



## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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

**Staff Present:** Joseph Briglio, Assistant City Manager      Ann Ober, City Manager  
Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer      Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager  
Justin Gericke, City Attorney      Scott Stauffer, City Recorder  
Toby LaFrance, Finance Director      Jason Wachs, Community Engagement Coordinator

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### 1. Quarterly Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Update

**Garbely** provided an update on the Monroe Street Greenway project. **Garbely** and **Mayor Batey** discussed public engagement for the project, which agency oversaw which portions of the project, and project-related traffic pattern changes at Highway 224.

**Garbely** and **Councilors Khosroabadi and Stavenjord** discussed funding for the greenway. **Stavenjord** asked about the timeline for working with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in relation to the greenway's project timeline. **Garbely** advised that the rail order was already in process.

**Garbely** provided an update on the Meek Street project's north phase, the Washington Street Area Improvements, and Ardenwald North Improvements. **Mayor Batey** and **Garbely** discussed how street users would be notified that the road would be shared.

**Garbely** shared how the improvements for King Road were coming along. **Councilor Stavenjord** and **Garbely** discussed coordination with the Lewelling Neighborhood District Association (NDA). **Mayor Batey** and **Garbely** commented on concerns around traffic changes that may occur once the King Road improvements had been completed.

**Garbely** reviewed the Harvey Street Improvements timeline and noted that next steps included deciding which side of the street the sidewalk would be placed on. **Garbely** shared that wastewater system improvements had been completed, and commented on the status of grind and inlay projects that are part of the 2023 Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP). **Mayor Batey** and **Garbely** discussed the total mileage of the grind and inlay projects and slurry seal projects.

**Garbely** informed Council of a traffic pattern change at 42nd Avenue and King Road and the group discussed why the change was made and how it might affect surrounding streets.

**Garbely** reviewed what projects were next on the CIP list. The group discussed the plans and funding for water service upgrades.

### 2. Citizens Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) Changes – Report

**LaFrance** explained CUAB's purpose and reported that finding new members had been difficult and as such staff suggested that CUAB become a subcommittee of the Budget Committee. **LaFrance** noted the crossover between the CUAB and the Budget

Committee, what the current membership requirements were for CUAB, and provided a timeline for training and the workplan for the subcommittee. **LaFrance** reviewed the next steps needed to make the suggested changes and asked Council for their input.

The group discussed whether enough perspectives had been included in preparing for the change.

**Council President Nicodemus, LaFrance,** and **Mayor Batey** discussed the workload change for the Budget Committee.

**Councilor Khosroabadi** and **LaFrance** commented on who from the Budget Committee would be included on the subcommittee and whether a formal appointment needed to occur.

**Mayor Batey** commented on the history of the CUAB's membership.

**LaFrance** confirmed that Council was interested in moving forward with staff's recommendation.

The group discussed board and committee recruitment and **Stauffer** noted that staff would return to discuss recruitment efforts.

### **3. Milwaukie Leadership Academy (MLA) – Annual Report**

**Wachs** reported that the MLA had completed its fourth year and explained its purpose, what the 2023 program covered, how classes occurred, and noted the program was limited to 25 participants. **Wachs** listed recruitment efforts for the program, and shared results of the participant survey and statics of who participated in the program. **Wachs** shared upcoming plans for the MLA.

**Ober** expressed gratitude for Lashbrook and noted the MLA's origins.

**Stephan Lashbrook**, MLA co-facilitator, shared thoughts on the importance of a program like the MLA and how to better funnel interested MLA participants into board and committee positions. **Lashbrook** shared what perspective Lashbrook brought to the MLA classes.

The group discussed program participation over the last four years including the participation of youth community members.

**Lashbrook** encouraged Council members to participate in MLA classes. **Councilor Massey, Wachs,** and **Lashbrook** discussed the value of networking with other program participants.

### **4. Adjourn**

**Mayor Batey** adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder