



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

2395th Meeting

MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2024

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

Staff Present: Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Dan Harris, Events & Emergency Management
Coordinator
Ann Ober, City Manager

Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being held on Zoom video conference only due to inclement weather.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Batey announced upcoming activities, including the city's 2023 volunteer of the year award, a city manager open-door session, a habitat enhancement event at Spring Park, and an open house for the Harvey Street improvements project.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. None Scheduled.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. None Scheduled.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Batey reviewed the public comment procedures and **Ober** reported that there was no follow-up report from the January 2 community comments related to natural gas policy.

Jacob Sherman, Milwaukie resident, commented on safety concerns along the 29th Avenue greenway and encouraged Council to direct staff to investigate the issues.

Elvis Clark, Milwaukie resident, congratulated the city on a successful Winter Solstice event in December and encouraged Council to review the written comments submitted regarding the Oregon Citizens Utility Board (CUB) representative's comments on natural gas policy at the January 2 regular session.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Batey announced that item 6. A. 1. had been removed for separate consideration later in the meeting and **Sagor** noted revisions to the Council committee assignments matrix attached to agenda item 6. B.

It was moved by Councilor Stavenjord and seconded by Councilor Massey to approve the Consent Agenda with amendments noted by staff.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes:

1. ~~December 12, 2023, study session,~~ (removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration; see item 9. A.)
2. ~~December 19, 2023, work session, and~~ (removed from the agenda)
3. ~~December 19, 2023, regular session.~~

B. Adoption of the 2024 City Council Committee Assignments – Motion.

- C. ~~Authorization of a Contract for Park Construction Projects – Resolution~~ (removed from the agenda).

Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [4:0]

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Council Vacancy and Special Election – Resolution

Stauffer provided an overview of the election process triggered by the resignation of Councilor Desi Nicodemus, which included a request for Council to call a special election.

It was moved by Councilor Stavenjord and seconded by Councilor Massey to approve the resolution acknowledging the resignation of Councilor Desi Nicodemus, noting a vacancy on Council, and calling for a special election. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [4:0]

Resolution 4-2023:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR DESI NICODEMUS, NOTING A VACANCY ON COUNCIL, AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION.

Stauffer reviewed Council candidate filing deadlines for the May 21 special election.

B. Interim Council Member Appointment Process – Discussion

Stauffer explained the interim Council member appointment process triggered by the resignation of Councilor Nicodemus as called for by the City Charter. An application and interview process were outlined and there was Council consensus that staff should proceed with the recruitment process and the draft application form as proposed.

Stauffer presented previously used interim Council member interview questions. **Mayor Batey** and **Councilors Massey and Stavenjord** commented on the structure of several questions. The group discussed drafting interview questions and it was Council consensus that Council members would send Stauffer their preferred questions and Council would revisit the questions at the February 2 regular session.

C. Interim Council President Election – Motion

Stauffer explained that Council was asked to identify one its members to serve as an interim Council President until after the next Council election.

Mayor Batey remarked on the importance of having a Council President.

It was moved by Councilor Stavenjord and seconded by Mayor Batey to appoint Councilor Massey to serve as Council President. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye,” and Councilor Massey abstaining.” [3:0:1]

D. Houseless Services Update – Discussion

Ober provided an update on the city’s work to provide housing and social services, a community conversation event on how such services worked/were offered(?), and a grant request that would enable the library to serve as a heating and cooling shelter.

Ober and **Harris** remarked on the role of the Milwaukie Police Department’s (MPD’s) behavioral health specialist and community partners such as LoveOne and Central City Concern and provided an update on the county’s work to open a 23-hour stabilization center in the North Milwaukie Innovation Area (NMIA). **Councilors Stavenjord and Massey** outlined steps the city could take to support the stabilization center and those who use it. **Ober** thanked Clackamas County staff for supporting the city’s housing work.

Mayor Batey suggested the stabilization center might be a good place to host a Clackamas Cities Association (CCA) dinner and **Ober** noted that other cities are working on finding solutions to address houselessness as well.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

~~A. Business Registration Code Amendments – Ordinance~~

Mayor Batey and **Ober** noted that the hearing item would be rescheduled to February 6, 2024, due to inclement weather.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Council Minutes – Discussion

Stauffer provided an overview of public meeting minutes, their purpose, Council’s role in approving them, and best practices staff follow in writing and archiving minutes.

Council President Massey remarked on the challenges of writing minutes and supported staff’s approach to providing summary-style minutes.

Mayor Batey appreciated staff’s approach to summary minutes and expressed concern that minutes don’t always capture whether there was Council consensus or disagreement.

Regarding the December 12 study session minutes **Mayor Batey** suggested that additional text needed to be added to note the topics covered at the unannounced meeting with Oregon Governor Tina Kotek which three Council members attended and the concerns of Councilor Khosroabadi regarding that meeting. **Councilor Khosroabadi** appreciated Mayor Batey asking for the additional language to be added to the minutes.

Stauffer suggested staff would review the December 12 minutes and present revised minutes to Council at the February 6 regular session.

Ober summarized that Council agreed future minutes would document Council consensus. It was Council consensus that future minutes should document Council consensus.

B. Legislative and Regional Issues – Discussion

Stauffer provided a brief update on key dates and legislation the city was tracking during the 2024 short session of the state legislative assembly. The group discussed potential legislation addressing housing, behavioral health and social services, transportation, elections systems, and issues tracked by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC).

Councilor Stavenjard noted an upcoming research symposium on issues related to the implementation of statewide Measure 110 and reported on issues discussed at a recent meeting of the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4). **Mayor Batey** noted recent regional discussions about expanding the urban growth boundary (UGB).

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Batey announced that after the meeting 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.

It was moved by Council President Massey and seconded by Councilor Stavenjard to adjourn the regular session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjard and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [4:0]

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder