



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10501 SE Main Street
& Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2023

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

Staff Present:

Justin Gericke, City Attorney	Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Brandi Leos, Human Resources Director	Natalie Rogers, Climate & Natural Resources Manager
Ann Ober, City Manager	Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder	

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and noted the grand opening event for new city hall on October 6.

1. Tree Board – Annual Report

Passarelli shared that the board had two new members and explained what the board had worked on over the last year which included earning Tree City USA awards and detailed how those awards were earned, tree code updates, and implementation of a new tree permitting system. **Passarelli** shared the ongoing projects that the board focused on noting the leaf drop events on specific Saturdays in November and December, Arbor Day on October 28, and what events and projects the board would be focusing on for the rest of 2023 and into 2024 which included continuing work with the tree code.

Councilor Stavenjord noted the financial value and importance of volunteers and the group commented on education opportunities about providing natural habitats by not collecting leaves.

Councilor Khosroabadi and **Passarelli** commented on previous Mayor Gamba's pledge for the city to plant one tree for every resident of Milwaukie.

Councilor Massey, Passarelli, and Rogers discussed the metrics and tools used to track the city's tree canopy goal. **Massey** offered to connect the board with the Oregon Master Gardeners group.

Council President Nicodemus asked for clarification on the start time for the Arbor Day event. **Rogers** shared the schedule of events and noted the start time was 9 a.m.

Mayor Batey commented on the leaf drop event and suggested the city change the event to encourage community members to leave leaves for natural habitat. **Batey** and **Passarelli** discussed the city's tree permit invasive tree list. **Batey** and **Rogers** commented on a tree planting event that the rotary was hosting. **Batey, Passarelli, and Rogers** discussed the development of the commercial tree code.

2. Park and Recreation Board (PARB) – Annual Report

Rogers shared PARB's current roster, noted that some meetings were occurring in person, and covered what PARB had focused on for 2023. **Rogers** and **Ali Feuerstein**, PARB Chair, commented on the outreach work that the city and PARB had partnered on during development of the three new city parks. **Rogers** and **Feuerstein** shared that

there was a development engagement event at Scott Park on October 8. **Rogers** invited community members to attend the next PARB meeting.

Councilor Stavenjord, Rogers, and Feuerstein discussed using heat mapping for park planning and consideration for tree canopy, materials used, and water features.

Council commended PARB for their work and **Feuerstein** shared belief that the group was well diverse group and was working well together.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Batey announced that after the meeting Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nicole Madigan", is written over a horizontal line.

Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder