



## COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10722 SE Main Street  
& Zoom Video Conference ([www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov))

2362<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

## MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2022

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

**Staff Present:** Steve Adams, City Engineer  
Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director  
Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Heroux, Associate Planner  
Vera Kolias, Senior Planner

Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder  
Ann Ober, City Manager  
Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager  
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

**Mayor Gamba** called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**A. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.**

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mayor Gamba** announced upcoming activities, including summer concerts at city parks, park planning events, and the Carefree Sunday event. **Councilor Batey** noted how rubber ducks could be purchased for the duck races during a concert at Milwaukie Bay Park and **Councilor Nicodemus** noted the Arts Committee's Porchfest concert dates.

### 3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

#### **A. National Farmers Market Week – Proclamation**

**Councilor Batey** and **Melanie Bennett**, Celebrate Milwaukie, Inc. (CMI) President, commented on the importance of farmers markets and the Milwaukie market's 24<sup>th</sup> season. **Mayor Gamba** proclaimed August 7-13, 2022, to be Farmers Market Week.

#### **B. Climate Collaborative Campaign – Proclamation**

**Rogers** and **Warren Parker III**, Business Marketing Manager for Portland General Electric (PGE), provided an update on the climate collaborative initiative and noted upcoming campaign events and programs. The group remarked on the success of the campaign's electric tool exchange program. **Mayor Gamba** proclaimed the city's support for the ongoing Climate Collaborative Campaign.

#### **C. Nuclear Arms Disarmament – Resolution**

**Council President Hyzy** noted that August 6 was Hiroshima Day and explained that Council had been asked by Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility to support the movement to stop national governments from acquiring nuclear weapons. **Hyzy** commented on the humanitarian need to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

**It was moved by Councilor Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to approve the resolution to declare the City of Milwaukie's opposition to nuclear weapons and urge the US federal government to sign the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and take action to prevent nuclear war.**

Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting “aye.” [5:0]

**RESOLUTION 56-2022:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, DECLARE THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE’S OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND URGE THE US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR.**

Council President Hyzy read the resolution text into the record and Councilor Batey thanked Hyzy for proposing the resolution and including links in the resolution text.

**4. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**A. None Scheduled.**

**5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Mayor Gamba reviewed the comment procedures. Ober reported that in response to July 19 comments about the storage of large equipment on private property staff had been in contact with the commentor. No audience member wished to speak to Council.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilor Batey and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**A. City Council Meeting Minutes:**

- 1. July 12, 2022, study session.**

**B. Resolution 57-2022: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, making an appointment to the Design and Landmarks Committee.**

Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting “aye.” [5:0]

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Legislative Priorities – Discussion**

Mayor Gamba and Council President Hyzy provided an overview of the LOC’s committee and legislative issues lobbying process. Brooks explained that Council needed to identify five issues to submit for inclusion in LOC’s process.

The group discussed issues the city wanted LOC to lobby for during the 2023 session of the state legislature. Topics considered included the REACH energy efficiency building code, a green tariff, climate-friendly communities law changes, property tax reform, low-income water utility assistance program support, funding to address houselessness, affordable housing, infrastructure funding, alcohol revenue, road user fees, an assault weapons ban, digital equity, economic development enterprise zones, transportation safety enhancements, and addressing the unanticipated effects of Measure 110 that legalized many substances.

It was Council consensus to submit the following topics to the LOC as the city’s priorities: the REACH building code, funding to address houselessness, road user fees, infrastructure funding, and enterprise zones.

## B. Neighborhood Hubs Project – Discussion

**Weigel** and **Kolias** provided an overview of the neighborhood hubs concept as it had developed through the community visioning and Comprehensive Plan update projects.

**Kolias** reviewed the 2020 Neighborhood Hubs Report findings, which included suggested locations, types, and actions the city can take to support the growth of hubs.

**Heroux** reviewed next steps to further the hubs project, including refining boundaries, consolidating types, and prioritizing hubs that focus on community-building.

**Council President Hyzy** remarked on what the city had learned about equity, justice, and inclusion in recent years and suggested staff look at who is benefiting from hubs. The group noted how society had changed since hubs were last discussed.

**Council President Hyzy** and **Heroux** agreed it made sense to reevaluate the location of hubs to factor in recent construction. **Mayor Gamba** and **Councilor Batey** observed that the location of hubs had evolved over time.

**Councilor Batey** believed the number of hubs should be limited to five or six and **Weigel** commented on how the number of hubs would be evaluated. **Batey** remarked on developing code language that supported pop-up commercial areas.

**Mayor Gamba** commented on the growth and decline of businesses on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and **Kolias** noted issues that could impact hub businesses' success. **Councilor Batey** and **Kolias** observed that commercial areas and hubs could include housing units.

**Mayor Gamba** remarked that a reason to develop hubs was to have basic services within a 20-minute walk of any residence and the group noted the lack of designated parking around businesses on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

**Council President Hyzy** noted the recent growth of services offered at Milwaukie Floral and urged staff to look at that as an example hub. The group remarked on how the pandemic had encouraged businesses to rethink where they can operate.

**Heroux** explained how the project would focus on community engagement.

**Council President Hyzy** and **Councilor Nicodemus** remarked on the need for childcare providers and their inclusion in hubs. **Weigel** agreed and suggested the code could be reviewed to identify barriers for childcare services.

**Heroux** reviewed code changes the hubs project would look at, including zoning, parking, and allowed temporary uses. The group remarked on how the code could be revised to better support pop-up businesses and food carts.

**Heroux** identified economic development actions the project may include, such as a small business loan program and expanding allowed uses. **Briglio** and **Council President Hyzy** noted the possibility of using the city's construction excise tax (CET) funds to support some of the project's programming. The group commented on how the hubs project could coordinate with other ongoing city projects such as infrastructure improvements and the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update.

**Weigel** asked if Council supported the approach to neighborhood hubs as outlined by staff. **Councilor Nicodemus** expressed concern that current residents in hub areas are not forced out as hubs develop. **Weigel** agreed with the Nicodemus' concern and commented on how the city would proceed with that issue in mind. **Mayor Gamba** and **Ober** observed that the issue was a regional economic problem that the city would monitor and address when able to.

**Council President Hyzy** commented on the presented progression of micro-hubs to neighborhood hubs and encouraged staff to focus on broadening the definition of hubs to create community spaces that might not look the same in each location. **Ober** remarked that some actions the city would take could lead to the gentrification of a neighborhood and it was noted that Council was aware of that.

**Councilor Batey** believed the original concept aimed for hubs of varying sizes and services. The group wondered if city-owned properties could be used to support hubs.

**Ober** and **Weigel** noted that staff would continue the project and report back to Council.

**Mayor Gamba** recessed the meeting at 8:38pm and reconvened at 8:44pm

### **3. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Advisory Committee (TSPAC) – Discussion**

**Weigel** provided an overview of the plan to conduct an update of the city’s TSP, noting the need for technical and advisory committees. **Council President Hyzy** suggested the county director for Unite Oregon may be a good partner for the TSP project.

**Mayor Gamba** remarked on how the last TSP update had been divided into transit modes. **Weigel** explained what interests would be represented on the TSPAC. **Gamba** and **Weigel** remarked on concerns about certain transit points of view being overlooked and the group noted previous city efforts that looked at setting-up a local shuttle service.

**Councilor Batey** and **Mayor Gamba** suggested there could be fewer Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) and Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) members on the TSPAC than had been proposed to ensure other groups are represented. **Weigel** remarked on how the TSPAC membership could be kept flexible to include as many groups as possible.

**Weigel** asked if Council supported the proposed TSP process and TSPAC composition and who from Council would serve on the TSPAC. It was Council consensus to not appoint a Council member to the TSPAC until the new Council was seated in 2023.

**Mayor Gamba** and **Council President Hyzy** suggested that the TSPAC application form ask about an applicant’s transportation history and transit use.

**Weigel** summarized next steps in the project. **Mayor Gamba** and **Weigel** commented on why the TSP grant application involves the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ).

### **8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. None Scheduled.**

### **9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

None.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Councilor Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus, and Hyzy and Mayor Gamba voting “aye.” [5:0]**

**Mayor Gamba** adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder