



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave
& Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

March 14, 2023

Council Present: Councilors Adam Khosroabadi, Robert Massey, Rebecca Stavenjord, and Council President Desi Nicodemus, and Mayor Lisa Batey

Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director
Ann Ober, City Manager
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

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

1. Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) Annual Report

Greg Geist, WES Director, presented the 2023 State of the District Annual Report. **Geist** provided an overview of the WES service area and its functionality. **Geist** provided an overview of how the rate dollar is utilized and emphasized that certain debt has stayed within the applicable rate zone. **Geist** explained how reasonable and predictable rate increases are best practices and highlighted that Milwaukie rates have not increased in the last three years. **Geist** shared WES' sewer rate harmonization model and explained that by 2031 rates in the district's zones would be the same. **Geist** reiterated that the rate development model is contingent on WES's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Geist shared that WES's five-year CIP considers all areas served by WES and requires thoughtful planning. **Geist** provided an update on past and projected improvements to the Kellogg Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility. **Mayor Batey** asked Geist about staffing at the Kellogg Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility. **Geist** explained how automation and rethinking employee configuration was necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic so services would not be interrupted. **Geist** highlighted that the Milwaukie Good Neighbor Agreement had been revised to include a larger program area and as part of that agreement, WES pays roughly \$132,000 directly to the city to be used on projects within the program area. **Geist** noted that program funds can be used on various items: pathways, parks, education, trails, habitat restoration and other projects in alignment with WES's mission.

Geist reviewed the upgrades happening at the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility and explained how the improvements upstream benefit the Kellogg facility. **Geist** expressed appreciation for the city's work with WES to improve inflow and infiltration (I&I) sources. **Geist** explained that improvement projects like the Clackamas Interceptor protects the Kellogg facility from being overburdened. **Geist** talked about the 3-Creeks Natural Area Floodplain Enhancement Project located by the Clackamas Community College (CCC) Harmony Campus. **Geist** shared WES' new vision statement and noted that it focuses on helping people become more aware of how important clean water is. **Geist** noted the many partnerships that WES has created to invest in the community.

2. Parking Management Study Update – Discussion

Joseph Briglio introduced Rick Williams of Rick Williams Consulting (RWC). **Briglio** provided context for the development of the Downtown Parking Management

Plan/Strategy update. **Briglio** discussed the new developments in progress and the parking spaces that would be associated with those developments.

Williams provided an overview of the study area in 2018 and 2022. **Williams** reviewed the data collected in both years of the study and explained how illegal parking is identified within the data. **Williams** noted that the 2022 data collection included Saturday parking. **Williams** presented the 2018 strategy recommendations within the Downtown Parking Management Plan and an implementation timeline for the 28 strategies identified in 2018. **Williams** shared a data analysis for 2018 and 2022 that covered occupancy rates and on-street and off-street performance. **Williams** pointed out that the biggest change in data from both years is where the constraints are happening. **Council** discussed capacity changes, parking lots and types of buildings adjacent to the lots.

Williams reviewed considerations for 2023 and confirmed that the Downtown Parking Management Plan is a viable document with relevant strategies that can be implemented in the years to come. **Mayor Batey** confirmed that Williams did not discuss parking with private property owners. **Williams** explained organic shared use agreements and the importance of tracking those agreements. The group discussed innovative tools to direct a driver to available parking, personal observations about parking, motorcycle/bike spaces, the impact of telework, e-parking, signage improvements for the lot across from City Hall, private ticketing, and the city's willingness to work with businesses and people that have specific parking needs. **Williams** reiterated using parking spaces as a community-based resource.

Ober shared with Council that next steps are contingent on timing and Council priorities. **Ober** noted that parking will come up in the neighborhood hubs discussions and **Ober** and **Briglio** agreed that it would be helpful to check-in annually around parking to be aware as needs change. **Williams** reiterated that the Parking Management Plan is a future resource when the timing is right.

3. Council Goals

Council discussed how goals are communicated with the public. **Ober** explained that an article can go in the city's monthly newsletter The Pilot. **Ober** reiterated Council's website was a resource. **Ober** offered communication that calls out effective and efficient government as a piece of that message. The group discussed previous language in resolutions and edited the draft resolution language. **Ober** reminded Council about ongoing key pieces of work within each of the proposed goals.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Suzanne Couttouw, Administrative Specialist II