



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

MINUTES

MAY 2, 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
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Kimberly Graves, Municipal Court Judge
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Ann Ober, City Manager
Mary Quinn, Court Clerk

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. Municipal Court Check-In – Report

Graves provided an overview of court services, including approximate numbers of citations, trials, and code cases the court manages in a year and the role of the judge.

Graves discussed potential growth opportunities for the court, such as partnering with the city's behavioral health specialist, expanding services to include misdemeanors, and using court appearances to engage with individuals needing support.

Graves presented information on state grant funding for community court programs. The group discussed how Community Court could work in Milwaukie and how the behavioral health specialist partners with the court.

2. Rent Relief Update - Report

Briglio provided an update on the city's rent assistance work, including the use of federal COVID-19 pandemic funding and the impact of inflation on rental costs. **Briglio** and **Ober** summarized that renter assistance efforts had been successful, and the group noted local, county, and state assistance programs for those in a housing crisis.

Councilor Khosroabadi, Ober, and Briglio noted that the rent assistance programs supported by the city were still available. However, the city's pandemic-era financial support had ended.

3. Legislative and Regional Issues – Discussion

Ober and **Mayor Batey** discussed travel arrangements for Council's May 9 visit to a 23-hour stabilization center in Eugene, Oregon, and they noted the status of the state legislature's session and bills the city had been tracking.

Mayor Batey remarked on a draft Council letter supporting a proposed state electric bike (e-bike) rebate program. The group discussed local e-bike programs, the drafted letter, and **Council President Nicodemus** expressed concern about people with privilege getting a rebate. There was a Council consensus to support the letter.

Mayor Batey asked for input on a request from the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) to sign a letter supporting enterprise zones and similar legislation. The group discussed the letter, and there was a Council consensus to sign on to the LOC letter.

Councilor Stavenjord commented on a draft of the Council goals cover letter, and there was Council consensus to publish the letter.

Councilor Stavenjord provided an overview of a proposed letter in support of state gun regulations and noted that the letter had been requested by Milwaukie High School (MHS) students. The group discussed the proposed gun control bills, and there was Council consensus that **Stavenjord** and **Council President Nicodemus** would draft a letter for Council to consider at a future meeting.

Mayor Batey reported that metro area mayors would publish a letter in opposition to a proposed housing bill. The group commented on how the housing bill had been drafted, how it might be amended, and whether it would pass the legislature.

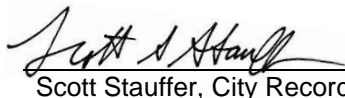
4. Adjourn

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder