



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2022

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

Council Absent: Council President Kathy Hyzy

Staff Present: Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

Ann Ober, City Manager

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

1. Providence Milwaukie Update

Victor Carrasco, Chief Executive Officer for Providence Milwaukie Hospital introduced Joan Corella, Providence Senior Partner Development Specialist, and Justin Osborn, Milwaukie Providence Doctor, and Program Director for Providence Oregon Family Medicine Residency. **Carrasco** provided a brief Milwaukie Hospital history and summarized the hospital's current state. **Carrasco** began addressing some of the current challenges Providence Milwaukie has faced and **Mayor Gamba, Osborn, and Carrasco** discussed primary care in connection with preventable visits to the emergency department (ED). **Carrasco** detailed the hospital's healthcare staffing shortages. **Mayor Gamba** asked about healthcare staff choosing early retirement and **Carrasco** explained that early retirement began to affect staffing at the end of 2021, and it has affected the ability to bring on new staff as previous retiring staff no longer move onto slower paced positions like instructor.

Carrasco shared how the hospital is working to bring on new staff and plans to retain current staff. **Councilor Batey** commented on how the hospital works with private agencies. **Carrasco** presented the opportunities that Providence offers to current and new individuals looking to progress or get into the medical field. **Councilor Nicodemus** asked if Providence had considered a partnership with local high schools to create interest and lessen the time and costs for students going into medical programs. **Carrasco** informed Council of a new entry level role that Providence has been working on.

Carrasco advised Council of ongoing inpatient bed shortages and presented ways that staff are focused on working to become more efficient. **Councilor Batey** asked if Providence staff believed that by offering colonoscopy services at Providence Milwaukie more community members are getting the preventive care they need, and **Carrasco** replied that the rate of attended scheduled appointments is about 98% and the convenience of the hospital location is important.

Carrasco presented Milwaukie Providence's environmental stewardship program.

Corella introduced the services and purpose of the Providence ElderPlace/Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). **Mayor Gamba** asked if the program included support for patients with Alzheimer's and **Corella** replied that 68% of participants were diagnosed with some form of dementia and that for all participants it is a whole team geriatric focused approach. **Mayor Gamba** and **Corella** commented on why bus and van drivers are part of the PACE services care team and **Corella** detailed what services are

included in the PACE program, shared a participant's experience, and presented Providence ElderPlace statics and general information. **Mayor Gamba** and **Corella** discussed Medicaid services versus the PACE program and where funds come from. The group discussed PACE as a wider reaching program.

Osborn shared what had brought the doctor to Providence, presented demographics for Providence Milwaukie Healing Place and the services the Healing Place offers that assist and address their patients with whole person care. **Osborn** spoke about the medical students who train at Providence Milwaukie Healing Place and shared plans for the Healing Place that include strengthening community partnerships. **Councilor Nicodemus** shared personal experiences with Providence Milwaukie Healing Place and commended the staff and program.

Carrasco shared plans for the future of Providence Milwaukie that focused on growth across many areas and thanked the Milwaukie Police Department (MPD) for their support and service.

Councilor Batey asked if the hospital would be expanding its physical footprint and **Carrasco** explained that there are capital constraints that have paused expanding the hospital but will be a future project.

Mayor Gamba, Carrasco, and Osborn discussed labor shortages.

Mayor Gamba commented on the article included in the study session packet and suggested Carrasco testify in front of the state legislature on healthcare legislation. **Carrasco** expressed that Providence wanted to be an agent of change.

2. Regional Transportation Policymaking & Current Issues Update

Mayor Gamba shared the importance for future Council members attending and engaging with regional transportation groups such as the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) and the C4 Metro Subcommittee, as well as other committee type groups such as the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC). **Gamba** and **Councilor Batey** discussed when meetings were held, previous committee attendance, and the type of topics that are discussed and decided upon within the meetings.

Mayor Gamba, Ober, and Councilor Batey commented on the plans for the final Council meeting of 2022 on December 20.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder