



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 41-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ADOPTING THE MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 05-2013.

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, the Mayor/Council Communication Agreements as proposed are intended to ensure an open public process that leads to closure.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon that:

- Section 1: The Mayor/Council Communication Agreement be adopted.
- Section 2: Resolution 05-2013 adopted January 15, 2013 is repealed.
- Section 3: This resolution is effective April 7, 2015. Introduced and adopted by the City of Milwaukie Council on April 7, 2015.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 4/7/15.

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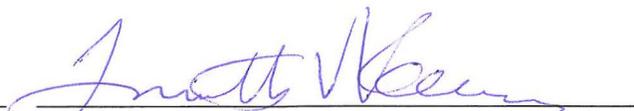
Wilda Parks, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jordan Ramis PC



Pat DuVal, City Recorder



City Attorney

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT

Guaranteed access to clear and easily understood information is a value of the City of Milwaukee. This agreement is intended both to foster conduct that realizes that value, while ensuring a healthy debate about competing ideas. Finally, it seeks closure and a community that moves forward together, secure in the knowledge that decisions were made openly and fairly.

This agreement has 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 City business, in my role as a member of Council, I will:
 - a) demonstrate respect for all who are involved;
 - b) respect all thoughts and ideas and avoid denigrating others;
 - c) clarify facts and opinions to ensure understanding;
 - d) clearly state my own opinion as being mine;
 - e) look for ways to praise worthwhile efforts and accomplishments; and
 - f) stay focused and participate.

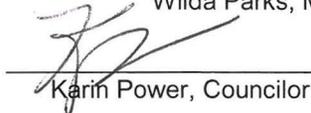
2. In working with the Mayor and Councilors I will:
 - a) provide them with prompt notice of items requiring Council action I am introducing at meetings;
 - b) always represent the City's position before other jurisdictions unless none has been adopted, in which case I inform the Mayor and Council in a timely manner of the position(s) I have taken;
 - c) work toward consensus;
 - d) once a vote is taken publicly support all decisions made by Council, even if I voted against them.
 - e) not publicly (including all internet and written content) criticize Council, individual members of Council, or Council decisions, but may respectfully disagree with a decision; and
 - f) 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 will:
 - a) communicate with the community openly and freely to exchange information and ideas;
 - b) engage the community in a shared dialogue; and
 - c) listen and respond to well-founded and constructive criticism made to, or by, Council or City staff, or citizens.

4. In working with staff I will:
 - a) communicate with staff to exchange information;
 - b) exchange ideas with staff and give direction through the City Manager with the concurrence of the Mayor and Council; and
 - c) never, in any public way, insult or denigrate any staff member, and if I have an unresolved disagreement concerning a staff member's actions, I will bring it to the City Manager.



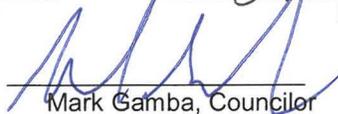
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Karin Power, Councilor



Lisa Batey, Councilor



Mark Gamba, Councilor



Scott Churchill, Councilor