



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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

2392nd Meeting

MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2023

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

<p>Staff Present: Ryan Burdick, Police Captain Tony Cereghino, Police Captain Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer Justin Gericke, City Attorney Dan Harris, Events & Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Inman, Police Sargeant</p>	<p>Brandi Leos, Human Resources Director Ann Ober, City Manager Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director Scott Stauffer, City Recorder Luke Strait, Polic Chief Glen Suchanek, Behavioral Health Specialist</p>
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Council President Nicodemus noted that Mayor Batey was participating in the meeting via Zoom and would therefore not chair the meeting.

Council President Nicodemus called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Nicodemus announced upcoming activities including leaf drop sessions, the Milwaukie Historical Society's Christmas at the Museum event, the Clackamas Fire District (CFD) Operation Santa Claus donation event, the city's Winter Solstice event, and the 2023 Volunteer of the Year award nomination process.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. Christmas Ships and Winter Events – Proclamation

Harris remarked on the Christmas Ships sailing season and plans for the Winter Solstice event and **Council President Nicodemus** proclaimed December 1-17, 2023, to be Christmas Ships Days.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. None Scheduled.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Council President Nicodemus reviewed the public comment procedures. **Ober** reported that staff had been working on several utility rate projects related to comments made during the November 14 community comments. **Ober** also noted the need for Council members to participate in the city's work with Clackamas County to locate a 23-hour stabilization center in Milwaukie.

It was noted that no audience members wished to speak to Council.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Khosroabadi and seconded by Councilor Massey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes:

1. October 17, 2023, regular session,
2. November 7, 2023, work session, and
3. November 7, 2023, regular session.

Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, Nicodemus, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Behavioral Health and Housing Services Update – Report

Burdick and **Suchanek** provided an overview of the work of the Milwaukie Police Department’s (MPDs) behavioral health specialist (BHS) and associated support services provided over the first year of the BHS position’s existence. They noted MPD’s work with the Clackamas County Housing Authority and non-profit groups such as LoveOne, Inc.

Brandi Johnson, with LoveOne and A Father’s Hearth Ministries, and **Don Holden**, with LoveOne, remarked on how LoveOne works with MPD and the BHS to coordinate services for community members in need.

Councilor Khosroabadi appreciated the work of the BHS, MPD, and LoveOne, and remarked on the importance of providing mental health support services for veterans.

Councilor Massey asked what gaps the city could work on addressing. **Holden** and **Suchanek** suggested that housing and mental health support work could use more resources, increased community awareness, and long-term residential care facilities. **Burdick** thanked Strait and Ober for supporting the work of the BHS.

Ober noted that Council would receive additional updates on housing and health support services at future meetings.

Mayor Batey remarked on the importance of supporting the BHS and housing services work and asked about a navigation center opening soon. **Johnson** confirmed a new daytime navigation center would be open in 2025 to serve all county residents in need.

Mayor Batey asked about the availability and use of Narcan and noted the impact of providing mental health support services at local businesses. **Johnson**, **Suchanek**, and **Ober** commented on the distribution and use of Narcan in the community.

Councilor Stavenjord remarked on the role of local governments and non-profit organizations in providing mental health and housing services, and the value of using trauma informed language in providing such services and building relationships.

Council President Nicodemus remarked on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic and tragic societal events had on the city’s urgency in hiring a BHS and the city’s ability to talk about the mental health and housing crises.

Strait expressed appreciation for Holden’s work and presented MPD meritorious service medals to Suchanek and Johnson for their work helping Milwaukie community members.

Ober thanked MPD and LoveOne for their work and asked Council to identify which of its members would serve as liaisons for the city’s housing and mental health work.

Councilors Khosroabadi and Massey volunteered to be liaisons for the city's mental health and housing work. **Councilor Stavenjord** commented on the personal impact of drug addiction and homelessness and offered to serve as a liaison. **Mayor Batey** supported having Councilors Khosroabadi and Stavenjord serve as Council liaisons. The group remarked on which Council members would serve as liaisons and it was Council consensus that Councilors Massey and Stavenjord would serve as liaisons.

Council President Nicodemus recessed the meeting at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

B. Parks Governance Update – Discussion

It was noted there were no staff updates or Council questions on the city's parks work.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 23rd Avenue Right-of-Way (ROW) Vacation – Ordinance

Call to Order: **Council President Nicodemus** called the public hearing on the proposed ROW vacation, to order at 7:40 p.m.

Purpose: **Council President Nicodemus** announced that the purpose of the hearing was to hear the staff report and take public comment on the proposed ROW vacation.

Conflict of Interest: No Council member declared a conflict of interest.

Staff Presentation: **Garbely** reported that the requested action was part of the final land use approval for the Milwaukie High School (MHS) reconstruction project, the proposed ROW vacation had been agreed to by city and North Clackamas School District (NCSD) staff, and the Planning Commission had approved the actions.

Correspondence: No correspondence on the hearing topic had been received.

Audience Testimony: No audience member wished to address Council.

Council Questions to Staff: None.

Close Public Comment: **It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to close the public testimony part of the ROW vacation hearing. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Stavenjord, Khosroabadi, Massey, Nicodemus, and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]**

Council President Nicodemus closed the public comment at 7:44 p.m.

Council Decision: **It was moved by Councilor Khosroabadi and seconded by Councilor Massey for the first and second readings by title only and adoption of the ordinance vacating the public street right-of-way within a segment of SE 23rd Avenue. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, Nicodemus, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]**

Ober read the ordinance two times by title only.

Stauffer polled the Council with Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, Nicodemus, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

Ordinance 2237:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, VACATING THE PUBLIC STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN A SEGMENT OF SE 23RD AVENUE.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Massey provided an update on recent North Clackamas Watershed Council (NCWC) and Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) work.

Councilor Stavenjord asked if Council wanted to support a Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) letter on tolling. It was Council consensus to support the regional letter on tolling that Councilor Stavenjord had asked Council to sign-on to.

Mayor Batey suggested Council think about moving the council reports part of regular session agendas to the monthly study session agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nicodemus announced that after the regular session Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, and (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

It was moved by Councilor Massey and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, Nicodemus, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

Council President Nicodemus adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder