosperity networks, or npns, that you've already heard about, that were created by prosper Portland's neighborhood prosperity initiative more than a decade ago. We are centered around the intersection of southeast 82nd avenue and southeast division street. This program focused on micro tif districts, which are overseen by the npns, and how hyper local investment with community input could help stabilize small business districts and spur community and economic development. Over the course of the ten years, each micro tif district has generated up to \$1 million in tif funding that could only be used for physical improvements in the jade district. We've helped small businesses with painting new windows and business signs to hvac units, fences and permanent security measures, all aimed at helping our local economy thrive. While having tif funding is great and of course, helps our small business owners, it was, is and will be the general aka nonrestrictive fund that has the most impact. Tif funds are highly restrictive and have used on its own.

Without the guidance of community, it does not truly help stabilize communities, but can rather displace them to use tif funds through an anti-displacement lens, we must have unrestricted funds for stabilization programs. Because of prosper's partnership and unrestricted funding, a piano has become a trusted resource navigator, resource finder, emotional supporter, solutions collaborator and advocate for the jade district small business owners, many of whom identify as bipoc and or immigrants. Because a prosperous partnership and unrestricted funding, the npns have gained, learned and lived experiences and now hold institutional knowledge about the community centered approach to tif districts. This knowledge and our experiences will be vital for the success of the upcoming east Portland tif districts and the other npns understand how important it is to have programs and resources that complement tif districts to help mitigate the potential harm and displacement that can happen with this type of investment to a local area. The truth is that if budget cuts to prosper Portland lead to cuts to the npn program, much of apollo's jade district community work with small business stabilization, development and support will pause, and we're not sure for how long our direct work helping helping small business owners and navigate the confusing and often convoluted systems will slow putting unneeded emotional burden on our small business owners. Budget cuts will impact the opportunity for us to share our learned and lived experiences, and advocate for a community driven and centered tif district. I know these are not easy decisions, and that this council and the mayor have a seemingly impossible task in front of you with the budget. I hope my testimony has given some clarity of the current and future work that can be impacted by cutting general funds from prosper Portland. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Next we have paula bird, who I believe is also virtual. Go ahead paula.

Speaker: I am. Good afternoon, president and councilors. My name is paula bird and I'm the community liaison for east Portland tif. I served as the community project manager during the tif exploration process last year, and before that. I have been working deep in east Portland community for about eight years. I am testifying today to bring the experience to the rosewood community. Working at the rosewood initiative. I have seen firsthand the direct impact that support from prosper Portland in both providing and connecting our team with resources has had within our neighborhood prosperity network. As a community anchor, we provide vital services to community members who have been affected by displacement and underinvestment in east Portland. We do this more immediately through our workforce development program in english classes to families whose first language isn't english. Small business workshops and makers market for home based businesses in east Portland. In the long term, we will be working alongside the community to fully realize the direct investments that tif will bring. This impact is evident through our workforce development and small business grant numbers. Last year, we supported 159 people to prepare for employment and job search, with nearly 50 people securing jobs. Just this year, after working with our workforce navigator last year, the rosewood initiative awarded \$85,000 to small businesses throughout prosper, Portland's small business enhancement grant, with 87,000 awarded so far in 2025. Small businesses and nonprofits are looking for dollars to stabilize their business and expand their service. These numbers include only the areas in the npd district. But imagine the reach that we can have that we can make in east Portland during the next phase of tif. It is not lost on me that there is still a level of mistrust in our government. And if you ask me if tif is the perfect tool, the answer would be no. I don't think there is a perfect tool. When we talk about government systems and spending. However, it is a tool that will bring much

needed dollars to the disinvested area of east Portland. This is an opportunity to do things differently, and I believe that in this new chapter of community led engagement, we have a chance to do things better. We recently spoke to one of our enhancement grant awardees, Hollis School, about the impact that the grant has made on them and their students. Our grant supported them in building a new and secure fence where their students can play and learn outdoors, they said. This project has allowed us to focus on the students who we believe are abundant, brilliant and creative. It just frees us up knowing that there is a fence that's tall enough and safe enough, but also beautiful. It gives us the ability to focus on them and not worry about what's happening on the other side of the fence. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Finally, we have Rana Usman from Portland Youth Builders. Rana, please go right ahead.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Madam President and Councilors.

Speaker: I really appreciate appreciate.

Speaker: The opportunity.

Speaker: To be here.

Speaker: My name is Rana.

Speaker: I am the executive director of.

Speaker: Portland Youth Builders.

Speaker: A Bureau of Labor and Industry certified pre-apprenticeship program that will be celebrating 30 years of service this year. And I had the privilege of being there for 14 of those years. For 30 years, Portland Youth Builders have helped thousands of young people change their lives through a combination of education, vocational training, counseling, career development and long term wraparound support, Bridge to Construction program serves adults 18 to 26 and with the goal of diversifying the construction trades and skilled labor as a whole in Portland, the

bridge to construction program has largely been made possible due to the financial support through community construction training program, including funds from the city of Portland, Multnomah County, metro, prosper Portland, and other funding collaboratives. Our youth build program serves 17 to 24 year olds who have dropped out or fallen behind in school, and are interested in learning about pursuing careers in the construction trades or technology, being in the next gen network and receiving city of Portland funding has been essential to pyb being able to provide the long term placement and advancement supports needed for youth to jumpstart their careers in high demand, high wage industries. Pyb has received city of Portland dollars for years to help supplement wioa title one youth workforce funding, which is never enough to fund the demand for the services in our region and for our program. And of course, right now there's additional concern about how funding cuts at the federal level may impact our our availability to deliver our work. Since pibby, pibby has received funding from the start of community construction training program since the start that was 2020. Since then, we have served 367 youth ages 18 to 26. 71% of that is bipoc youth. The youth specifically funded through the cope program. That equates to 77% bipoc youth and over 95% low income folks and families. 90% of the youth we enroll completed their boley certificates, 70% graduated who have exited as of December 2024 have verified construction industry placements. And I'm sure those numbers are higher, but we have a hard time reaching our folks as they are busy working. And of that, 46% of the graduates have gone into apprenticeship, and going into apprenticeship is very difficult. The road to apprenticeship is hard. It requires drive, grit, familial support, communal support, a clean, clean driver's license, access to a car. It is. It is very difficult. I want to close by just saying that. In serving low income communities to become empowered and break the cycle of poverty. The money that is given to

us through these programs are essential for these communities. And if we're looking to serve these folks, is the antithesis to take away from little that they have. And I'm just here advocating for that. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you all for talking about the importance of these programs. Counselors, we have an hour left in about an hour of public testimony. I know that folks have a lot of questions and comments that you wanted to make. Today, I am working on figuring out how we can make sure we have time to do that. It likely won't be today, though. Do folks want to take a ten minute break before we get into public comment, or do we want to power through so we can hear from as many people as possible?

Speaker: Yes, yes.

Speaker: Does anybody want a quick break?

Speaker: I.

Speaker: Madam president, yes. There could be some time to be able to ask questions because I have a couple of questions that I need to talk with prosper Portland about. This is our first time they were in finance and some other places, but this is our first time being able to talk with them about their budget, because I have a couple things that are really burning.

Speaker: I we all have a lot of questions and we will make sure we have time for it. We have folks who have come today to testify. I want to make sure that we hear from them. But you have my word that I am. I'm literally already sending messages to people saying, we are going to need to find time, right.

Speaker: And but the issue I just want to push back just a little bit and say, while we're here in a full City Council meeting, that we should also take precedence as well as the community. And I think some of our questions may help some of the people who are online, because we're going to have to be the ones to vote on their

budget. And they're they're important people who are here in regards to what we want to talk about, and to get this same room again is going to be very difficult.

Speaker: Councilor we will tell the folks from prosper that we need them to come back to have that room.

Speaker: You're talking.

Speaker: About small business people who can't just come here when we want them to come here. I'm just telling you, if we have to push it to 7:00, we need to be able to ask folks a question while they're here today.

Speaker: We can come back to the question of whether we extend later. I don't know if that's a possibility or not. Right now, I'm trying to take a temperature check on whether or not we need a break, or whether we can plow through to hear from as many people as possible.

Speaker: I'm just trying to tell.

Speaker: You there's a.

Speaker: Temperature check up here.

Speaker: Plow through. I.

Speaker: So, madam president, I would just say, I think that a break is healthy, but we do need to plow through. Frankly, that presentation went incredibly too long. I have never had invited testimony to a budget briefing before. So with respect to what was expected today and the ability to get into this, I am very concerned that in the rest of our month we do not have prosper. 2.0 scheduled.

Speaker: I hear you councilor and I have checked in with folks about that. Most of the schedules I have seen are much less. I want to note that all of this conversation is taking away from our public testimony time. I'm hearing a call for a quick break, so why don't we take a seven minute break? We will come back at 512, and I am happy to have these conversations during that break.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Reconvene as soon as we have a quorum of counselors back up here. We are working on getting folks back so that we can start public testimony.

Speaker: Council president, just so you remember for numbers, I'm here.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, counselor and counselor zimmerman. No, that's just his logged in. Perfect. Thanks, councilor. Koyama lane.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Through the chat.

Speaker: We have six in the room and one online. So we do have a quorum back. Rebecca, could you please call up our first three people for public testimony?

Speaker: First, we have hector marquez, andrew mcgoff, and james taylor. You can sit anywhere. All the mics are live.

Speaker: Thank you all for being here. Go right ahead.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Councilors. My name is hector marquez. I'm the executive director of historic park rose, a nonprofit working in close partnership with prosper Portland to serve one of Portland's most diverse and historically underserved neighborhoods. Since 2012, we've partnered with prosper to strengthen our business district through storefront storefront improvement grants, technical assistance, and events like the summer nights and indigenous marketplaces. We support over 60 local vendors and youth performers each season. These aren't just community events, they are economic engines that build visibility, revenue, and local pride. We support, with support from the bureau of planning, of planning and sustainability, we led the parkrose community plan, engaging hundreds of residents, especially youth and communities of color, to shape priorities around housing, jobs, transportation and entrepreneurship. That work helped informed the newly approved space tif district, bringing long overdue investments to east Portland. The plan supports most businesses stabilization,

workforce development, affordable housing, and future community hub. It's a once in a generation opportunity to grow with not away from our neighbors, but to make this vision happen. We need continuity. A substantial portion of our operation funds, including leadership and technical assistance, comes from prosper. The rest is raised through grants and donations. Without foundation funding, we risk losing one of prosper most trusted community partners. We urge you to maintain funding from prosper prosperous neighborhood partnership and ensure parkrose is not left behind. Again, thank you so much.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Council president, pirtle-guiney and City Councilors. My name is andrew mcgoff and I'm the executive director of work systems, which is the Portland metro workforce development board. On behalf of our board of directors, I'm here to express our deep concern with the proposed general fund cuts to the prosper Portland budget, which will severely impact the long standing partnership between prosper Portland and work systems. Our collaboration is one of the city's most effective tools for advancing inclusive economic development and ensuring that all Portlanders, particularly those historically excluded from prosperity, have access to opportunity. At its core, our partnership aligns economic and workforce development to ensure that the investments we make in neighborhoods, industries, infrastructure translate directly into jobs, training and business growth for city residents. It connects people to opportunity and opportunity to people through prosper and work systems. Alignment. Public investments are directed towards individuals who need them the most bipoc communities, immigrants and refugees, youth disconnected from school and work, and residents of east Portland and other underinvested neighborhoods. Joint initiatives like the economic opportunity program help people access career coaching, skills training, wraparound services, and ultimately, family wage jobs. As andrew fitzpatrick

mentioned, it is estimated that proposed cuts mean 112 Portlanders will not have access to services through the economic opportunity program next year. So imagine if 91 of those 112 people, which reflects last year's 81% success rate, all got a job paying \$22.15 an hour. That was the average wage at placement for programs graduates last year. In one year, those folks would earn more than \$3.8 million, nearly four times the dollars invested by the city. I hear the bell. My apologies, and I will just say thank you for your leadership and your continued commitment to equity and shared prosperity.

Speaker: Good afternoon, council president and esteemed City Council members. My name.

Speaker: Is James Taylor, a Portland resident here to offer my support for Prosper Portland. I moved into Portland 43 years ago as a young banker, eager to raise my family and contribute to the growth of this city, a city that I grew to love and still love today. From virtually the moment I started working in Portland, I became aware of the work of Prosper Portland, known then as the Portland Development Commission. We collaborated on many things beginning in the mid 1980s, whether it was finding headquarter locations for companies being recruited to Portland, small business, manufacturing loans, real estate development projects, or the development of Portland's living room, Pioneer Courthouse Square. With its opening in 1984. From 1992 to 1995, I had the pleasure of being employed by Prosper Portland, being on the team that spearheaded the implementation of the Albina Community Plan. This was a tax increment funded economic development plan for northeast Portland that not only included direct small business loans and grants, but also real estate development projects. Many of you are familiar with the current vibrant redevelopment of neighborhoods surrounding Northeast Williams Avenue, Northeast Vancouver Avenue, Northeast Alberta Street, and Northeast

mississippi. I am confident that these areas wouldn't be what they are today if it weren't for the direct and collaborative involvement of prosper Portland. You look further into prosper Portland's work in film and television, workforce development, tax increment financing projects in southeast lents neighborhood, interstate corridor, Oregon convention center, south park blocks downtown waterfront, including tom mccall waterfront, riverplace marina, and pioneer place. This is not an exclusive list, but it tells me that Portland excuse me that prosper Portland is the economic engine that drives Portland. In closing, the reason we are here today is because Portland is in a crisis. Before the crisis, we were the envy of most cities.

Speaker: I'm sorry. We need to make sure we have time for everybody.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: I appreciate you all being here. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Deanna d'souza. Jason. Franklin. Anna.

Speaker: Anna.

Speaker: Sorry. Anna. Pickle.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Good afternoon, City Councilors. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is deanna d'souza and I'm the community programs manager at work systems. I'm here representing work systems and the Portland economic opportunity program known as Portland eop, which is funded by prosper Portland. I want to share how the economic opportunity program is transforming lives by connecting Portland's most underserved residents with the tools and supports they need to find stability and meaningful employment. Thanks to funding from prosper, we've been able to provide vital employment services through Portland eop for over ten years. We have the honor of partnering with southeast works, central city concern, erco, our just future and trust for peace to deliver essential employment

and training services to city of Portland residents. Eop Portland focuses on helping people that are facing barriers to employment. Residents with low incomes, housing instability, prior justice involvement, those in recovery, and immigrants and refugees. Last year alone, eop Portland served over 650 residents. Nearly 6,060% identify as bipoc, and over a third have prior justice involvement. Portland economic opportunity program offers long term, relationship based career coaching and employment assistance, combined with essential support services and job training resources. This comprehensive approach is what makes success possible. As a result, 84% of participants exited the program with unsubsidized jobs and with an average wage of over \$21 per hour, nearly half landed in career track roles and 56% advanced in employment, gaining benefits and higher wages. This is more than job placement. This is economic mobility and action. Portland eop works with participants to move from crisis to self-sufficiency. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, president pirtle-guiney and members of the City Council. My name is Jason Franklin. I'm the avp for planning construction real estate at Portland State University. I oversee the physical campus there. Prosper Portland is a valued partner to PSU, and we're grateful for their investments in our campus community. Yesterday, Propel PSU hosted the grand opening of the science and education center building, which brings the Portland State Business Accelerator onto our downtown campus. Recently renovated with \$2 million from Prosper Portland, this 37,000 square foot space in downtown Portland is designed to support innovation and entrepreneurship for PSU faculty, students, and our broader community and regional entrepreneurship ecosystem. This space will be the hub for new initiatives for Propel PSU that they're launching to support innovation and entrepreneurship in the region. In addition to this recent work, Prosper Portland was an important partner in other projects across the campus,

including the vanport building, which is a partnership building with ohsu, pcc and psu, and the city of Portland, as well as our business school and vital placemaking grants that they're providing for the livability of downtown Portland. Over the last 30 years, I've personally been involved in planning and development here in the city, and I've watched as prosper. Portland has done great work throughout the city, and that's led to the revitalization not just of downtown, but surrounding neighborhoods. And as a longtime resident of northeast Portland, I'm particularly proud of the work that they've done and that I've been able to participate from the neighborhood level. So I encourage you to further empower prosper Portland through an appropriate budget allocation so they can continue this important work and allow them to support the resurgence of not only downtown but also the Portland neighborhoods. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Nicole. Sorry. Anna pickle in the room. Stephen miller, ezra hammer, abby guyer. Bryson davis, and leah. Nancy.

Speaker: His team.

Speaker: City Council members. My name is abby guyer, and I'm executive director of accelerate women, a 501 c3 that supports Oregon's women and gender expansive business owners on their journeys to success. I'm here today in support of continued and robust funding of prosper Portland and the critical work they do to support small businesses in our city. Accelerate is a proud member of prosper inclusive business resource network. Through this important program, we provide women owned businesses with the tools, resources and support needed to help them grow and scale their businesses. In 2024, accelerate proudly served 499 women owned businesses in the city of Portland, 167 women, generating nearly 17 million in gross revenues and collectively employing 338. Portlanders participated

in our business advising and peer mentorship programs. 71% were low to moderate income individuals, with 59% of owners reporting income below 80% of Oregon's median. We also delivered educational workshops and events to 322 community members, for a total of 919 service interactions. About 57% of the services we provided in 2024 were funded in part by prosper Portland. Accelerate is one of 18 nonprofits that receive funding through the prosper convenes regular meetings of the network where connections are made, collaboration is fostered, and best practices are shared. We regularly partner with other members to avoid duplication of services and fill gaps in resources. Your full support of ongoing general funding of prosper Portland, including in fy 26 and 27, will help ensure that accelerate and all of the organizations can continue to support underrepresented business owners in our community, leading to stronger economies, increased employment, and vibrant neighborhoods across Portland. Thank you.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Hi everyone. I'm leon and I'm the vice president of real estate and facilities for the omsi district. Thank you everyone for taking your time today. Omsi is a cornerstone of Portland, inspiring curiosity and lifelong learning in millions of visitors each year. The omsi district represents a visionary opportunity to transform 24 acres into a vibrant, inclusive new neighborhood and community rooted in innovation, arts and culture, and science learning. We are working with our indigenous partners to use the opportunity to reestablish tribal presence on the willamette river. For nearly a decade, the city of Portland has been a dedicated partner in shaping the vision for the omsi district, and prosper Portland has played a key role. The bureau has served as a liaison to other city bureaus and facilitated collaboration, collaborative conversations that ultimately paved the way for the design commission approval of omsi central city master plan in 2023. In addition,

prosper has been instrumental in forging public private partnerships needed to make the district a reality to complement the \$11 million in funding from the state of Oregon, an additional 7.75 million for metro prosper has helped champion city funding for the project, which has been approved by the City Council in September of 2024. This investment builds on Portland's strong tradition of investing in neighborhoods that define the city's character in the future, and our partners played an active role in the central city tiff exploration process and supported the recommendation to create a new tif district in the central eastside corridor. Tif funds will help support the development of housing in the omsi district, where there is currently no housing, and the redevelopment areas, surface parking lots and brownfields prosper and support for the district will result in more than 11,000 jobs and significant tax revenues for the city. It will also unlock \$1 billion in economic development in private development, inspiring future growth and opportunity. We encourage the City Council to invest in prosper Portland so that it continues to deliver important programs and spur economic development in our city and our region. Thank you for your support.

Speaker: Both for being here.

Speaker: And bryson davis is online.

Speaker: Bryson. Bryson. Thank you.

Speaker: You can go ahead. Bryson.

Speaker: Good evening council. My name is bryson davis. I own a small business here in Portland. I'm the president of the williams and russell cdc and I work with prosper Portland several areas over many years. First as part of the williams and russell project. But I'm also currently working with prosper as a service provider for the inclusive business resource network, working with reimagined Oregon, evaluating grant applications. And I've been involved with the community budget

committee for the past several years. Being on the community budget committee, I see the tough choices and valuing that goes on in order to make the numbers work and best support the various values that go into the prosper Portland budget. You know, Lisa talked about the high level details of the Williams and Russell project itself. It started as a project working group under prosper Portland, with support of the housing bureau, and evolved into a nonprofit and nearly \$130 million development project. Through their support, the project would not be where it is. There would not be workers out there today digging without prosper support and ongoing engagement, more than direct funding for our buildings and our tenant improvements. We've had continuous support since 2018 to help us navigate the development process, and the programming that prosper provides, supports our future tenants and our fellow community members there in the room, sitting in our side to help us secure our funding for remediation, they showed up to support us in Salem and programs and supports like this is how we build community trust in our government. Further, the work that prosper does is how our government really provides some of the justice and reparation that many of us and the city government has had a rough relationship with many of Portland's minority communities due to the actions of the government in the past, that lost trust can only be rebuilt through city employees on the ground, providing sought support directly to community members. Shay mentioned the focus on equity, especially to repair the harm done from ill conceived urban renewal programs. And prosper is out there doing that work. General fund dollars can help fill gaps in prosper's budget that TIF dollars can't fill, and I hope you will consider when you are finalizing your budget priorities.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Next, we have elana dabrowska, supriya joshi, sardar wali.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: So sardar.

Speaker: Wali will.

Speaker: Testify in.

Speaker: Farsi and frozen.

Speaker: Will be interpreting for him.

Speaker: Because we couldn't.

Speaker: Arrange interpreter earlier.

Speaker: I'm sorry we couldn't get somebody earlier for you all, but thank you. Go right ahead.

Speaker: Elana is first up.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Honorable members of the council.

Speaker: My name is.

Speaker: Elana dubrovskaya. I was born and raised in ukraine and came to this country two years ago as a refugee. Due to the war in my homeland, I am a certified ophthalmologist, surgeon, a. Specialist in laser vision. Correction. I have 27 years of experience in this field. I was able to start working in the usa only a week after I came. Even though it was a job as a caregiver, an adult foster care. I was grateful for this opportunity to work hard to earn an honest living and pay taxes. But I was hoping for the chance to return to the profession of an ophthalmologist, to which I dedicated my life. I reached out to dhs and was referred to as iworks, and I want to say that welcomed me with such warmth and kindness. The glisan asked thoughtful questions and began helping me create a clear plan through the pip program. At the time, my english was very limited. It works helped me enroll at Portland

community college, which was a wonderful experience. The second step was to talk to the examining board to see if I could be allowed to take a trial test. The organization helped me prepare for the exam by buying the textbooks. For me, studying was difficult, but I passed the first trial exam and was allowed to take the test as he works. Helped me to fill out the paperwork and get a letter of recommendation from ukraine. In time they also paid for my exam. I couldn't believe such kindness and concern. The exam was incredibly difficult. It lasted three hours with no breaks. I struggled with understanding some questions. After all, english is my third language, but I passed. I passed the first time and when I saw the results, I burst into burst into tears. The moment. That moment represented the beginning of rebuilding my career in America. I am now a certified ophthalmologist assistant, and during job interviews, several clinics wanted me to start immediately. There is a serious shortage of specialists and ophthalmology here in Portland. Thank you for your time and for supporting the program that help immigrants and refugees like me rebuild our lives and contribute our skills to the Portland community. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: And rebecca, can we make sure to get extra time when we have a translator?

Speaker: Yep. Next up we have suria.

Speaker: Council president and councilors. My name is jose. I work for economic. Opportunity program at irco as a program coordinator.

Speaker: For many.

Speaker: Years, irco has been participating in federal matching grants that work system coordinates for the eop and nextgen program service providers. Through the snap 5050 matching program, we generate matching funds. From from

department of agriculture for cities investment into workforce services that service snap recipients. These matching funds are placed back into our urko's and other service providers contract to serve more low income Portlanders with more resources to make a greater impact. Urko was the first provider to partner with work system to pilot this program. Over the past decade, we have leveraged millions of dollars of federal funding into city and invested that that serving more residents with better funding service and for urko, primarily, our participants are from east Portland. This year, we are generating about \$170,000 in federal funds from our economic opportunity program and nextgen program funded by prosper Portland. At this challenging time, urko is experiencing major reduction in federal funding to serve immigrants and refugees by making these investments into anti-poverty employment programing, we can leverage more federal funding back into the community to support the communities that urko serves this year alone. At this point, urko have 124 participants, and we have more than 25. People waiting to get into the program before our next program year even begins. We are holding on to our new enrollment for training because of lack of funding. On the success side, 90% of our participants are successfully employed by the end of the program, while 75% make an advancement through the increased wage and our benefit. And for the record urko have all of our participants are bipoc 100%. Please consider fully to this legacy program and know that by doing this, we will be leveraging additional federal resources to support Portland residents. Thank you.

Speaker: Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Speaker: Thank you, council president.

Speaker: You take my time.

Speaker: What are.

Speaker: The best?

Speaker: Afghanistan as.

Speaker: As afghanistan? America.

Speaker: Where would.

Speaker: Cdl.

Speaker: Driver what.

Speaker: Left them?

Speaker: My February.

Speaker: Maps are.

Speaker: Eop airco who are.

Speaker: The majority as a.

Speaker: Cdl who are.

Speaker: The majority?

Speaker: My name is sardar wali. I came from afghanistan. In afghanistan, I used to drive a. Truck when I arriving in Portland, so I was working as.

Speaker: An uber.

Speaker: Driver.

Speaker: But my major field by occupation is the truck driving and I would like to start truck driving in here. Back for this. My occupation and my passion is that for ten years, because of that, I just apply for the enrollment and eop Portland program that will help me in to how to I get my cdl training for cdl training, dissipate of barrier of language of english language. Again, they they support me and I get my license. And after that when I get my license, I start to work in here. Currently he's working in here as a truck driving and he's very excited and very happy for that because he's now finally fulfilled need of his family in here. I would like to thank you for this eop program that is always be helping many people in our community that they really don't know how to get a job, a good job in united states.

So they're always be help them. So kindly support them with the funds so they will continue their supporting with the immigrant and refugees in here so they can easily find a good job, and they can go for the training that they really want to do and get a better life in here. Thank you.

Speaker: Leadership.

Speaker: Thank you so much for all of you.

Speaker: Thank you all for being here today. We appreciate hearing.

Speaker: From you. Okay.

Speaker: Mark lakpa sherpa and tony birch.

Speaker: Go right ahead in the order you were called.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Good evening.

Speaker: All council members.

Speaker: My name.

Speaker: Is lhakpa sherpa.

Speaker: I'm from nepal.

Speaker: When I get into Portland.

Speaker: I do.

Speaker: Not have any, like, serial driver's license. I just have the license. Regular license? I was doing something. Delivery job and something. And then somehow I find, like I met my friends in the restaurant and we talk about it all. What you do, like, you know, all the job things. And he recommended like there's a. Portland. What is it called? Is Portland economic opportunity program. And then I get there and I got a free training from this program from them. And then I got a my cdl license. Then I'm working in the Portland disposal recycling right now. So this is kind of stable job for me. So it's easy to survive beside of like doing something different

job you know. So I'm very happy with that. And I wish I would say thank you for Portland economic opportunity company and keep doing this things people who likes me. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Thank you to the president and the council for hearing me. And to the city of Portland.

Speaker: For.

Speaker: The funding, the. Resources that help formerly incarcerated people. With the. Transition back to society. My name is mark poirier, and I've been in southeast pdx reentry program since September 2023. I'm here to ask that you.

Speaker: Continue funding the important.

Speaker: Work of the Portland. When I enrolled in pdx entry, I was in intensive outpatient. Treatment for substance use disorder.

Speaker: And criminality.

Speaker: About five years.

Speaker: Ago, I was.

Speaker: Living in a tent in warm springs, Oregon, because I chose to walk out on my. Wife so I could.

Speaker: Get high all the time.

Speaker: I was under the influence of meth. When I committed my crime, I got 36 months for assault with intent to do bodily harm from prison. I went to the halfway house to and from the halfway house to treatment. After six months in treatment, clients were allowed to get employment and start paying for rent. My counselor referred me to southeast works for help. With employment. Pdx reentry helped me find a job. I could not have done this without their help. Up until 2008, I was a

wildland firefighter. After that, I was just an addict. I had 30 years of active addiction. When I started with southeast works, I needed to find a new career. My career coach taught me with the resume and got me on. Indeed, she taught me how to navigate the employment search. When I came in, I didn't have a smartphone and the program provided me one. This way I could check my emails and being able to. Being able to check my emails every day is how I got a job. Thank you. Okay, while I was in pdx reentry, I completed my crm program. I wanted to become a mentor to show people like me who are getting out.

Speaker: That there.

Speaker: Is hope if they do the right thing. While working towards my career goal, my career coach helped me find a short term job so I could pay my rent. When I started looking for jobs in the recovery team, I was getting. Turned down because I didn't.

Speaker: Have a license.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Tony is online.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name.

Speaker: Is tony burch. I'm the.

Speaker: Owner of the local.

Speaker: Dispensary chains broadway cannabis market and mint cannabis company, which four of our locations are in downtown Portland, making us the largest cannabis retailer in downtown. Collectively, I employ over 150.

Speaker: Employees in the. Portland metro.

Speaker: Area and am currently a member on the city of Portland cannabis policy.

Speaker: Oversight team.

Speaker: In Multnomah County alone, the cannabis industry generates. Over \$200 million in annual revenue, which translates to easily over \$1 billion in annual local economic activity. Despite our business, despite our industry being responsible for generating over \$1 billion of local economic activity annually prospers. Portland and seaport are the only groups in the city that support us, support our industry in any way. The da is not supporting us when we bring them criminals on a silver platter. The underfunded police aren't supporting us when we call 911 to try and get irate, drugged out homeless people out of our stores, and pnd isn't doing anything other than putting, permitting. Building, permitting hurdles and fees on anything they can. This \$200 million local industry gets zero support from the city, despite the egregious taxation happening to all businesses in the city. This continues. The continued support from Portland is essential to keep the fatigued operators in the city going in this atrociously anti-business environment of Portland and especially downtown Portland. As an example, I reached out to prosper Portland last summer. Last summer, after we had after our fifth window was broken at our downtown stores in a period of six weeks, several of those happening in the middle of the day. And I want to make this clear. This was these were not break ins. We have solid security shutters on the inside of the windows, and each of these broken windows were cased. Each of these cases was done by senseless vandalism, was committed by the countless drug zombies that the city just lets roam city, roam the streets, the cost of repair. The vandalism was in the many thousands and the work was written in collaboration with new projects were enough to secure some funding to offset those expenses. While it did not cover the full expense, we had to bear at least show that there was a group associated with the city that would at least take our calls and work with us on these issues.

Speaker: Thank you very much for sharing those concerns with us.

Speaker: Next we have brett, born, adriel person and joy church.

Speaker: Good evening council, thanks for.

Speaker: Having me. I'm here on behalf of district one and two cannabis dispensaries in rj and specifically in the boise neighborhood. I'm here to talk about cannabis tax allocation, c pot and prosper Portland. The city of Portland has a duty to be transparent and accountable in its use of cannabis tax revenue, a resource generated.

Speaker: By a.

Speaker: Regulated industry that emerged in response to decades of unjust criminalization. These funds are intended not only. To support. Core services, but to repair harm, uplift impacted communities, and build equitable economic opportunity.

Speaker: To truly honor these goals.

Speaker: Portland must implement clear, accessible. Public reporting on cannabis tax spending, formalize the cannabis policy oversight team as a permanent advisory body, and invest in prosper Portland to lead citywide cannabis economic development plans. Transparency is essential to building public trust. Voters support cannabis taxation with the understanding that it would directly benefit communities through public safety, treatment services and economic support. Yet without transparent, disaggregated data showing how funds are allocated and who benefits, Portland cannot be held accountable. Clear, publicly accessible reports broken down by agency, program and demographics are crucial to maintaining integrity and credibility. Establishing c pot as a permanent and powered advisory body ensures community led oversight. Pot brings lived experience and equity centered insight to cannabis policymaking by formalizing its role in granting its real influence over cannabis tax allocation, Portland ensures decisions are shaped by

those closest to the industry and the harms of cannabis prohibition. Prosper Portland is critical to economic justice, with appropriate investment, prosper Portland can develop and implement a cannabis specific economic development plan focused on workforce development, entrepreneurial support, public safety, education, and social equity. This plan should be designed in partnership with c pot and the community to prioritize opportunity for those most harmed and past enforcement, and ensure long inclusion in the cannabis industry.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. I hope you continue to support prosper.

Speaker: Next, we have dirk crimmel, stephanie huff, and paul andrews. Molina romero molina is online, followed by con tron and eric larpenteur.

Speaker: Molina.

Speaker: Yes, I'm.

Speaker: I'm sorry.

Speaker: Sorry. Apologies. Do we see you?

Speaker: No problem. Good afternoon, madam president and council members, I'm melina romero.

Speaker: Empresarios. Program manager.

Speaker: At hacienda cdc, which is a latino led organization dedicated to advancing the social and economic mobility of all communities. I'm here to submit testimony today in support of prosper Portland. In particular, support for its inclusive business resource network that funds the launch, stabilization and growth of small businesses. Iberian funding has supported the empresarios program, which serves over 130 women, minority and immigrant owned small businesses. We provide necessary services, including one on one advising, workshops and digital literacy skills in english and spanish. The Portland mercado served over 100 entrepreneurs

through the commissary kitchen, and is a melting pot for small businesses that, through our partnership with prosper Portland, is laying the groundwork for the city's communities we serve who might otherwise not have the same resources afforded to them as others. Through funding, the empresarios program worked with a local entrepreneur to help launch her pistachio spread business, pistachio. Since launching one year ago, pistachio went from concept to being in over 100 retail stores nationally. Small businesses like pistachio generate tax income, create jobs and stimulate local spending, all of which support public services and infrastructure. We must continue to invest in the creation of new business and support emerging ones. The long term success of our city is directly linked to the success and sustainability of prosper Portland. Supporting it ensures economic growth and helps to close wealth gaps and inequities. Values important to us all. Hacienda cdc stands in solidarity with prosper Portland and seeks to minimize or eradicate budget cuts. If the council wants our city to thrive, I urge you to vote to amend the proposed budget cuts for prosper Portland. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Contract here for the.

Speaker: Record, good evening, city.

Speaker: Council president pirtle-guiney and City Councilors. For the record again, my name is con tran.

Speaker: I am the policy director.

Speaker: For the Oregon chapter of the national association of minority contractors.

Speaker: Or namc.

Speaker: For short.

Speaker: We are a nonprofit business association with over 300 members companies across Oregon, all of whom are minority owned. I'm here today to express our support for our close partners, prosper Portland, specifically their community opportunities and enhancement program, or coep. Coep is not just a line item in a budget, it is a vital investment in the future of Portland's economy and workforce, as you've heard. So from the gentleman two two cycles ago, co-op is one of the city's most intentional strategies to increase diversity and equity in the construction industry by supporting women and people of color, both as workers and as business owners. Through coop, namak alone has served 242 small businesses owned by people of color and delivered 1700 hours of technical assistance. Cvp has about almost a dozen partners. You can do the math. This. These aren't just numbers. They represent real people building sustainable livelihoods, growing local businesses and contributing to the economic resilience of our city. At a time when Portland must be preparing for a stronger and more inclusive economic future, this is precisely the wrong moment to scale back such a targeted and effective program for such an effective organization. Public dollars should reflect public values. I know these are difficult decisions, but I urge you all to give due consideration to these proposed cuts and stand by the commitment to equitable economic development. Thank you for your time and as always, your service to the city. And I beat the bill.

Speaker: So thank you.

Speaker: Thad. Fiscal thad's online.

Speaker: Okay. Hello.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Sorry that I can't be in person today. I appreciate all that testimony.

Speaker: Very powerful.

Speaker: From all of these folks who have taken time to do this. I want to speak with you first.

Speaker: As a.

Speaker: Business person in Portland. I've run businesses in Portland for 25 years, raised my kids here. Tomorrow I will attend graduation for my younger son from lead school in boulder. My elder son is going to be here as well. He works in manhattan. He's in the design industry for a large multinational corporation. The point of me telling you this is that these two kids are gifted. They grew up in Portland, and they have no intention of coming back to our city as a father and as a businessman. It breaks my heart, but they feel fairly strongly in speaking with them that they will tarnish their opportunities moving forward by coming back to our city because of the negative, overall negative aspects that they feel concerned businesses in our community. As a volunteer for prosper on the community budget committee and as a volunteer on the northwest industrial business association, which runs from about thurman street over to lents, between the park and the river. Large industrial zone there, I can say that businesses in general, in Portland and in our area are supported massively by prosper. The opportunities that they bring and being the only economic development agency in the city are tremendous for the businesses that have stayed and are still operating in our in our district. This isn't the time to defund that. The appearance of defunding it would be tremendously negative for the entire business community, and one that I would ask you please to take pause and spend time thinking about before you move forward with it. Overfunding may be a better option. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is renisha hayes and their online.

Speaker: Sorry, just one second. I did not hear that I was going. Hi, my name is. Can you hear me?

Speaker: We can.

Speaker: Okay. Perfect. My name is Renisha Hayes and I am the owner of consulting and coaching. I am a small business owner here in the Portland metro area, and I just wanted to make some support for Prosper Portland, where a contractor with Portland means progress and the Mercatus initiative, which are focused on supporting supplier diversity in the Portland metro regional area and also connecting local like large industry leaders with small local BIPOC businesses in the area. So as a fourth generation Portlander, the contributions from Prosper Portland has significantly impacted my business. It has impacted the community. We have been able to scale and grow, extend our work across county lines, so we've been able to scale. Portland means progress to Washington County, and really, our hope is to continue scaling so that we can have universal and aligned programming across that, that crosses over city lines, county lines, state lines, because that's something that business owners tend to have a problem with. Right? They're they're going to Clackamas County, they're going to Multnomah County, they're going to Washington County. And it's different procedures and processes. And Prosper Portland has really been a leader in changing and innovating and developing partnerships across county lines and across lines. So as a contractor, as a supporter, as a Portlander, that's been here for generations, I think it's super important to continue supporting the initiatives, the local infrastructure, supporting the small businesses that are here. And I think that's everything that I have. But I just want to just show a moment of support and thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Andrea Wade. That concludes testimony.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Thank you for everybody who was here for testimony tonight. Councilors. We do have staff who are willing to say stay, but it

sounds like we may lose a quorum. So I am going to have us call it a night. And we will have to find time to come back to our conversations. Councilor. Yes.

Speaker: I think we should just get this done. Right now. We have everyone in the room. People have really good questions they want to ask. We just heard really valuable testimony that I think will inform all of the questions we're going to ask. Our staff are here. Can we soldier on for 15 minutes and let some of our folks ask some questions? I don't even have questions. I just know some folks up here have really good questions.

Speaker: Councilor, I hear you, but we have a number of folks who are gone at this point, and a few more who have events now. I know it's not ideal. So to that end.

Speaker: We don't.

Speaker: Have enough people. I agree.

Speaker: With you.

Speaker: Well. I believe that councilor zimmerman has to go. Councilor smith is getting ready to go. That's going to take us down to seven, which means that we would be having a discussion with a quorum, but with almost half of our colleagues not here to be able to participate.

Speaker: Sorry.

Speaker: I share your frustration, councilors, because it means we're going to have to find another time. And I know that we don't.

Speaker: Well, why don't they just go and we just ask our questions and we get more time?

Speaker: I'm okay if we have the full body. Hear the questions I want to ask. I want the full body to hear. But my expectation is that the chair of the commission will be present for that. Okay.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: So, councilors, we will continue the meeting of the prosper Portland budget committee to may 21st, but we will find time for a work session to discuss more between now and then. With that, I will carry over this conversation and close tonight's meeting. Is that correct, naomi? Or are we recessing?

Speaker: So if you.

Speaker: You we can we can close the meeting. The report is on file, so you don't have. That's fine. It's informational. And you can schedule a work session if you want to continue discussion on this before the perfect.

Speaker: And we will close tonight's meeting.