



## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10501 SE Main Street  
& Zoom Video Conference ([www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov))

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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

**Staff Present:**

Jessalynn Gale, Children's Librarian	Ann Ober, City Manager
Justin Gericke, City Attorney	Natalie Rogers, Climate & Natural Resources Manager
Brent Husher, Library Director	Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Lamm, Library Manager	Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder	

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

### 1. Building Energy Update – Report

**Rogers** reminded Council of the history behind the building energy discussion by noting the city's climate goals, state decarbonization regulations, and what the city had accomplished to date via resolutions. **Rogers** presented the current and ongoing decarbonization projects that involved community partnerships, state and federal funded projects and grants, and provided an update on the solar installation project for the city's Johnson Creek Building (JCB).

**Mayor Batey** and **Rogers** commented on the review process for the green tariff program through the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) and what buildings would qualify to be reviewed under the building performance standards. The group discussed what block grants would be offered for and how funds could be distributed.

**Rogers** explained that Council had an opportunity to fund additional climate and energy work by increasing licensing and right-of-way (ROW) franchise fees for Portland General Electric (PGE) and NW Natural Gas. **Rogers** noted an increase in fees to utility providers were often passed onto utility customers. The group discussed the difference between licensing and franchise fees, adoptions of fees, how fees were passed onto customers, and if other utility companies could have their ROW fees increased.

**Rogers** presented new ideas for development incentives and a building emission regulation program that were still being developed. **Ober** noted concerns around the city enforcing building emissions.

**Rogers** asked how Council would like staff to proceed. The group discussed how to have flexibility in setting fees without being locked into multi-year rates and that a conversation on how the city could collect fees to generate funds would be occurring at the November 14, 2023, special session.

**Councilor Stavenjord** was interested in collaborating on initiating forward action from the Clackamas County Board of Health around environmental health hazards. The group discussed ways to collaborate.

There was Council interest and consensus in continuing the conversation around funding climate work.

## **2. Library Board – Annual Report**

**Husher** introduced members of the Library Board, explained that library operations and attendance were returning to normal pre-COVID levels, noted that the library serves about 40,000 patrons from Milwaukie and unincorporated Clackamas County, and explained where funding for library services comes from.

**Karla Branson**, Library Board Chair, explained who was on the board, when meetings occur, and noted that a board member attends the Clackamas County Library District Advisory Board meetings.

**Bee Perkins** and **Ingrid Kesswood**, members of the Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB), shared their views on the importance of the services and events that the library offers to the teenage community and explained what the TAB does and how they meet.

**Maryruth Storer** Library Board member, detailed programming events at the library and noted how many attendees had been participating. **Shawne Smith** Library Board member, explained the importance of having the Friends of the Ledding Library (FOLL) group, noting the group has existed for 72 years, how many volunteers had worked over the last year, and how much money had been raised through the bookstore. **Smith** shared how using the library's community room had improved FOLL events. **Husher** explained that funding for library programming had come from FOLL fund raising events and store.

**Mayor Batey** appreciated hearing from the TAB and **Husher** acknowledged the importance of TAB and having them present to Council.

**Councilor Khosroabadi** asked if Council could help facilitate filling gaps in assisting library patrons in need of assistance services. **Branson** noted that Council may want to speak to library staff but understood that the addition of the police department's behavioral health specialist and community partners were helping.

**Councilor Stavenjord** shared personal experiences of having a child that participates in TAB, thanked TAB, and asked the TAB members what they were reading. **Stavenjord** and **Gale** noted that libraries have access to upcoming young adult (YA) books and offers them to TAB members.

## **3. Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder