



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

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

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Emma Sagor, City Manager
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

Press Present: None.

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

1. Clackamas County Childcare Coalition – Discussion

Bridget Dazey, Executive Director of Clackamas Workforce Partnership, and **Dani Stamm Thomas**, Early Learning Hub Director in Clackamas County, provided an overview of the Clackamas County Child Care Coalition (C5) and discussed the group's mission. **Mayor Batey** and **Stamm Thomas** remarked on the lack of childcare options.

Dazey and **Stamm Thomas** discussed why childcare matters, the lack of child and adult care options, groups participating in C5, the benefits of investing in childcare programs, the costs to the workforce of not having childcare, and what solutions C5 was pursuing.

Mayor Batey and **Dazey** commented on C5's upcoming report on childcare. The group discussed barriers to providing more childcare programs and how local, county, state, and federal governments fund, support, and authorize childcare programs. The group noted the importance of businesses supporting childcare.

Councilor Anderson and **Stamm Thomas** remarked on the possibility of standardizing early learning hubs across Oregon.

Mayor Batey noted plans for Council to participate in future C5 activities. **Zak Pacholl**, Youth Era Clackamas Drop Program Manager, and **Stamm Thomas** noted that paying childcare providers livable wages would help increase childcare program options.

2. Youth Era Clackamas Drop – Discussion

Pacholl provided an overview of the Youth Era program and the Clackamas Drop location in downtown Milwaukie, that offers peer support and youth-focused social support and career development services. **Councilor Khosroabadi** appreciated Youth Era's work and **Pacholl** remarked on the trainings the program offers.

Council President Massey and **Pacholl** noted Youth Era is funded by county and state resources and the group noted how many staff members work for the program.

The group remarked on ways to connect Youth Era with social and housing service providers in Clackamas County. **Councilor Stavenjord** and **Pacholl** discussed how Youth Era connects youth to housing services.

3. Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Models – Discussion

Councilor Khosroabadi discussed how the city could encourage homeownership in Milwaukie, noting current housing costs and suggesting that the city could implement a down-payment assistance program, establish community land trusts, continue to seek land banking opportunities, and incentivize innovative types of housing.

The group discussed the proposed housing programs, noting what work the city had already started, which governments and organizations the city could work with on such programs, and how Council could prepare the city to implement such programs. They noted the potential for implementing a housing program on the city-owned Sparrow Site and commented on whether increased homeownership would have an impact on the overall number of housing units available.

Councilor Stavenjord suggested the city reach out to the Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC) to discuss programs the city could support in the near-term and schedule a Council discussion on HACC's scattered housing sites. **Sagor** suggested staff would present to Council the housing projects and programs the city could pursue.

4. Council Reports

Councilor Stavenjord reported on the recent establishment of the Business of Milwaukie business alliance group and an upcoming Meet Milwaukie event that group was hosting and an upcoming Clackamas Service Center (CSC) event.

5. Adjourn

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.

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder