



City Hall Council Chambers, 10501 SE Main Street
& Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2024

Present: Commissioners Adam Khosroabadi, Robert Massey, Desi Nicodemus, Rebecca Stavenjord, and Lisa Batey

Staff: Joseph Briglio, MRC Executive Director
City Attorney Justin Gericke

Assistant City Manager Emma Sagor
City Recorder Scott Stauffer

Commissioner Batey called the meeting of the Milwaukie Redevelopment Commission (MRC) to order at 7:42 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by **Commissioner Khosroabadi** and seconded by **Commissioner Massey** to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2023, MRC Meeting. Motion passed with the following vote: **Commissioners Khosroabadi, Massey, Abma, Stavenjord, and Batey** voting “aye.” [5:0]

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Economic Development Program – Update

Briglio provided an update on the economic development program of the MRC’s Urban Renewal Plan, noting the program’s development and administration through financial help pre-development assistance and storefront improvements. **Mayor Batey, Councilor Abma,** and **Briglio** remarked on whether Metro still offered funding for storefronts.

Briglio continued to note the economic development programs, including funding for tenant improvements, and displacement companion assistance. **Mayor Batey** and **Briglio** noted small business training workshops the city had offered before. **Council President Massey** and **Briglio** remarked on differences between pre-development and displacement companion assistance programs.

Briglio presented and discussed the core values and preferences of the MRC’s economic development program in implementing assistance programs, and noted ongoing considerations staff are still working out such as offering a way to reimburse businesses that had already made improvements before the programs existed.

Councilor Stavenjord thanked staff and the MRC Community Advisory Committee (MRCCAC) for working on economic development strategies and remarked on the values and priorities being implemented through the programs **Briglio** presented.

Councilor Khosroabadi appreciated the programs proposed and asked if the MRC could offer programs specifically to support minority, women, and veteran owned businesses. **Briglio** agreed staff were interested in growing the city’s support for such businesses.

Councilor Abma supported the MRC’s economic development work and asked if the programs could support a business retrofitting an office space to a storefront. **Briglio** confirmed the proposed programs could be used to do such storefront updates.

Council President Massey supported the proposed programs. **Briglio** and **Massey** remarked on how the MRC and city learn about businesses opening in Milwaukie through a six-month look back tool. They noted there was work to be done to connect with and support businesses.

Councilor Khosroabadi remarked on the importance of supporting local businesses to grow the local economy and provide livable wage jobs.

Councilor Abma and **Briglio** commented on the MRC’s business outreach efforts.

Briglio provided an overview of the implementation steps planned for the economic development programs with many being initiated by fall 2024. **Councilor Stavenjord**, **Mayor Batey**, and **Briglio** noted the six-month look back timeframe and when the MRC would launch the programs.

Mayor Batey and **Briglio** discussed how the economic development programs would encourage increased foot traffic in downtown Milwaukie. They also remarked on the overall status of the MRC (urban renewal district) as outlined in the Urban Renewal Plan, noting what projects had been incorporated into city projects and plans.

4. INFORMATION

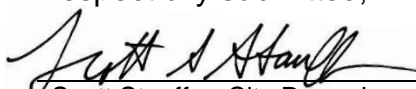
There was no additional report.

5. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Stavenjord and seconded by Commissioner Massey to adjourn the MRC. Motion passed with the following vote: Commissioners Khosroabadi, Massey, Abma, Stavenjord, and Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

Commissioner Batey adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder