

MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 1987

MILWAUKIE SENIOR CENTER

WORK SESSION

The Milwaukie City Council held a work session on February 18, 1987, at 8:40 p.m. to consider the Community Relations position, Fire Department staffing, and Sheriff's Levy. The following Councilors were present:

Roger Hall,
Mayor
Wm. Fitzgerald

Chere' Sandusky
Mike Richmond
Don Graf

Staff present:

Hugh H. Brown,
City Manager
Greg Eades,
City Attorney

Sandra Miller,
Assistant to the City Manager
Ron Goodpaster,
Police Chief
Dick Bailey,
Fire Chief

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Sandra Miller discussed proposal and alternatives reviewed before bringing before Council. Mayor Hall asked if this position would staff neighborhood groups, and Hugh Brown replied this person would provide information, not staff neighborhood groups. Mayor Hall said the major issue was the question whether the City would encourage or just allow the formation of neighborhood groups. Councilmember Richmond said he did not understand the need in a small city like Milwaukie. City Manager Brown said this brings up the question of where staff is to spend its time.

Council discussed priority of goals and agreed that Community Relations position would help meet other goals. Chief Goodpaster discussed the value of this type of position to both his and other departments of the City.

Councilmember Richmond asked how much time would be spent insulating the rest of staff. City Manager Brown said this person would help respond, and possibly be the contact for community and press.

The level of pay was discussed, and Council was told it was comparable with Sr. Librarian and Parks and Recreation Coordinator classifications. Council then discussed the possibility of the position not being in the budget for 1987-88. City Manager Brown replied that cuts in programs or capital and facilities have been looked at in the past. Councilmember Richmond expressed his concern that this position could not be funded without cuts. City Manager Brown replied that staff felt

this should be part of the base budget. Councilmembers Graf and Sandusky agreed that the City should capitalize on good will and go ahead with the position, and Councilmember Richmond urged waiting. Councilmember Graf said the decision should be brought before Council as soon as possible.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Dick Bailey, Fire Chief discussed the background of departmental staffing and said talks with other fire districts and employees will continue. Chief Bailey said the main concern was with duty officer coverage. The vacant position of Assistant Chief - Fire Marshall was responsible for the areas of Fire Marshall, Fire Prevention, Building Inspection, and Code Enforcement. The current need was to maintain priority supervision of suppression. Chief Bailey said his department wanted to reclassify the position to Assistant Fire Chief - Operations and fill by promotional exam. He said he was also looking at other options for Fire Marshall functions: 1) new Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshall, 2) combine with building official 3) establish new AC/FM and reduce structural safety, and 4) contract with other jurisdictions. Chief Bailey explained the department now wanted to fill the Assistant Chief - Operations at this time, with the Chief, Assistant Chief and Structural Safety Officer doing Fire Marshall and Fire Prevention Work. Chief Bailey said he was waiting for more information from Fire District #1, but the situation did not look too hopeful. He then discussed the need for another command position regarding increased work load and the potential growth of the City. Bailey said the position would be filled through reclassification, and no Council action would be necessary.

SHERIFF'S LEVY

Ron Goodpaster, Police Chief told Council he had met with other jurisdictions regarding this issue. He said it is an issue of tax equity, services paid for versus services received, not one of quality of service. Chief Goodpaster said he believed most cities would remain neutral. Citing \$696,151 paid in 1985-86, it was staff's contention that unincorporated areas received more service, but still paid the same rate.

In discussions with Sheriff Brooks said he was able to identify 32% of money collected for cities goes back in the form of direct services, but the remainder is not easily identified. Goodpaster said the City and the Sheriff's office would work closely together on a number of questions. He said he was encouraged about the contract.

Mayor Hall asked about the cost. City Manager Brown replied if a benefit were seen, the City would be willing to consider paying for it. Any questions about funding would be brought before Council. Agreements would be forwarded to cities in April. The proposed rate is approximately 11.5% increase.

Councilmember Graf pointed out this would act against the City in annexations because residents in unincorporated areas have adequate police protection already paid in part by cities. Clackamas County funds the Sheriff's operation out of levy; no general fund monies are used. All Councilmembers agreed it was not necessary for the Sheriff to come to a meeting. Council requested a resolution asking voters to look at the issue and stating a position against the funding mechanism.

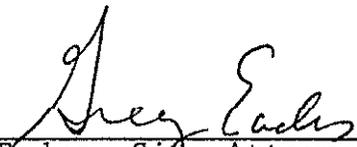
STREET/STORM DRAIN UTILITY SCHEDULING

A work session is scheduled for March 11. Since a 3-month lead time would be necessary, July 1, 1987 is to be considered for implementation.

Councilmember Graf asked if different levies for different areas of the City had been considered. He was told that all streets will need some work in the ten-year maintenance plan.

It was decided action would be taken at the 2nd meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Greg Eades, City Attorney