



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2023

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

Staff Present: Tony Lairson, Utility Technician II
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Ann Ober, City Manager
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director

Gabriela Santoyo Gutierrez, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator
Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager
Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

1. Council Goal Update: Climate – Report

Rogers provided an update on projects related to the Climate Action Plan (CAP), which included reviewing the climate goals and the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, and the progress of developing Milwaukie’s municipal green tariff. The group discussed what participation in the tariff would look like and how developed the program was.

Rogers explained that staff were working with local jurisdictions and the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to develop building performance standards to align with the building energy score program. **Mayor Batey** and **Rogers** discussed the inclusion of commercial industrial buildings in the program. **Councilor Khosroabadi** asked if there were plans to provide grants for buildings to make changes to meet standards, **Rogers** was unsure but would research.

Rogers explained how Energy Trust of Oregon’s strategic energy management (SEM) program worked and **Rogers** and **Passarelli** explained how Milwaukie was participating in the program.

Rogers and **Passarelli** shared how the city was converting its vehicle fleet to electric and hybrid and adding charging infrastructure for city and public use. The group discussed how often chargers were used, funding options for businesses and multifamily housing units to add chargers and how level 3 chargers could be added in east Milwaukie. **Rogers** and **Passarelli** explained Portland General Electric’s (PGE’s) program that added chargers around the city on utility poles for public use. **Councilor Massey**, **Rogers**, and **Passarelli** discussed one of the chargers that had not been working, how to locate the chargers, and how payments are made.

Passarelli explained that the city was working with a consultant to update the Stormwater System Plan to reflect climate change projections for increased precipitation and intensity. **Rogers** advised that staff was reviewing the tree code and that staff would return with more information in the spring. The group discussed measuring and protecting and increasing the city’s tree canopy.

2. Council Goal Update: Equity – Report & Resolution

Sagor provided background on the steps that had been taken since Council’s equity goal was adopted and **Santoyo Gutierrez** and **Sagor** explained that three tracks had been

developed for the Equity Plan based on the results of the Keen Independent Research study, and feedback from the Equity Steering Committee (ESC) and Council. The group discussed supporting staff during department conversations. **Liz Start**, member of the ESC and chair of the Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) expressed support for the plan and noted that the ESC had taken time in reviewing and providing feedback on the plan. **Sagor** and **Ober** explained that the plan developed was not meant to disregard equity work happening in other areas of the city's work, but to direct staff's attention to a multi-year city wide plan and that equity work was still occurring in daily tasks such as hiring practices.

Santoyo Gutierrez shared strategies and measures for tracking progress while following the plan. **Sagor** explained next steps and asked for Council feedback. The group discussed how to best engage and share the plan with the community, the need for conversations with community members about diversity, how to have NDAs reflect the diversity of the community, ensure that more inclusive language is being used in conversations and documentation, and use the city events calendar to amplify existing community cultural events. The group discussed using strategies and measures to evaluate city processes.

It was moved by Council President Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to approve the resolution supporting a multi-year equity work plan to measurably improve equity outcomes and address key priorities. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, Nicodemus, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]

Resolution 60-2023:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, SUPPORTING A MULTI-YEAR EQUITY WORK PLAN TO MEASURABLY IMPROVE EQUITY OUTCOMES AND ADDRESS KEY PRIORITIES.

Council Reports

Mayor Batey and **Ober** outlined topics that were discussed during a recent impromptu and informal meeting that occurred with Governor Tina Kotek, three members of Council, and city staff. Topics that were discussed included:

- Governor Koteks' \$500,000,000 package for the 2024 session for more affordable housing support, shelters, and rent stabilization.
- Housing being built in Milwaukie, including the number of apartments being built, the Hillside Park redevelopment project, single family infill and middle housing developments.
- Milwaukie's 23-hour stabilization center.
- The need for more childcare resources and after-school care.
- The Kellogg Dam.
- Education issues.
- Anti displacement regarding urban renewal.

No deliberations took place, and no decisions were made during the meeting.

Mayor Batey and **Councilors Stavenjord** and **Khosroabadi** expressed concerns regarding all members of Council not being notified of the meeting in advance.

Councilor Stavenjord noted when the next Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) meetings would occur and the topics that would be discussed.

3. Adjourn

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

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

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