



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

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

Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director
Adam Heroux, Associate Planner
Jordan Imlah, Communications Program Manager
Vera Kolias, Senior Planner
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Council President Nicodemus called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Maintaining Public Art – Discussion

Councilor Khosroabadi arrived at 4:06 p.m.

Imlah and **Sagor** explained that the city needed to adopt a policy for maintaining city owned art that names who is responsible to complete the maintenance and where funds would be allocated from.

Councilor Massey asked how maintenance had been handled to date. **Imlah** provided examples of how staff had worked in reactive ways to address issues that had arisen.

Councilor Stavenjord and **Imlah** discussed the city's Art in Public Places program. **Stavenjord** suggested the city develop relationships with community partners such as the Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) and Clackamas Arts Alliance.

Councilor Khosroabadi asked what the proposed budget would be for ongoing maintenance. **Imlah** advised that an assessment would need to be completed and provided examples of maintenance expenses from other local jurisdictions.

Mayor Batey understood the need to establish a policy for outdoor art, expressed concern about taking funds from the Arts Committee, and liked Councilor Stavenjord's partnership ideas. **Imlah** noted that maintenance funds for indoor art would likely be used for a professional art cleaner. **Stavenjord** suggested staff work with Milwaukie Academy of the Arts (MAA) students to conduct an inventory of the city's art.

Sagor and **Councilor Stavenjord** laid out next steps.

Mayor Batey asked if maintenance conversations had occurred with the Arts Committee. **Imlah** confirmed that conversations had occurred and shared concerns the committee had raised. **Sagor** added that in the future the Arts Committee could update bylaws to add a seat specifically for an arts preservation and maintenance expert.

2. Neighborhood Hubs – Discussion

Kolias and **Heroux** provided an update on the Neighborhood Hubs project by explaining that staff had been working on and were wrapping up phase II of the project. They explained how staff had engaged with the community both in person and online to identify concerns and obstacles around development of a hub, and how community engagement assisted staff to identify which hubs would be prioritized.

Councilor Stavenjard asked if staff had connected with Roswell Market, **Heroux** and **Kolias** explained that staff were unable to make a connection but planned to try different approaches during the next phase.

Kolias shared the community engagement results and explained how it formed the code changes that corresponded with the focused hubs.

Kolias explained the next steps to implement the discoveries made during phase II, including the proposed code changes, plans to coordinate with the Transportation System Plan (TSP), and developing an economic development toolkit. **Kolias** shared plans for Phase III.

Councilor Massey expressed concern that zoning changes alone wouldn't implement the desired changes and suggested the project should focus on less than six hubs to start a pilot program to try and ensure success.

Mayor Batey requested clarification on where the proposed changes would occur and did not see the potential development for some of the hubs selected and believed that community expectations needed to be managed. **Batey** and **Kolias** commented on the mixed-use development plans on 32nd Avenue for the Hillside project.

Councilor Khosroabadi expressed concerns regarding the number of hubs and suggested it be narrowed down to two that prioritize and promote existing home businesses. **Heroux** commented on the challenges that surround changing code to support home based businesses.

Councilor Stavenjard encouraged staff to move forward with the six hubs that had been selected and explained how starting with more could help develop a menu of options for all hubs. **Stavenjard** and **Kolias** discussed developing an analytical profile for the hubs.

Council President Nicodemus shared the Council majority's sentiment and asked if anyone had expressed opposition during the engagement process. **Heroux** and **Kolias** explained that community members supported the proposed changes and provided examples of ideas submitted by community members including the desire for a small business alliance.


Mayor Batey expressed general support for the proposed code changes that would affect Milwaukie Chapel and Milwaukie Floral. The group discussed the Planning Commission's proposed changes for upzoning King Road.

Briglio thanked Council for their input and requested that Council identify which two neighborhood hubs should be prioritized.

3. Adjourn

Council President Nicodemus adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder