

2366<sup>th</sup> Meeting**COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION****MINUTES**

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

OCTOBER 4, 2022

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

**Staff Present:** Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager  
Justin Gericke, City Attorney  
Jon Hennington, Equity Program Manager

Ann Ober, City Manager  
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder  
Luke Strait, Police Chief

**Mayor Gamba** called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER****A. Pledge of Allegiance.****B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.****2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor Gamba** announced upcoming activities, including a heritage lecture, a housing needs survey, park planning meetings, and the city's Arbor Day activities. **Councilor Batey** noted a wetlands clean-up work party event.

**3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS****A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Proclamation**

**Strait, Gabriela Gomez, and Christy Ahlquist** with Clackamas Women's Services (CWS) introduced the proclamation and remarked on the services available to those in domestic violence situations. Council thanked CWS for the services they provide, and the group noted the process for requesting services. **Councilor Khosroabadi** remarked on personal experiences with domestic violence. **Mayor Gamba** proclaimed October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**B. Indigenous Peoples Day – Proclamation**

**Hennington** remarked on the history of recognizing Indigenous Peoples and noted Indigenous Day celebrations in the area. **Mayor Gamba** proclaimed October 10, 2022, to be Indigenous Peoples Day.

**C. Hispanic Heritage Month – Proclamation**

**Hennington** commented on the history of recognizing Hispanic, Latinx, Latino, and Latina cultures. **Mayor Gamba** proclaimed September 15 – October 15, 2022, to be Hispanic Heritage Month.

**D. Energy Efficiency Day – Proclamation**

**Mayor Gamba** discussed the importance of promoting energy efficient vehicles, buildings, and habits and proclaimed October 5, 2022, to be Energy Efficiency Day.

**4. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. City Manager Updates – Report**

**Ober** provided an update on the city’s work to address houselessness, including the recruitment of a behavioral health specialist and a peer outreach coordinator, working with non-profit groups to provide services, looking at whether a shelter could be placed in the city, and drafting a camping ordinance.

**Ober** explained that Council needed to appoint a Council member to serve on the Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) Advisory Board. **Councilor Khosroabadi** expressed interest in serving on the board.

**It was moved by Councilor Batey and seconded by Council President Hyzy to appointment Councilor Khosroabadi to the WES Advisory Board as the city’s representative. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting “aye.” [5:0]**

**Ober** noted that the city maintained a Rotary Club membership for Council members and reported that Councilor Khosroabadi had expressed interest in being a Rotary member. It was Council consensus that Khosroabadi should fill Council’s Rotary Club membership. **Ober** noted staff would continue to attend Rotary meetings as well.

**5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

**Mayor Gamba** reviewed the public comment procedures and **Ober** reported that there was no follow-up report from the September 20 community comments. No audience member wished to address Council.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was moved by Council President Hyzy and seconded by Councilor Nicodemus to approve the Consent Agenda Items A. and B.**

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes:**
  - 1. September 6, 2022, Work Session, and
  - 2. September 6, 2022, Regular Session.
- B. ~~Authorization of a cooperative agreement with the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council (NCWC) for the Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project.~~** (removed from the agenda)
- C. An Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) application for Ohana Hawaiian Café, 10608 SE Main Street – Limited Off-Premises Sales.**

**Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting “aye.” [5:0]**

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Mayor Gamba** announced that an agenda item regarding climate action goals in Clackamas County had been added to the business items part of the agenda.

**A. New City Hall Update – Report**

**Brooks** provided an update on the work to prepare the new city hall building, including the timeline for awarding construction contracts and reviewing interior design and infrastructure details for the first-floor community room and staircase.

The group observed how many people could be seated in the new city hall community room and the plan to make sure the community room would not be an inactive store front. **Brooks** remarked on art elements planned for the new city hall building.

**Brooks** discussed a proposal to install a light wall in the staircase and **Council President Hyzy** expressed support for the light wall concept.

**Brooks** reviewed plans for the new city hall's third floor Council chambers and reported that due to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements the dais could not be raised as originally designed. The group remarked on the audio and visual (AV) benefits of raising the dais and the challenges of raising the floor.

**Brooks** reported on plans to construct gender neutral restrooms on the third floor and presented chambers carpeting, wall, and paneling color schemes. **Mayor Gamba, Stauffer,** and **Brooks** remarked on plans for staff to consult AV experts on the layout and technical elements to be included in chambers. The group commented on pros and cons of how other board and Council chambers had been designed.

**Brooks** discussed plans to design exterior signage, parking security infrastructure, and staff locker rooms and showers in the basement at the new city hall. The group noted the planned uses of the new city hall's basement.

**Stauffer** reported on possible locations of the new city hall's flag poles.

**Councilor Batey, Brooks,** and **Council President Hyzy** remarked on whether the information kiosk at the current city hall would be relocated to the new city hall.

#### **6. B. Authorization of a cooperative agreement with NCWC for the Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project.**

**Councilor Batey** asked what had delayed the agreement and **Brooks** reported that NCWC's attorney had not finished reviewing the agreement.

#### **B. Equity Goal Update – Report**

**Hennington** introduced Nicole Yates and Annette Humm Keen with Keen Independent Research (KIR) and reviewed the city's equity work over the last two years.

**Yates** and **Keen** reviewed the plan for the Milwaukie diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) study, noting KIR's approach to community outreach and inclusion.

**Yates** discussed the DEI study's goals and methodology, the plan to review current city policies, processes, and priorities, identify community needs, and how internal and external discussions would be approached. **Yates** noted how the study findings would be reported to Council and the public and reviewed the project timeline and next steps.

**Councilor Batey** and **Yates** noted a study website and **Hennington** reported that the public phase would be announced the week of October 10.

**Council President Hyzy** and **Hennington** observed that the DEI study would look at the work done by the city and that the community would be asked to participate in the study. **Mayor Gamba** suggested the DEI study be laid out in a way that clearly communicates how the city and community could make progress.

**Hennington** reviewed the timeline for when city and community surveys would go out. **Keen** commented on the importance of taking a wholistic view of DEI to set the city up to be a DEI leader. **Yates** noted that the study's findings would be broken into helpful

categories making the document accessible. **Council President Hyzy** thanked Keen and Yates for setting-up a well-designed study.

**Councilor Nicodemus** underscored the importance of staff and community members internalizing the DEI study and committing to personally growing. **Keen** and **Hennington** agreed with Nicodemus and suggested equity work took a long time.

**Countywide Climate Goals – Discussion** (added to the agenda)

**Mayor Gamba** commented that one intention of the city’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) work was to be a model for other cities and remarked that the following presentation was part of that intent.

**Bill Street**, unincorporated Clackamas County resident and Clackamas County Climate Action Task Force (CATF) member, remarked on the impact of climate change on daily life, commended Milwaukie for its climate leadership, and asked the city to encourage the county, state, and other cities to set similar climate goals.

**Jenny Davies**, unincorporated Clackamas County resident and CATF member, asked Council to consider a resolution to encourage other cities to adopt climate goals. **Davies** reviewed climate goals adopted by states, counties, and cities and presented information about the negative health effects of climate change.

**Councilor Batey** and **Council President Hyzy** asked about CATF’s work. **Street** provided a summary of the CATF’s work and the group remarked that some county leaders want the CATF to function slowly. **Council President Hyzy** encouraged Street and Davies to ask other cities to pursue adopting their own plans.

**Councilor Khosroabadi** remarked on the county’s early interest in using Milwaukie’s CAP as a model and asked if the county had done so. **Davies** and **Street** suggested many wanted their communities to be like Milwaukie and some had taken small steps toward that model without much accountability.

**Mayor Gamba** suggested Street and Davies could help draft a resolution for Council to consider adopting at a future meeting.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. None Scheduled.**

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council President Hyzy** commented on a survey from Metro on the regional transportation system plan and encouraged the public to participate.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Councilor Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Batey to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting “aye.” [5:0]**

**Mayor Gamba** adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder