



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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

2420th Meeting

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

<p>Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Assistant City Manager Justin Gericke, City Attorney Vera Kolas, Senior Planner Emma Sagor, City Manager</p>	<p>Gabriela Santoyo Gutierrez, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator Scott Stauffer, City Recorder Laura Weigel, Planning Manager</p>
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Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Batey announced upcoming activities, including the annual board and committee (BC) recruitment process, a naloxone training, a Kellogg Creek restoration project, a business open door session, a Johnson Creek watershed clean-up event, and a grand opening event at three neighborhood parks. **Councilor Stavenjord** announced local efforts to participate in a national economic blackout day on February 28.

Mayor Batey read a loving community themed haiku poem.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. Celebrating Black Excellence Month – Proclamation

Santoyo Gutierrez and **Jay Jones**, Executive Director of the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce, remarked on celebrating Black excellence and **Mayor Batey** proclaimed February to be Celebrating Black Excellence Month in Milwaukie.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. None Scheduled.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Batey reviewed the comment procedures and **Sagor** reported there was no follow-up from the February 4 comments.

Steve Bennett, Milwaukie Historical Society president, remarked on the importance of conducting an inventory of historical assets in Milwaukie and encouraged Council to direct planning department staff to make such an inventory a priority. **Bennett** reported on work the historical society had done to prepare for a historical asset inventory.

Gene Monaco, unincorporated Clackamas County resident, discussed stormwater and right-of-way (ROW) infrastructure the city is requiring be built on property Monaco owns in unincorporated Clackamas County to develop the property and annex into the city.

Rod Smith, Milwaukie resident, remarked on the decorum of elected officials in public meetings, noting recent remarks by State Representative Mark Gamba about voters, and asked Council to speak with Representative Gamba about the remarks.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Khosroabadi noted two minor corrections to the January 21 work session minutes. **Stauffer** confirmed the changes would be made.

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes:

- 1. January 21, 2025, work session, and**
- 2. January 21, 2025, regular session.**

~~B. A motion adopting the 2025 Council Committee Assignments.~~ (removed from the agenda)

C. Resolution 11-2025: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, authorizing an amendment to the contract with BMS Technologies for utility billing printing and mailing services.

D. Resolution 12-2025: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, reinstating a grant agreement with Justice & Security Strategies Inc. for a body-worn camera policy and implementation program.

E. Resolution 13-2025: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, authorizing a financing contract with the State of Oregon for the development of a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) feasibility study.

F. Resolution 14-2025: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, removing and appointing members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC).

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

Mayor Batey, Sagor, and Stauffer commented on the removal of Council Committee Assignments noting that the assignments would be updated with a couple minor changes and brought back on the March 4, 2025, regular session consent agenda.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. None Scheduled.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Senate Bill (SB) 1537 Code Amendments Adoption – Ordinance

Call to Order: **Mayor Batey** called the public hearing on the proposed SB1537 code amendments adoption, to order at 7:12 p.m.

Purpose: **Mayor Batey** announced that the purpose of the hearing was to receive a staff update, take public comment, and deliberate on the proposed code amendments.

Conflict of Interest: No Council member declared a conflict of interest.

Staff Presentation: **Kolias** provided an overview of the proposed code changes related to residential development variances mandated by the state through the adopted SB1517, explaining how the variances would apply in Milwaukie related to maximum density of housing units. Previous Council discussions that resulted in feedback were noted.

Kolias reported that no correspondence had been received for the Council hearing and reviewed Council's decision-making options.

Council Questions to Staff: Council had no questions for staff.

Audience Testimony: It was noted that no audience member wished to speak to Council.

Close Public Comment: **It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Council President Anderson to close the public comment part of the SB1537 code amendments adoption hearing. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Anderson, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]**

Mayor Batey closed the public comment part of the hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Council Decision: **It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Council President Anderson for the first and second readings by title only and adoption of the ordinance amending the Milwaukie Municipal Code (MMC) Title 19 Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of removing the prohibition on variances to maximum density (Primary File #ZA-2024-002). Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Anderson, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]**

Sagor read the ordinance two times by title only.

Stauffer polled the Council with Councilors Anderson, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]

Ordinance 2249:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, AMENDING THE MILWAUKIE MUNICIPAL CODE (MMC) TITLE 19 ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON VARIANCES TO MAXIMUM DENSITY (PRIMARY FILE #ZA-2024-002).

Councilor Khosroabadi and **Mayor Batey** remarked that parts of SB1517 felt like state overreach that hindered the city's housing work.

Mayor Batey noted that the Beaverton City Council ran public hearings differently and asked if Milwaukie could adopt some of the more efficient parts of the Beaverton script.

B. Sparrow Site Surplus Property Declaration – Resolution

Call to Order: **Mayor Batey** called the public hearing on the proposed surplus property declaration, to order at 7:30 p.m.

Purpose: **Mayor Batey** announced that the purpose of the hearing was to receive a staff update, take public comment, and deliberate on declaring the Sparrow Site to be surplus.

Conflict of Interest: No Council member declared a conflict of interest.

Staff Presentation: **Byrd** provided an overview of the Sparrow Site development project and goals and noted next steps in developing the site.

Correspondence: Staff reported that no correspondence had been received.

Audience Testimony: No audience member wished to speak to Council.

Close Public Comment: It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Council President Anderson to close the public comment part of the Sparrow Site surplus property declaration hearing. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Anderson, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

Mayor Batey closed the public comment part of the hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Council Decision: It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Council President Anderson to approve the resolution declaring two (2) Sparrow Site lots surplus and authorizing the city manager to sell, transfer, or lease the properties for development. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Anderson, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

Ordinance 15-2025:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, DECLARING THE TWO (2) SPARROW SITE LOTS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL, TRANSFER, OR LEASE THE PROPERTIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Legislative and Regional Issues – Discussion

Stauffer provided an update on state legislation Council and staff were tracking during the 2025 session of the state legislature and the group discussed the tracked bills and noted if Council letters in support or opposition had been sent.

Stauffer announced an upcoming Vietnam War Remembrance event at Scott Park.

Council Reports

Councilor Stavenjord provided a brief update on Housing Authority of Clackamas County scattered sites work.

Councilor Massey expressed appreciation for neighborly snow shoveling that had occurred during the recent snowstorm.

Mayor Batey noted the possibility that the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) would raise its system development charge (SDC) rate.

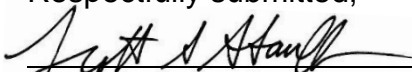
Sagor encouraged the public to visit local businesses who had seen fewer customers during the snowstorm and Mayor Batey reported that new businesses had been invited to report to Council at upcoming meetings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder