



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

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

Staff Present:

Justin Gericke, City Attorney	Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Dan Harris, Events & Emergency Management Coordinator	Emma Sagor, City Manager
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder	Gabrial Santoyo Gutierrez, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator
Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator	Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Council Goal Update: Parks – Discussion

Sagor presented a timeline of previous discussions and actions related to Milwaukie's legal verification of the language in the cooperative intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that describes how Milwaukie could leave the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD). **Councilor Massey** and **Gericke** discussed the anticipated timeline for oral arguments within the legal verification appeal process.

Sagor provided an update on the status of Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP). **Councilor Stavenjord** sought clarification on the expiration of the IGAs with NCPRD. **Sagor** and **Gericke** noted that the MBP funding and construction IGAs had likely expired, while the cooperative IGA did not have a specified end date.

Sagor highlighted previous actions taken by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, who serve as the NCPRD Board, that impacted MBP. **Stavenjord** inquired whether there had been prior discussions between Milwaukie and the county regarding the Board's proposed changes to the removal of language concerning the city's option to exit from the district in the cooperative IGA. **Gericke** shared an understanding of the interactions and correspondence related to the IGAs. The group then discussed the typical process for amending IGAs, requested more details about the history of conversations between the city and the county, and examined how the city found itself in the appeal process to validate the language in the cooperative IGA regarding its potential exit from the district, along with the origins of the cooperative IGA.

Sagor provided a breakdown of the funding for the MBP Phase III project, and shared recent actions taken at the city, county, and community levels.

Mayor Batey recognized the city's Park and Recreation Board (PARB) Chair Ali Feuerstein for tracking MBP Phase III funding grant expiration dates, expressed appreciation for the community letters sent to the NCPRD Board in support of moving forward with construction on MBP, and noted a potential upcoming community-led event to raise awareness about the expiring grants funds for completing MBP.

The group discussed ideas on how to address the completion of MBP by designating it as a Council goal, noting that the current legal action was unrelated to the park project and expressing frustrations about the inability to begin construction. The city remains involved in a cooperative IGA with the district and continues to contribute system

development charge (SDC) funds. The group agreed that next steps would involve elected-to-elected conversations, with legal representation, to discuss reopening the MBP-specific IGAs.

2. Milwaukie Leadership Academy (MLA) – Annual Update

Harris reported on the history and purpose of the academy and recounted the outcomes of the January to June 2024 class. **Councilor Anderson**, a participant in the last MLA, shared insights from the program. The group discussed strategies for diversifying MLA participants to engage a wider community.

Harris noted that registration for the next MLA was open and outlined what participants could expect. **Stephan Lashbrook**, MLA co-facilitator, encouraged all Council members to engage with the MLA. The group commented on the upcoming MLA.

3. Youth Engagement Strategy – Discussion

Councilor Stavenjord introduced Josh Todd, a youth engagement professional, and **Todd** provided a background introduction.

Councilor Stavenjord identified the target population of youth for engagement efforts and initiated a group discussion on how Council engages youth community members.

Todd introduced the City of Portland and Multnomah County "Our Bill of Rights" framework, developed through a collaborative effort with Multnomah County youth and children. This framework originated from the youth's desire to engage more deeply in policy discussions and has since become a guiding structure for various youth programs. **Todd** emphasized the importance of actively listening and following through on conversations that occur in such groups.

Councilor Stavenjord highlighted the significance of having trained adults as partners and allies, noting ways to maximize partnerships for engagement and alignment with Council goals. **Stavenjord** and **Todd** acknowledged that, both currently and historically, young community members have often been a driving force in social and environmental change. **Stavenjord** expressed concern that the city's community survey only engages individuals 18 and older and shared results from a North Clackamas School District (NCSD) survey, indicating potential issues with representation due to multiple opportunities for individuals to opt out of the survey.

Councilor Stavenjord and **Todd** discussed the potential structure of a youth council in Milwaukie, focusing on the key elements necessary for a successful and engaged youth council. **Stavenjord** presented the SPARK program—Supporting Participation, Advocacy, Responsibility, and Knowledge—and recounted the initiatives the city has undertaken this year to enhance youth engagement.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder