



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Council Present: Councilors Lisa Batey, Angel Falconer, Desi Nicodemus, Council President Kathy Hyzy, and Mayor Mark Gamba

Staff Present: Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator
Ann Ober, City Manager
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and announced that after the work session Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

1. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality – Report

Tom Roick, DEQ Air Quality Monitoring Manager, discussed DEQ's air monitoring program which included tracking air toxins around the Precision Castparts Corporation (PCC) facility on the Milwaukie-Portland border. **Mayor Gamba** and **Roick** noted that DEQ tests the air at monitoring sites on different days of the week every six days.

It was noted that Councilor Batey joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Roick continued to explain how DEQ monitors air quality at sites throughout the state. **Councilor Batey** and **Roick** commented on how DEQ monitored the air around PCC.

Scott Peerman, DEQ Data Assessment Specialist, presented metal pollution data collected from air monitoring sites around PCC. **Mayor Gamba** and **Peerman** commented on possible sources of chromium along the Springwater Trail corridor.

Peerman continued to present data on the metals detected in the air around PCC. **Councilor Batey** and **Peerman** remarked on the impact of wind on air pollution.

Peerman and **Roick** discussed pollution data collected at monitoring sites around the state and reported that the levels of pollution found around PCC were not greater than pollution detected at other sites in Oregon or other urban areas across the country.

Council President Hyzy asked if DEQ was reporting that air pollution levels around PCC were higher than the state's benchmarks but were not worse than other locations. **Peerman** and **Roick** explained how pollution goals were developed and confirmed that the levels at the PCC site were like other urban areas. **Councilor Batey** and **Peerman** remarked on which pollutants detected around PCC exceeded the benchmarks and why The Dalles, Oregon, site had higher pollution levels for certain chemicals.

Mayor Gamba suggested the data showed that PCC's pollution control systems had either not influenced the pollution or the chemical came from a different source. **Peerman** and **Roick** remarked on how DEQ determines other sources of pollution.

Mayor Gamba and **Councilor Batey** expressed interest in discussing the air pollution data further at a future meeting.

2. Region Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Reduction Agreement – Discussion

Passarelli introduced Chris Storey, Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) Assistant Director and explained that the goal of the program was to expand and help fund local city led I&I reduction projects.

Storey provided an overview of the I&I program, noting studies that had led WES to find ways to work with cities to address I&I issues. **Councilor Batey, Storey,** and **Passarelli** commented on areas in WES' system that had excessive I&I issues.

Storey noted the proposed terms for the program's intergovernmental agreement (IGA).

Councilor Falconer asked if the aging sections of the city's water system would cause the program qualifications to be too high for the city to receive funding. **Passarelli** reported on staff discussions about system data collection and suggested the necessary older parts of the water system would not keep the city from receiving funding through the program. **Storey** commented that the program could fund studies to determine I&I project needs and added that projects would be vetted by a technical advisory committee of public works directors. **Storey** commented on WES' interest in funding local I&I projects.

Council President Hyzy asked about the program's duration and **Storey** believed that after the initial five-year period WES would re-evaluate the funding mechanisms for the project with a goal of extending the program for a total of 20-years.

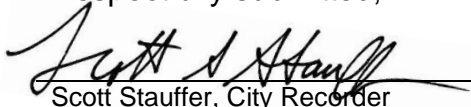
Storey explained the process for providing project funding to cities once an IGA was approved and how WES would consider and prioritize projects.

Councilor Batey asked how much clay pipe was left in water systems across the region and **Storey** noted WES and other cities shared interest in addressing I&I issues to reduce the need to fund emergency repair projects.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba reiterated that after the work session Council would meet in executive session and adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder