



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

MINUTES

MAY 7, 2024

Council Present: Councilors Shane Abma, Adam Khosroabadi, Rebecca Stavenjord, and Council President Robert Massey, and Mayor Lisa Batey

Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Acting Assistant City Manager Emma Sagor, Acting City Manager
Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Justin Gericke, City Attorney Jeff Tolentino, Assistant City Engineer
Josh Neath, Associate Engineer

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) and Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP) – Annual Report

Garbely reported that staff would be moving this annual report to the fall and provided an overview of the SAFE program. **Tolentino** provided an overview of SSMP, and the pavement condition index (PCI) used to grade roadways. The group discussed SSMP funding and progress in improving collector and side streets PCI.

Councilor Stavenjord arrived at the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Tolentino reviewed the overall PCI of Milwaukie streets. **Mayor Batey** and **Garbely** noted the city's progress in improving roadways and leveraging other projects to address poor road conditions. The group noted how staff updates the PCI ratings over time.

Garbely provided an overview of integrated SAFE, SSMP, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects. The group remarked on how staff leverages elements of projects and prioritizes ADA improvements to complete the most projects possible.

Councilors Abma and Khosroabadi and **Garbely** commented on federal requirements to have an ADA plan and the risk of losing funding for not working to complete the plan.

Garbely provided an update on the Washington Street Area Improvements and the group remarked on how the project had been funded and whether the city undergrounds utility wires as a part of SAFE or SSMP projects.

Tolentino and **Garbely** provided updates on the Ardenwald North, King Road, Harvey Street, and Stanley Avenue improvement projects. The group discussed deadlines to use Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) funds for the Stanley project and noted a potential lack of funding for the project. There was Council consensus that staff should continue to seek an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the county for the Stanley project.

Garbely noted the status of the Monroe Greenway project and **Mayor Batey** reported there would be renewed childcare activity at the site of the former Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) site at Hwy 224 and Monroe Street.

Garbely reported on the status of the 2024 SSMP slurry seal project, noted where the city was in using the second tranche of SAFE bond fundings, and asked for Council feedback on seeking a third tranche of bond funds. **Sagor** and **Garbely** reviewed the list of projects slated for completion in the third tranche.

Council discussed whether to proceed with a third tranche of SAFE program funding, with **Mayor Batey**, **Council President Massey**, and **Councilors Stavenjord and Khosroabadi** suggesting Council needed more information before they could decide on further bond funding. **Garbely** and **Sagor** suggested Council would need to discuss and decide about a third tranche of bond funding within the next year.

Sagor summarized that Council would revisit bond funding later in 2024 and in 2025.

Garbely reported that staff would be seeking grant funding for a Harrison Street / 42nd Avenue / King Road crash corridor study. The group commented on whether it would be feasible and desirable to install a roundabout on King Road.

2. Neighborhood Greenway Strategies – Update

Garbely and **Neath** provided an update on plans to improve the 29th Avenue Greenway, noting three-phases beginning with the installation of signs. **Councilor Stavenjord**, **Neath**, and **Garbely** commented on neighborhood response to the proposed plan and how the plan for 29th Avenue could inform improvements on other greenways.

Neath explained that phase two, the installation of pavement markers, would occur after slurry seal work is done this summer. **Garbely** noted the plan includes markers for bicycle and pedestrian crossings on one side of the road and **Councilor Stavenjord** wondered whether bikers and walkers cross the street to use such markers.

Neath reported that phase three would include additional pavement markers that are part of the Ardenwald North project and noted neighborhood district association (NDA) meetings and engagement activities staff had done for the project.

The group discussed the location and style of signs to be installed in phase one. **Garbely** noted the neighborhood’s request for a slower speed limit on the greenway and that staff would consider the request through the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update.

Mayor Batey supported slower speed limits on greenways and the group remarked on how to establish a process for lowering greenway speed limits. **Garbely** and **Sagor** explained concerns about adding to staff workload and administering other projects.

Councilor Stavenjord asked about contracting with other cities to increase staff capacity to take on processes. **Sagor** said staff would look at workload options.

Mayor Batey and **Garbely** noted that the staff proposal for the TSP would be to lower all greenway speeds to 20 miles per hour. **Council President Massey** and **Garbely** noted that lowering the speed limit does not necessarily lead to vehicles going slower and the group noted the possibility of asking other cities for data about lowered speed limits.

Garbely reviewed the budget and outreach strategy for the 29th Avenue Greenway plan. **Sagor** noted that Council didn’t need to authorize funds for the greenway.

The group reviewed the designs for the greenway signs.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder