



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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

2408th Meeting

MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2024

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

Staff Present: Jospeh Briglio, Acting Assistant City Manager
Katie Gavares, Climate & Natural Resources Manager
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Riley Gill, Environmental Services Coordinator
Vera Kolias, Senior Planner
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Emma Sagor, City Manager
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Batey reported that Sagor had been named Milwaukie's new city manager and **Sagor** expressed appreciation for the city and community and opportunity to serve.

Mayor Batey announced upcoming events, including neighborhood park concerts, a tour of the 3 Creeks Natural Area, the September First Friday event, the annual Sustainability Fair, and an open house for the Monroe Greenway project. **Councilor Stavenjord** noted youth-related activities planned for the Sustainability Fair.

Councilor Stavenjord read a Bee City themed Haiku poem.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. None Scheduled.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Bee City USA Designation – Report

Passarelli introduced Gavares and discussed the proposal that the city seek Bee City USA designation through the Xerces Society program, noting that the Milwaukie Rotary Club wanted to work with the city on protecting pollinators. **Gavares** and **Passarelli** commented on the benefits of protecting bees and reviewed the Bee City USA designation requirements and commitments.

Councilor Stavenjord, **Passarelli**, and **Mayor Batey** remarked on whether other cities had banned neonicotinoids and how the city works to limit the use of pesticides. **Laura Rost**, Xerces Society Bee City USA Coordinator, explained how neonicotinoids had been regulated in different areas across the country.

Mayor Batey supported the proposal to become a Bee City USA city and noted pollinator protection efforts already taken around Milwaukie. **Sagor** thanked the Rotary and the city's Park and Recreation Board (PARB) for supporting the issue.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Batey reviewed the comment procedures. **Sagor** reported there was no follow-up report from the August 6 comments. No audience member wished to address Council.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by **Councilor Anderson** and seconded by **Councilor Massey** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes:

1. July 16, 2024, work session, and
2. July 16, 2024, regular session.

B. Resolution 43-2024: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, making an appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC).

C. Resolution 44-2024: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, approving an employment agreement for city manager services.

Motion passed with the following vote: **Councilors Anderson, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord** and **Mayor Batey** voting “aye.” [5:0]

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Council Goal: Equity – Update

Santoyo Gutierrez and **Sagor** provided an overview of Council’s equity goal, noting work with a consultant and the Equity Steering Committee (ESC) to pursue and measure outcomes and objectives, and the status of the three tracks of the city’s Equity Plan.

The group discussed the affordable housing outcome and the development of metrics for equity goal outcomes. **Councilors Stavenjord, Khosroabadi, and Anderson** appreciated that the housing outcome had been prioritized and remarked on how the city could pursue land trust models for housing. **Mayor Batey, Santoyo Gutierrez,** and **Sagor** remarked on how the metrics do or could track renters. The group noted that the ESC would discuss the metrics in the coming weeks.

The group discussed the safe and welcoming community outcome, noting the importance of hearing from the ESC on the metrics, and how to expand the welcoming metrics.

The group discussed the neighborhood hubs and economic development related outcomes, and Council expressed interest in expanding the metrics beyond business input to include community groups. They noted the use of the city’s bi-annual community survey to collect data, the work of the Milwaukie Redevelopment Commission (MRC) in urban renewal work and partnering with other groups to measure outcomes.

The group discussed the changing climate outcomes, noting differences between emergency responses and proactive actions, and noting ongoing staff work related to climate. **Mayor Batey** and **Councilor Khosroabadi** supported the climate metrics and **Council President Massey** and **Councilor Anderson** suggested that non-emergency related metrics be developed.

The group discussed the government transparency outcome. **Mayor Batey** remarked on the potential for using the Milwaukie Leadership Academy program. **Councilor Stavenjord** appreciated the inclusion of youth engagement as an outcome. **Councilor Khosroabadi** remarked on how to measure the interactions of elected officials and the

public and **Councilor Anderson** commented on how to measure what groups attend meetings and engage with Council. The group discussed what public meeting agenda topics result in more community members attending and how to best communicate with the public about meetings.

The group discussed how to engage the public on the metrics, beyond the ESC, noting concerns about what groups regularly respond. **Sagor** summarized that Council was comfortable seeking just ESC input on the metrics now and asking the ESC for input on how to do broader public engagement.

Santoyo Gutierrez noted next steps in the equity goal work.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Land Use File #VR-2024-003 – Addition at 11932 SE 35th Avenue – Final Order, continued

Mayor Batey explained that the continued hearing was for Council to affirm the decision made during the appeal hearing on August 6, 2024, regular session.

Briglio and **Kolias** asked for Council feedback on the modified final order that had been prepared in response to the decision made by Council on August 6.

Council had no questions for staff and no objections to the final order prepared by staff.

Mayor Batey reviewed the state Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) appeal process.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Quarterly Council Budget Review – Report

Sagor explained that the quarterly review was in response to Council interest in having regular updates on the Council budget, and that as the fiscal year had just started there was nothing to report.

Council remarked on how Council has typically used the education and training budgets, and they discussed whether a policy on how Council should spend its funds be developed. It was Council consensus that staff should see if other cities have Council spending policies.

B. Council Reports

Councilor Stavenjord reported on recent deflection center work of the Clackamas County District Attorney (DA) Advisory Board.

Councilor Stavenjord presented a Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) letter about the Interstate-205 (I-205) widening project for Council to consider signing. **Councilor Anderson** expressed concern about the letter and Council discussed whether the city should sign-on to the letter and/or follow-up with advocacy efforts on transportation issue.

Councilor Khosroabadi reported on meeting with the executive director of the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce regarding a Milwaukie-focused business group and a representative of Habitat with Humanity regarding future housing projects.

Council President Massey reported a recent pre-audit meeting of the Audit Committee.

Councilor Anderson reported on the latest Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee (TSPAC) meeting.

Councilor Stavenjord, in follow-up to the C4 I-205 widening letter, recapped previous Milwaukie and C4 interactions on support for the project. **Councilor Anderson** commented on other transportation funding the state could focus on instead of widening I-205. Council discussed how to proceed on the letter request, and it was the Council consensus to authorize the use of the city's logo on the C4 I-205 widening letter.

Mayor Batey suggested Council discuss state transportation funding priorities at a future meeting and noted plans to coordinate with Councilor Stavenjord on land use policy input to be submitted to the state.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Batey announced that after the meeting Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, (f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and (e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Councilor Anderson to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Abma, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder