

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2012

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, REAFFIRMING THE MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 05-2011.**

**WHEREAS**, open, direct, and positive communication among the Mayor and Councilors and between them and the staff and public is critical to ensuring clear and easily understood public information; and

**WHEREAS**, open, direct, and positive communication among the Mayor and Councilors and between them and the staff and public is essential to a healthy community debate on issues; and

**WHEREAS**, an annual evaluation, review, and affirmation of the agreement is essential to Mayor/Council, citizen, and staff awareness its common goal of ongoing mutual respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor/Council Communication Agreement as proposed and as acknowledged by the current City Council members is intended to ensure an open public process that leads to closure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that the Mayor/Council Communication Agreement attached as Exhibit A to this resolution be adopted:

Section 1: Resolution 05-2011 adopted January 18, 2011 is repealed.

Section 2: This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Introduced and adopted by the Milwaukie City Council on January 3, 2012.

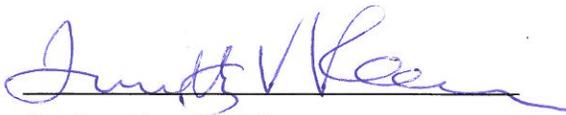
  
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Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Pat DuVal, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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## MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT

Guaranteed access to clear and easily understood information is a value of the City of Milwaukie. These agreements are intended both to foster conduct that realizes that value, while ensuring a healthy debate about competing ideas. Finally, they seek closure and a community that moves forward together, secure in the knowledge that decisions were made openly and fairly.

The agreements have one common behavioral thread—mutual respect. Thus, if the list does not anticipate a situation, a response that is respectful of all concerned should suffice.

1. In all Council events, work sessions, and meetings I:
  - demonstrate respect for all who are involved;
  - respect all thoughts and ideas;
  - clarify facts and opinions to ensure understanding;
  - do not personalize my comments;
  - clearly state my own opinion as being mine;
  - look for ways to praise worthwhile efforts and accomplishments; and
  - stay focused and participate.
  
2. In working with the Mayor and Councilors I:
  - provide them with reasonable notice of matters I am introducing at meetings;
  - always represent the City's position before other jurisdictions unless none has been adopted, in which case I inform the Mayor and Council in a timely manner of the position(s) I have taken;
  - work toward consensus;
  - will once a vote is taken publicly support all decisions made by Council, even if I voted against them. I do not publicly criticize Council or individual members of Council; and
  - first address a concern about either a violation of these agreements or any other matter in a direct, appropriate, private, and timely manner.
  
3. In working to seek broad-based community support I:
  - communicate with the community openly and freely to exchange information and ideas;
  - engage the community in a shared dialogue; and
  - will listen and respond to well founded and constructive criticism made to Council or City staff.
  
4. In working with staff I:
  - communicate with staff to exchange information; and
  - exchange ideas with staff and give direction through the City Manager with the concurrence of the Mayor and Council.

  
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Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor

  
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Greg Chaimov, Council President

  
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Dave Hedges, Councilor

  
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Joe Loomis, Councilor

  
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Mike Miller, Councilor