

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10722 SE Main Street & Zoom Video Conference (<u>www.milwaukieoregon.gov</u>)

Ann Ober, City Manager

MINUTES

JULY 19, 2022

Courtney Wilson, Urban Forester

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

 Staff Present:
 Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director Bonnie Dennis, Administrative Services Director Justin Gericke, City Attorney Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
 Scott Stauffer, City Recorder Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director Natalie Rogers, Climate & Natural Resources Manager

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Climate Financing – Discussion

Passarelli introduced consultants Todd Chase and Martin Chaw from Financial Consultant Solutions (FCS) Group who were hired by the city to identify means for generating long-term revenue for Council's climate goals within the city's current revenue collection sources. **Passarelli** noted FCS had four approaches with seven different options to present. **Chase** commended Council on the city's Climate Action Plan, introduced FCS, and **Chaw** shared FCS' objectives for the evening.

Chaw presented the four general options for where fees could be included with existing city services, local transportation and green house emission calculations and then detailed what three options had been determined for adding a fee to utility bills. The group discussed option C; a fee based on the amount of water used. **Chaw** and **Passarelli** presented the option for adding a fee to the annual business license. **Chaw** presented two options for assigning fees based on transportation, the group discussed option B, made comparisons to the business license fee option, and commented on whether there could be an option that omitted multi-family dwellings. **Chaw, Passarelli** and **Chase** covered the greenhouse gas emission option.

Chaw presented how FCS evaluated the options they provided based on the city's policies and goals. **Passarelli** noted concern with the three utility options and **Councilor Batey** and **Chase** compared implementation between a utility option and a greenhouse gas option. **Chaw** summarized which options scored highest and lowest.

Chaw explained how FCS analyzed the impact of each option on customers by designating five customer groups that ranged from single family residential homes to restaurant type businesses and shared the results of their analysis. **Mayor Gamba** and **Passarelli** clarified how the results were being presented. The group discussed the customer impact monthly charges, how the Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP) funding is calculated, the possibility of creating hybrid fee options, and energy use as it pertains to businesses and renewable options. **Gamba** summarized that Council was interested in the greenhouse gas version with an option to omit low-income residents from the fee including those in multi-family dwellings and **Council President Hyzy** expanded on how different multi-family dwelling developments could be evaluated.

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Ober asked whether Council wanted to discuss using the new fee to incentivize new developments to install methods for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and Mayor Gamba stated interest in having the topic included in the next discussion. Council President Hyzy stated interest in hearing the stakeholder feedback when FCS returns. Gamba confirmed with Passarelli that staff had the direction they needed from Council.

2. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder