



## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10501 SE Main Street  
& Zoom Video Conference ([www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov))

## MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2024

**Council Present:** Councilors Will Anderson, Adam Khosroabadi, Rebecca Stavenjord, and Mayor Lisa Batey

**Council Absent:** Council President Robert Massey

**Planning Commission Present:** Commissioner Max Penneck, Vice Chair Joseph Edge, and Chair Jacob Sherman

**Staff Present:** Joseph Briglio, Assistant City Manager  
Justin Gericke, City Attorney  
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

Emma Sagor, City Manager  
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder  
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and noted an agenda order change and that Council President Massey was absent.

### 1. Downtown Open Container Policy – Discussion

(moved to the December 17, 2024, regular session agenda)

#### Council Reports (added to the agenda)

**Mayor Batey** reported on touring the Willamette Falls locks.

**Councilor Anderson** remarked on proposing a ranked choice voting (RCV) measure in Milwaukie based on precinct report data that showed Milwaukians had supported the failed state ballot measure 117 which would've allowed RCV for elections statewide.

**Councilor Stavenjord** reported on attending a recent Milwaukie Academy of the Arts (MAA) orchestra concert. The group noted how to follow MAA's events and the possibility of Council attending future performances.

**Councilor Anderson** noted that a condominium zoning bill had been introduced in the state legislature.

**Mayor Batey** and **Councilor Khosroabadi** noted they had attended a recent Operation Santa Claus event put on by Clackamas Fire District #1 (CFD1).

The group discussed plans for Council to discuss its legislative goals in January and to attend the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Cities Day at the Capitol.

**Stauffer** clarified the budgeted amounts for education and training for each councilor and the mayor for the biennium and **Mayor Batey** noted that Stauffer would provide in-person updates on Council member budgets semi-annually instead of quarterly.

**Sagor** reported that the Engage Milwaukie online Council goals survey for had been launched and noted plans for Council's goal setting town hall on January 7, 2025.

### 3. Parks Update – Discussion (moved up the agenda)

**Sagor** provided an update on parks policy issues, noting communications between the city and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) Board, and asking for Council feedback on renegotiating the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with NCPRD to complete Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP).

**Mayor Batey** commented on the number of NCPRD Board executive sessions recently and the Milwaukie Community Center Advisory Board’s failed efforts to meet with NCPRD staff about the Concord Community Center. The group remarked on what services NCPRD might move to Concord from Milwaukie and they noted that NCPRD had started to think about the impacts on community center services if Milwaukie left the parks district. **Sagor** noted a recent meeting with NCPRD’s new director Kia Selley.

**Sagor** noted the soft opening of Scott and Bowman-Brae parks and acknowledged the Milwaukie Parks Foundation’s interest in a new fundraising campaign.

The group remarked on the existing no-smoking policy if the city’s parks.

**Mayor Batey** reported that the Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) had initiated a fundraising effort to build a covered structure in a local park. **Councilor Stavenjord** and **Batey** noted that a new park structure would require long-term maintenance by NCPRD.

**Council Reports (continued)**

**Mayor Batey** reported on issues that had come up at the last Metro Mayor’s Consortium, including an update from Portland’s outgoing mayor, the impact of vacation rentals on residential housing supply and proposed housing bills in the state legislature.

**2. Annual Joint Session with the Planning Commission**

Planning Commissioners, Council members, and staff introduced themselves.

**Weigel** and **Chair Sherman** reviewed the Commission’s work over the last year, including development reviews, Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan (TSP) implementation work, state-mandated housing code revisions, and a joint meeting with the city’s NDAs.

**Weigel** noted the number of current and anticipated vacancies on the Commission and reported staff’s recommendation to initiate a recruitment process as soon as possible. The group remarked on the need to recruit commissioners and noted the time commitment of serving on the Commission and how the Commission could restructure its agendas to reduce the time demand. They also discussed the recruitment and appointment process of commissioners in the past and how it should go in the future, and the need for commissioners to have some technical expertise.

**Sagor** and **Weigel** summarized how staff would proceed with a recruitment process for the Commission immediately. **Mayor Batey** clarified that not all applicants needed to be interviewed, a vetting process could be implemented. The group remarked on which Council members could be involved in the interview process.

The group discussed how the city could accommodate and remove barriers for historically underrepresented groups to help ensure they can serve on the Commission.

**Weigel** presented the Commission’s anticipated workplan for 2025 including Neighborhood Hubs, TSP and Comprehensive Plan updates, an affordable housing code incentives package, updates to city strategies and plans, and the historic resources inventory. **Chair Sherman** appreciated the Commission’s workplan.

**Mayor Batey** suggested the historic resources inventory should be made a higher priority on the Commission’s workplan. **Weigel** noted the Commission’s priorities would be brought to Council in 2025. The group remarked on the relationship between historic

home review applications and updating the historic resource inventory, and how Indigenous peoples and places factored into historic preservation processes.

The group observed that Council's goals would inform the Commission's workplan, for example the Hubs project and transportation infrastructure could be prioritized.

**Weigel** provided a brief update on upcoming TSP work and events.

#### **4. Adjourn**

**Mayor Batey** adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

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