



**Special Session** **SPS**

**Milwaukie City Council**

## COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

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

## AGENDA

MAY 31, 2022

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (5:00 p.m.)
  - A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - B. **Native Lands Acknowledgment**
2. **Interim Council Member – Interviews** (5:05 p.m.) 1  
Staff: Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
3. **Interim Council Member – Selection** (7:00 p.m.)
4. **Interim Council Member – Swearing-In Ceremony** (7:30 p.m.)  
Staff: Kimberly Graves, Municipal Court Judge
5. **Adjourn** (7:45 p.m.)

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**COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
Ann Ober, City Manager

**Reviewed:** Justin Gericke, City Attorney

**From:** Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

**Subject:** **Interim Councilor Interviews & Appointment**

**Date Written:** May 11, 2022

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Council is asked to interview applicants, deliberate, and appoint an individual to the vacant Council position 1 for an interim term.

**HISTORY OF PRIOR ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

[May 10, 2022](#): Following the resignation of Councilor Falconer from Council position 1, Council declared the position vacant, called for a special election, and directed staff to conduct a recruitment process to seek applicants to fill the vacant position on an interim basis.

May 23: Final day for interested individuals to apply to serve as the interim Council member for position 1.

**ANALYSIS**

Milwaukie City Charter Chapter V, Section 19 gives Council the authority to fill vacant Council positions on an interim basis before a special election can be held. The Charter provides that the interim appointment must be made within 30 days following the occurrence of the vacancy.

Any interim appointment must be made by a majority vote of the remaining members of Council. As outlined in the [May 10 special session report](#), Council directed staff to conduct a recruitment process to find individuals interested in filling the vacant Council position 1 until a special election can be held on November 8.

Council directed staff to post an application form and accept applications for the vacant position until May 23. A total of four applications were submitted for the vacant position; applications were received from Teresa Bresaw, Joshua Freeman, Adam Khosroabadi, and Rebecca Stavenjord. On May 26, Bresaw withdrew from consideration. Staff has confirmed that the remaining three applicants are eligible to serve on Council – they are registered to vote in Oregon and have lived in Milwaukie city limits since November 30, 2021. The applications have been forwarded to Council for review.

Information about the vacant Council position 1 and the interim recruitment process is available online at <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/councilor-vacant-position-no-1>.

On May 31 Council is asked to interview the applicants, deliberate, and vote on appointing one of the applicants to the vacant Council position 1. To make the appointment, a resolution (Attachment 1) has been prepared for Council to insert the individual's name and adopt.

If an interim appointment is made, the municipal court judge is prepared to administer the oath of office to the appointed individual. The oath of office is Attachment 2 of this report.

**BUDGET & WORKLOAD IMPACT**

The city recorder's office can handle the extra costs and workload related to this process.

**CLIMATE IMPACT**

None.

**COORDINATION, CONCURRENCE, OR DISSENT**

The city recorder, city attorney, and city manager worked on this report and the staff work to prepare for an interim Council member recruitment and appointment process.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council conduct interviews, deliberate, and vote on making an interim appointment.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. Oath of Office



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION No.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO FILL THE VACANT CITY COUNCIL POSITION 1.**

**WHEREAS** Councilor Angel Falconer has resigned from City Council position 1 effective Wednesday May 4, 2022, and

**WHEREAS** Councilor Falconer was elected to serve a term of office that would otherwise expire on December 31, 2024, and

**WHEREAS** the City Council has called for a special election to be held on November 8, 2022, to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, as required by Milwaukie City Charter Chapter V Section 19, and

**WHEREAS** under Charter Section 19 the City Council by majority vote of all its remaining members may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the person elected to serve the remainder of the term takes office, and

**WHEREAS** \_\_\_\_\_ is qualified to serve on the City Council as described in Charter Chapter III Section 9.

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved** by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that \_\_\_\_\_ is appointed to serve on the City Council, filling position 1, until the person elected to serve the remainder of the term takes office.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **May 31, 2022.**

This resolution is effective immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark F. Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Justin D. Gericke, City Attorney

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Milwaukie, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of title of sworn position of the City of Milwaukie in the County of Clackamas, according to the best of my ability, so help me God.**

Sworn on this **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **May 2022** before the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon.

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\_\_\_\_\_, City Councilor Position 1

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Kimberly Graves, Municipal Court Judge

**Scott Stauffer**

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**From:** Greg Hemer <greghemermilw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** OCR  
**Subject:** Public Comment May 31st Special Council Meeting

**This Message originated outside your organization.**

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I am sure you have wonderful and experienced candidates for the open seat on Council. Each one will bring a unique perspective and thoughtful insight to your decisions and discussions.

I wanted to share a story with you about Adam Khosroabadi, who has submitted his application. At our May 24th Planning Commission, we were on a 10 minute break. Adam, myself, and another PC Commissioner. We went outside to catch some fresh air. In the doorway at the City Hall entrance was a person sleeping blocking one of the doors. The other Commissioner and I had an annoyed look on our face because the entrance was blocked. We all went outside, enjoyed the non rainy weather, and went to return inside the building. The person sleeping woke up and started to rant about being hit by a truck and started to show his scars. The other Commissioner and I quickly entered the building, avoiding the situation. Adam stopped, knelt down next to the person, asked him if he was okay, and then asked him if he needed any help. Adam did this without hesitation or thought and wanted to make sure the person was supported, recognized, and being cared for.

Throughout Adam's tenure on the Planning Commission, he has fought for affordable housing, finding solutions for those in need, and supported projects that aim towards those goals.

Adam and I may not share the same views on how to accomplish the concerns we face in Milwaukie today or even see eye to eye on what the major concerns are, but his character, when no one is watching, certainly proves that not only does he mean what he says and stands for, but is willing to do the work and carries the compassion to see it get done.

I believe that this was also a strength of Councilor Falconer.

For this reason and many more, I am asking you to pick Adam Khosroabadi as the perfect replacement for Councilor Falconer.

Thank you

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Greg "Frank" Hemer  
5822 SE Harrison St.  
Milwaukie, OR 97222  
971-202-6100

May 27, 2022

Milwaukie City Council  
10722 SE Main Street  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Members of City Council,

I am writing to endorse Josh Freeman to fill Councilor Angel Falconer now vacant position.

As the newly elected Linwood NDA Chair, I am thankful for community members like Josh. He is an active member of the NDA and provides thoughtful insights on projects and decisions that benefit our neighborhood. As a neighbor, it is great to see Josh play a leading role in bringing the Juneteenth celebration to our community, which has been vital in making Milwaukie a better place to live for everyone. As a Milwaukie resident, I am happy there are great people like Josh who are willing to step up and take on an important leadership role to make our community stronger, more vibrant, and more welcoming.

Thank you for the work that you do in leading our great community and my hope is that you will appoint Josh Freeman to join you on the council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth C. Start". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Elizabeth Chin Start  
*Milwaukie Equity Steering Committee Member*  
*Linwood NDA Chair*  
*Milwaukie Business Owner, Start Consulting Group LLC*



May 29, 2022

Dear Milwaukie Councilors,

I am writing to encourage you to vote for Josh Freeman to take the open seat of Angel Falconer on council. He is dedicated, present, thorough, detail-oriented, a fantastic listener, a great judge of character, and a stand-up resident. He brings people in, and is also able to step-in, confront issues head-on.

I have known Josh for almost five years. When we met he resided in SE Portland. He was looking to be a part of a smaller community where he could raise his kids, have his voice heard and contribute to the greater good through community organizing and the arts. When he told us that he was moving closer to us, and into Milwaukie, we were thrilled to have him near and include him in many of the community events that were important to us as Milwaukians and as parents.

Since he purchased his house in Milwaukie almost three years ago, he has joined the Arts Committee and has been a part of the Black Lives Matter Sit In Solidarity and an original organizer of the Juneteenth celebrations. What's more, Josh has just recently graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Public Affairs from PSU. His recently acquired degree also suits his interest in participating in City Council. He is the ultimate role model for his kids, me and my family, and our community, when it comes to setting and achieving goals.

What's more, as a single father and co-parent, Josh has a real commitment and work ethic that proves what he does, he does with love, and does it with grace and just plain, pure, hard work. He knows the struggles of our young families, and our families of color here in Milwaukie. He volunteers at his kids' school and stands up for the rights of students experiencing disabilities and racial justice. He continues to show up for his family and friends, and community even through difficult times.

His knowledge, lived experiences, personality, and commitment make him the top choice for this city council seat. If we are committed to growing a city where people of color have a voice and a true say in how we become entirely equitable, delightfully livable, and completely sustainable Josh is the best choice for the job.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our city,

Sincerely,

Jillian McSweeney-Nicodemus

## Scott Stauffer

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**From:** Sabina Shaughnessy <sabinasemail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2022 11:27 PM  
**To:** OCR  
**Subject:** Josh Freeman -City Council

This Message originated outside your organization.

Dear Mayor Gamba and Council members,

I am writing to give my full support of Josh Freeman for Milwaukie City Council.

Josh is a charitable, and motivated leader and organizer. He works earnestly to elevate those around him while cultivating relationships. In my time working alongside him, I have seen his interest in Milwaukie grow and I know he holds the best interest of Milwaukie at hand.

Josh Freeman has the heart and mind needed for the continued growth in Milwaukie. I hope you will take this opportunity for a great addition to the Milwaukie City Council!

Sincerely,  
Sabina Spicer

Mayor Gamba and fellow Councilors:

I am writing a quick note to express my support for Becca Stavenjord in her candidacy for the vacant City Council position. I have only known Becca for a couple of years but I have come to greatly respect her intellect, her dedication, her hard work and her caring nature.

Becca's regional connections through her past work for both Clackamas and Multnomah Counties and her familiarity with the inner workings at Metro are also a bonus. Those who have not been immersed in such things will have a steep learning curve to get up to speed.

The only downside I can imagine to having Becca on the Council is that the Lewelling NDA will likely lose her as our chair.

I am sure you have a number of viable candidates to consider but I doubt that the City can be better served than by having Becca join you on the Council.

Thank you.

Stephan Lashbrook  
4342 SE Rockwood Street  
Milwaukie 97222

## Scott Stauffer

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**From:** Lisa Lashbrook <lisamlashbrook@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:49 AM  
**To:** Scott Stauffer  
**Cc:** Stephan Lashbrook; Mark Gamba; Lisa Batey; Kathy Hyzy; Desi Nicodemus; Ann Ober  
**Subject:** Re: Support for Rebecca Stavenjord

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Mayor Gamba and fellow Councilors,

I agree with Stephan's statements in support of Rebecca's bid for filling the vacant council seat. Rebecca is dedicated to serving her community and does it with respect, purpose, an open mind and enthusiasm. She is incredibly bright, personable, and kind. You would do well for your work as counselors to have her join you.

Thank you

Lisa Lashbrook  
4342 SE Rockwood St  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

On Tue, May 31, 2022 at 10:10 AM Scott Stauffer <[StaufferS@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:StaufferS@milwaukieoregon.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning Stephan - we have received your correspondence and will include it in the record of the May 31, 2022, City Council special session. If we may be of further assistance please let us know.

SCOTT STAUFFER, CMC  
City Recorder  
he \* him \* his

City of Milwaukie  
p: 503.786.7502

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephan Lashbrook <[drampa82@gmail.com](mailto:drampa82@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:03 AM  
To: Scott Stauffer <[StaufferS@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:StaufferS@milwaukieoregon.gov)>; Mark Gamba <[GambaM@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:GambaM@milwaukieoregon.gov)>; Lisa Batey <[BateyL@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:BateyL@milwaukieoregon.gov)>; Kathy Hyzy <[HyzyK@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:HyzyK@milwaukieoregon.gov)>; Desi Nicodemus <[NicodemusD@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:NicodemusD@milwaukieoregon.gov)>  
Cc: [lisamlashbrook@gmail.com](mailto:lisamlashbrook@gmail.com)  
Subject: Support for Rebecca Stavenjord

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## Scott Stauffer

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**From:** Lisa Batey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** OCR  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming appointment for council

Scott – for the record for tonight.

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**From:** David Emami <davide@happyvalleyor.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 10:36 AM  
**To:** Mark Gamba <GambaM@milwaukieoregon.gov>; Kathy Hyzy <HyzyK@milwaukieoregon.gov>; Lisa Batey <BateyL@milwaukieoregon.gov>; Desi Nicodemus <NicodemusD@milwaukieoregon.gov>  
**Subject:** Upcoming appointment for council

Dear Mayor Gamba, Council President Hyzy,  
Councilor Batey and Councilor Nicodemus,

Hello to my neighboring elected officials of  
Milwaukie! I hope that you all doing well  
and enjoyed your weekend!

I wanted to take a moment to email you  
about the upcoming appointment to fill  
Councilor Falconer's seat. As someone who  
was appointed himself, I know this process  
can be very difficult for both the applicants  
and the deciding body. I am forever  
grateful that I was granted the opportunity  
to serve my community and I can respect  
and empathize that you are all are in a  
unique position. I also understand that with  
any appointment, there can be great  
political pressure to choose the right  
person.

Thankfully, there is one extremely  
competent and qualified person in your  
community that has already applied. I know  
that he could help make your city, our  
county and our state an even better place.

That is why it is with tremendous  
enthusiasm; I write you all today to support  
Adam Khosroabdi's appointment to the  
Milwaukie City Council.

Adam exemplifies the kind of community leadership needed to give Milwaukie and Clackamas County another champion of its values. Born and raised to Iranian immigrants, Adam has stood up for Muslims, Veterans and is a proud Iranian-American. Not only did he stand up for our community against the bigoted comments made by our very own Clackamas County Commissioner, Mark Shull, Adam has also participated in listening sessions with various groups to help bring our community together. Adam's multifaceted identity affords him an empathy and understanding of the diverse communities he hopes to better represent as part of the council and as a soon to be father, Adam is committed to protecting and helping your fine city, the place his child will call home.

Your vote and support for Adam's appointment would also represent a historic breakthrough for the State of Oregon and It would further underscore Milwaukie's commitment and dedication to making the city's leadership more representative of the beautiful community it seeks to represent.

I enthusiastically support Adam's public service ambitions and I am beyond confident he will diligently work alongside the rest of you all to make Milwaukie a stronger community. There truly is no better candidate for this appointment, and I urge you to consider Adam for this position.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to call or email anytime if there are any opportunities for our cities to work together in the future.

Sincerely,

David Emami

**David Emami** City Councilor

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## Scott Stauffer

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**From:** Lisa Batey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 11:38 AM  
**To:** OCR  
**Subject:** FW: Appointment of Adam Khosroabadi

Scott – for the record for tonight.

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**From:** Cris Waller <criswaller1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2022 10:32 AM  
**Subject:** Appointment of Adam Khosroabadi

I would like to recommend that the Milwaukie City Council appoint Adam Khosroabadi to the vacant Council position.

Over the last two years, I have had the pleasure of working with Adam on several projects involving social justice. I have found him to be a passionate defender of the rights of people whom society often ignores. I have also appreciated his quick intellect, excellent communication skills and desire to learn. I feel that he will do a great job representing the citizens of his community and will be an invaluable asset to the Milwaukie City Council.

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Cris Waller  
[criswaller1@gmail.com](mailto:criswaller1@gmail.com)