

COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

MINUTES

Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue & Zoom Video Conference (<u>www.milwaukieoregon.gov</u>)

APRIL 12, 2022

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

Mayor Mark Gamba

Staff Present: Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Ann Ober, City Manager

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Clackamas Community College (CCC) - Presentation

Greg Chaimov, CCC Board Member informed the group about CCC's annual state of the college address on April 22 and shared that CCC anticipates opening the Harmony Campus' community room for public use depending on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chaimov highlighted upcoming activities at CCC and briefly discussed each of three the colleges' campuses primary focused curriculum.

Chaimov presented the difference and benefits of a two-year program at CCC versus a four-year program at both public and private universities, the college's student demographics, how high school students can obtain funding for their first two years with the Oregon Promise program, and the variety of career technical training programs that are offered. Chaimov also shared information on CCC's supplemental high school programs such as general education degree (GED) courses and advanced college credits.

Chaimov discussed some of the initiatives CCC is working on, such as making student and faculty diversity, equity, and inclusion a priority, the hiring of a new chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer, an early childhood education (ECE) program that focuses on promoting future educators that speak Spanish, how the new Wacheno Welcome Center at the Oregon City campus serves the community and CCC's students, and highlighted the new environmental learning center – also at the Oregon City campus.

Councilor Nicodemus shared thoughts on how to shorten the time it takes to get future educators into classrooms and how to recruit a diversified higher education faculty. Chaimov stated that Councilor Nicodemus' thoughts were in line with CCC's highest priorities and CCC would follow up with the Councilor.

Council President Hyzy asked for Chaimov's insights on the ECE program and how it connected with current childcare providers. Chaimov was unsure of how the program was connected to current providers but would follow up. Chaimov stated the ECE program is successful, despite low wages for childcare professionals.

Chaimov shared information about a partnership program called Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine which provides free medical care to anyone in need, located at CCC's Oregon City Campus.

Councilor Nicodemus and Chaimov discussed the "two plus two" model - two years of community college and two years at a university – in relation to the transfer of college credits between community colleges and universities.

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Councilor Nicodemus discussed ideas associated with the ECE Spanish program and how it could be used to recruit Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students to be ECE instructors.

Mayor Gamba, Chaimov, and **Councilor Falconer** discussed the importance of getting young students interested and enrolled in technical trades and the hurdles in place from parents, society, and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba announced that after the meeting Council would hold a special session at Milwaukie Bay Park and after that, via video conference, an 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.

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder