

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MINUTES

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

JUNE 18, 2024

Council Present: Councilors Will Anderson, Adam Khosroabadi, Rebecca Stavenjord, and

Council President Robert Massey, and Mayor Lisa Batey

Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Acting Assistant City Manager

Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director Emma Justin Gericke, City Attorney

Brent Husher, Library Director Sagor, Acting City Manager Scott Stauffer, City Recorder Kelli Lamm, Library Circulation Manager

Brandi Leos, Human Resources Director

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted that Councilor Stavenjord was participating via Zoom, Councilor Khosroabadi would be late to the meeting, and that Councilor Anderson would be sworn-in after the meeting.

1. Library Strategic Plan - Report

Husher provided an overview of the Ledding Library strategic plan, explaining the purpose and priorities of the plan. The group discussed potential impacts of ending the daily overdue book fine and adding book hold pick-up lockers in east Milwaukie.

Councilor Khosroabadi arrived at 4:15 p.m.

The group continued to discuss budget impacts of ending the daily fine, noting how the Friends of the Ledding Library (FOLL) and the Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) district support the library. Husher and Sagor noted that proposed fee structure changes wouldn't be implemented until the beginning of fiscal year (FY) 2026.

Husher discussed possible library staffing changes and how library resources could be focused to provide more equitable services and maintain a healthy library organization.

Council expressed support for easing fee burdens on community members. Husher remarked on where library operations could be in five years.

Mayor Batey and Husher commented on the role of the Ledding Library Foundation in supporting the library's operations and possibly expanded services. Councilor Khosroabadi and Husher noted how the library district tracks where materials are requested. Sagor thanked library staff for their work.

Mayor Batey and Husher noted that the library held a volunteer appreciation event separately from the city's boards and committee volunteer dinner.

2. Council Parks Goal Update - Report

Sagor provided updates on parks related issues, including the city's relationship and legal actions with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), the construction of three neighborhood parks, and phase III of the Milwaukie Bay Park project. The group discussed previously identified grant funding and other funding opportunities that could help finish Milwaukie Bay Park.

Councilor Anderson and **Mayor Batey** noted the issues that led to the Clackamas Board of County Commissioners (BCC), which acts as the NCPRD Board, pausing the adoption of previously proposed intergovernmental agreements (IGA) to finish Milwaukie Bay Park.

Sagor asked for Council input on whether staff should re-engage NCPRD staff on the Milwaukie Bay Park project and general maintenance IGAs and whether city urban renewal funding should be used to complete Milwaukie Bay Park. The group discussed the timing of pursuing a master maintenance IGA or specific park project IGAs, noting that it was unknown when a state appeals court would rule on the city's validation action related to what legal mechanism the city could use to leave NCPRD. Council commented on whether the city would give up the district exit clause in the existing IGA and whether staff should re-engage NCPRD staff.

Mayor Batey and **Councilors Anderson** believed NCPRD system development charge (SDC) funds should be sought for Milwaukie Bay Park before urban renewal funds are used. Council commented on the future of NCPRD as an entity and whether NCPRD would engage with the city on park-specific project IGAs. **Councilor Stavenjord** preferred to not use urban renewal funds for Milwaukie Bay Park.

Council commented on what Milwaukie residents wanted in park services and whether the city should take local control of its parks or remain in the district, noting that funding for parks would likely need to increase in any outcome.

Sagor summarized that there was Council consensus for staff to engage NCPRD staff on park specific agreements and not the master maintenance agreement. **Mayor Batey** and **Council President Massey** agreed with Sagor's summary and Council discussed whether staff or Council should reach out to NCPRD first. It was Council consensus that staff should make the first effort to engage NCPRD on park-specific IGAs.

3. Tree Code Amendments - Report (removed from the agenda)

4. Adjourn

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,