



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Leading Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue
& Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

MAY 10, 2022

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

Staff Present: Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator
Ann Ober, City Manager
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance.

Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. Council Vacancy and Special Election – Resolution

Stauffer explained that following the resignation of Councilor Angel Falconer from Council staff had prepared a resolution calling for a special election. **Stauffer** reviewed the timeline for the November 8 election which would feature the special election to fill position 1 and the regularly scheduled elections for positions 2, 4, and the mayor's seat. **Council President Hyzy** and **Stauffer** confirmed that the person elected in November to position 1 would serve for the remaining two-years of that position's current term.

The group noted that no audience member wished to speak about the special election.

It was moved by Councilor Batey and seconded by Councilor Nicodemus to approve the resolution acknowledging the resignation of Councilor Angel Falconer, noting a vacancy on Council, and calling for a special election. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting "aye." [4:0]

Resolution 29-2022:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR ANGEL FALCONER, NOTING A VACANCY ON COUNCIL, AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION.

3. Interim Council Member Recruitment – Discussion

Stauffer reviewed the proposed interim Council member recruitment process which would include a special session on May 31 for Council to interview and select an interim member. It was Council consensus that staff should proceed with the interim Council member recruitment and interview process as proposed.

The group discussed the questions on the interim Council member application form. **Stauffer** noted the interim member would likely serve from May 31 until December 20. **Ober** noted that the interim member interviews and selection would be broadcast live during the special session on May 31.

4. Parks Update – Discussion

Ober explained that due to the state of discussions between the city and North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) Council had been given a chance to publicly discuss the city-district relationship and give direction for next steps.

Mayor Gamba remarked on the city's multi-decade effort to build Milwaukie Bay Park with little NCPRD assistance. **Council President Hyzy** commented on the political actions taken by the district board to delay the park project and attempt to change the city-district intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to make it harder for the city to leave the district.

Councilor Batey observed that the city's issues with NCPRD had worsened after the City of Happy Valley left the district and the city felt like the district's board wanted Milwaukie to leave too. **Councilors Batey, Nicodemus,** and **Mayor Gamba** commented on actions taken by County Commissioner Paul Savas and some district leaders to delay the park project and create a divide between Milwaukie and the rest of the district. They agreed it was time for the city to begin looking at how to leave NCPRD.

Mayor Gamba observed that the city had helped found the district and had worked to stay in the district, and reiterated it was time for Milwaukie explore options to leave the district. Council agreed that the city acting to leave the district was not a reflection of NCPRD staff's work but of the district's political leadership.

Council President Hyzy asked for information from staff on what leaving the district would mean for the Milwaukie Bay Park project.

Ober summarized next steps staff would take. Council discussed how to proceed with the proposed IGA and agreed that staff should first confirm the city's ability to leave the district and only then agree to further IGA negotiations under certain conditions. They commented on Milwaukie residents' support for parks and the likelihood that the city could build and maintain parks better with a higher tax rate than NCPRD has.

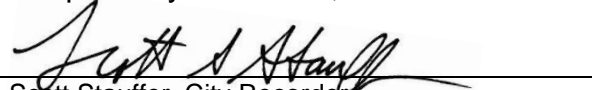
Council President Hyzy thanked staff for their work on the IGA negotiations to date and **Ober** noted staff would report back to Council.

5. Adjourn

It was moved by Councilor Nicodemus and seconded by Council President Hyzy to adjourn the Special Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting "aye." [4:0]

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder