



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Council Present: Councilors Lisa Batey, Angel Falconer, Desi Nicodemus, Council President Kathy Hyzy, and Mayor Mark Gamba

Staff Present: Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager
Ann Ober, City Manager

Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Courtney Wilson, Urban Forester

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

1. Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) – Presentation

Josh Mulhollem, OSMB Environment and Policy Program Manager, provided an overview of the OSMB agency mission and history.

It was noted that Councilor Nicodemus joined the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Mulhollem reviewed OSMB's programs, budget, and authority to regulate activity on public waterways. **Mulhollem** explained what cities can regulate on rivers and described a recent rulemaking process for no-wake zones on the lower Willamette.

Councilor Batey and **Mulhollem** clarified that federal control of the Willamette River channel ended below the Willamette Falls locks. They commented on how OSMB considers public petitions and distributes notices about proposed rules. The group noted the need to ensure that local governments are on the board's interested parties.

Mayor Gamba and **Mulhollem** commented on a court case involving the City of Lake Oswego's ability to regulate access to state-controlled waterways.

Council President Hyzy and **Mulhollem** noted ongoing state-level discussions about which agency regulates the materials used in floating docks. **Mayor Gamba** and **Mulhollem** remarked on the harmful environmental impacts of dock Styrofoam contaminating waterways and the lack of enforcement resources to address the issue.

Councilor Batey and **Mulhollem** noted what the no wake zone rules were on the Willamette River at Milwaukie and commented on what the process would be for creating a new no wake zone at Milwaukie Bay. The group remarked on where Milwaukie Bay and the Willamette River's primary channel was located and how involved the United States Coast Guard may be in a proposal to add no wake zones.

Mulhollem noted services OSMB can provide the city for future rulemaking projects.

2. First Fish Herons Art Project – Discussion

Stauffer reported that the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (CTGR) had presented to the community a proposal to install First Fish Heron art works at Milwaukie Bay Park, noting that community feedback to the proposal had been positive.

Stauffer and **Ober** asked for Council direction on whether to proceed with developing an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with CTGR and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) for the project. **Council President Hyzy** and **Councilor Batey** thanked staff for their work on the project and expressed support for the project.

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It was Council consensus that staff should work on a First Fish Herons project IGA with CTGR and NCPRD and report back to Council with updates.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba announced that after the study session Council would hold a meeting as the Milwaukie Redevelopment Commission (MRC).

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder