



## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10722 SE Main Street  
& Zoom Video Conference ([www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov))

## MINUTES

MAY 3, 2022

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

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Garbley, Assistant City Engineer  
Justin Gericke, City Attorney  
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder  
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director  
Ann Ober, City Manager  
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

**Mayor Gamba** called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### 1. Youth Board and Committee Member Pilot Program – Report

**Stauffer** provided an update on the youth board and committee (BC) member program, reviewed how the program came about, how, and when recruitment occurred, how many youth members were appointed, the barriers that kept members from attending meetings, and what went well with the program. **Stauffer** discussed plans for the program should Council decide to continue it, including focused recruitment on the Arts Committee, Ledding Library Board, Park and Recreation Board (PARB), and Equity Steering Committee (ESC).

**Councilor Nicodemus** suggested recruiting end of year eighth graders and reaching out to La Salle Catholic College Preparatory School. **Stauffer** explained what area high schools the city had focused its youth BC member recruitment on previously and mentioned staff could connect with contacts at Rowe Middle School.

**Councilor Batey** was in favor of recruiting for the suggested BCs and confirmed with Stauffer there was no minimum age requirement for any BCs. **Council President Hyzy** also agreed with the four suggested BCs, shared experiences of the initial recruitment process, and stated it was worth extending the program for another year. **Council President Hyzy** and **Stauffer** discussed how ESC members had been establishing the new committee. **Councilors Batey** and **Nicodemus** praised the work and participation of PARB youth member Jackson Calhoun.

**Mayor Gamba** asked for staff to reach out to the Milwaukie Academy of the Arts (MAA). The group discussed involving a youth member on the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to provide feedback on the upcoming work around the Transportation System Plan (TSP), involving a youth in a TSP related subcommittee, and educating youth on TSP work through school assemblies. **Ober** stated there would be follow up with planning staff as to how youth should be engaged in TSP work.

**Stauffer** confirmed that feedback from Council was positive, and the program would move forward focusing on the selected BCs.

### 2. Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) – Report

**Geist** provided background information on what WES does including infrastructure used and maintained, how WES operates under a board of Commissioners and advisory committee, and how collected funds are allocated, and what current fee rates were. **Mayor Gamba** and **Geist** discussed the city's rates in relation to retail provider rates.

**Mayor Gamba** asked Geist to discuss treatment issues around micro plastics and nitrogen output. **Geist** stated that the reverse osmosis process would be the preferred way to treat perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) or containments of emerging concern, explaining that WES is bound under the regulatory framework in place from the federal and state governments. **Mayor Gamba, Geist, and Councilor Batey** discussed the cost of running all wastewater through reverse osmosis and the amount of energy that would be required to do so.

**Geist** shared a video about the Kellogg Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility which can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EohCy65-TVY&t=2s>.

**Geist** pointed out that a new generator and gas scrubbing system for solid handling had been installed at WES' Tri-City facility, that the facility was generating half of the energy it consumed, and that this system would also be installed at the Kellogg Creek facility in 2025/2026 and is a \$27 million investment. **Geist** provided additional updates on the future for WES such as how to handle the City of Happy Valley's growing population and the replacement of influent pumps at Kellogg Creek. **Councilor Batey and Geist** clarified where the pumps were located and what stage of the process they were used for. **Geist** added that the Kellogg Creek facility would also have work done on the aeration base and would be replacing drives and concrete in the secondary clarifiers.

**Geist** presented WES' new branding and signage and what feedback they had received from the community – which was wanting WES to be funnier. **Councilor Falconer** admitted responsibility in community feedback for WES to embrace the funny side of managing wastewater and the idea of installing a poop museum. **Councilor Batey and Geist** discussed the new signage and branding.

**Geist** reported working with Passarelli to establish a good neighbor agreement, provided an update on the status of the 3-Creeks Natural Area Floodplain Enhancement Plan, and thanked the city manager's office for printing an update on 3-Creeks in the Pilot. **Councilor Batey** inquired if community outreach was still occurring on the 3-Creek Plan. **Geist** advised that public outreach would be ongoing throughout the project, presented the current concept plan, and stated that WES would be looking to partner with an agency to install public access to the area. **Council President Hyzy** confirmed that WES would be reaching out to Clackamas Community College (CCC) as well. **Mayor Gamba and Geist** discussed how much of the 3-Creek Natural Area property was owned by WES and how much was owned by other agencies.

**Councilor Batey** shared that a Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLVE) event was scheduled to occur at 3-Creeks.

**Geist** summarized the updates to the 3-Creeks Natural Area and Plan and noted that construction would begin in 2024.

**Geist** presented an overview of the what the newly signed inflow and infiltration (I&I) agreement between the city and WES addresses, reported that WES awarded grants in 2021 through its RiverHealth grant program, and advised that the SOLVE Summer Waterways Cleanup would be on May 12. **Geist** reiterated the solids handling work that was completed at the Tri-City facility, added the work was completed due to partnerships with Portland General Electric (PGE) and the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO), and shared that a mural was painted on an odor control tower by CCC's faculty and students.

**Mayor Gamba, Councilor Batey, and Geist** discussed when the SOLVE event would start so it could be announced at the May 3, 2022, regular session.

**Councilor Batey and Geist** mentioned opportunities for more murals on WES equipment such as on clarifiers and involving MAA for future murals. The group discussed foliage on the clarifiers.

**Geist** closed the presentation by showing a “flushable” wipe that had been in a container for three to five years and had not degraded and reported that State Representative Karin Power had co-sponsored a bill during the last legislative session to have manufactures remove “flushable” from labels beginning July 1, 2022. The group discussed that wipes would still be sold but could not be marketed as flushable, that there are no true flushable wipes on the market, and that Washington and Oregon are the first to pass this kind of legislation.

**Councilor Falconer** asked if WES was developing a relationship with the Sabin Schellenberg Professional Technical Center to route students into WES’ line of work. **Geist** discussed WES partner programs with CCC and the Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences. The group discussed ideas for enticing students to consider technical careers like those offered at WES.

**Mayor Gamba** asked if Geist believed collection for methane had been maxed out, **Geist** replied with updates to the digestors, gas can be more efficiently produced. **Mayor Gamba and Geist** discussed handling and processing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG).

### **3. Adjourn**

**Mayor Gamba** adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

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