



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2024

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

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| Staff Present: | Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer | Ann Ober, City Manager |
| | Justin Gericke, City Attorney | Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager |
| | Dan Harris, Events & Emergency Management Coordinator | Scott Stauffer, City Recorder |
| | Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder | Jeff Tolentino, Assistant City Engineer |

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Annual Board and Committee Recruitment Process – Discussion

Stauffer explained how city staff were preparing to launch the 2024 annual board and committee (BC) recruitment process. **Madigan** noted that staff were still working to engage youth members to apply to the vacant positions on the Arts Committee, Library Board, and the Park and Recreation Board (PARB). **Stauffer** and **Ober** added notes on the Milwaukie High School (MHS) Outstanding Student Achievement Award.

Stauffer asked if Council had any feedback on the recruitment schedule. **Councilor Stavenjord**, **Stauffer**, and **Mayor Batey** discussed the recruitment schedule and interview process for youth members, and it was decided to move forward with youth member interviews in February and that Batey and Stavenjord would be on the interview panel. **Batey**, **Stauffer**, and **Madigan** discussed vacant BC positions and members that are eligible for reappointment.

Stauffer asked if generic questions should be included with BC specific questions in the BC interviews. Council came to a consensus that a change should be made to the first application question and began workshopping the first question for BC interviews. **Stauffer** noted staff would follow up with Council on application and interview questions.

2. Summer Events – Discussion

Sagor explained that staff were evaluating the city's calendar of events while developing the proposed budget for the next biennium and that staff had heard community interest in seeing more city support for neighborhood multicultural events and bringing back an annual Milwaukie Daze type event. **Sagor** noted that due to budget constraints and the cost of producing a biannual Carefree Sunday, staff were considering replacing Carefree Sunday with a summer event that could be put on annually for less cost.

Harris presented ideas of what a summer event might look like, when and where it might be held, and how using this event to replace Carefree Sunday would free up funds to provide support to community led events around the city. **Harris** addressed foreseen risks as well as the opportunities that could arise from hosting this type of summer event.

Sagor asked Council how they would like staff to proceed in planning for city events.

Mayor Batey asked why staff were not concerned about the possibility of heat affecting a summer, Milwaukie Daze type event. **Harris** and **Sagor** addressed concerns about bad weather during events and concluded that the more manageable cost of an annual event made it more favorable to honor a late July date.

The group discussed finding ways to incorporate bike transit to a summer event, interest in how a summer event may use community partners and extra funds to support east Milwaukie multicultural events, whether replacing Carefree Sunday had been presented to the community, how staff could host a new event summer of 2024 and how staff had concluded what the cost would be, and where the summer event would be held.

Mayor Batey shared background information on Milwaukie Daze, ideas for revamping Carefree Sunday that would incorporate community desire for supporting multicultural community events and expressed concern about hosting another event in downtown and heat affecting a summer event. **Sagor** noted that staff were looking at the concern of replacing an eastside event with a downtown event but noted that the funding left from hosting a cheaper annual event could be used to support eastside events. **Councilor Khosroabadi** echoed Sagor's point about using available funds on the eastside.

Mayor Batey expressed concern about the lack of community engagement around losing Carefree Sunday and was against doing away with it. **Councilor Khosroabadi** suggested staff move forward with Carefree Sunday for 2024 and engage with the community on how to move forward starting next year. **Councilor Stavenjord** asked if staff could do outreach before the February 6 meeting. Staff agreed to perform community outreach and return February 6 during the regular session.

3. Quarterly Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects – Update

Garbely introduced new Assistant City Engineer, Jeff Tolentino. **Tolentino** and **Garbely** provided an update on the status of CIP projects including Meek Street North, street maintenance for 2024, Monroe Greenway, Washington Area Improvements, Harvey Street Improvements, Ardenwald North Improvements, Waverly Heights Sewer Reconfiguration Project and Waverly South and 26th Avenue Improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramp Improvements, Downtown Sidewalks and Storm Improvements, King Road Improvements, and Kellogg Creek Restoration Project.


Tolentino and **Garbely** discussed an upcoming project at Logus Road and 40th Avenue and 42nd Avenue Improvements, noting that additional funding will be needed to rebuild the 42nd and Harrison Street intersection. **Garbely** presented proposed improvements for Stanley Avenue and noted that staff would be looking for feedback on which projects to prioritize based on funding. **Garbely** listed the areas staff would be focusing on in the next CIP for water services that needed repairs, improvements, and new infrastructure.

Councilor Stavenjord, **Garbely**, and **Ober** discussed consulting with community partners that were assisting with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects about the possible issues that might arise for the proposed Stanley Improvements Project. **Mayor Batey** asked if the city was still on track to receive the SRTS funding and **Garbely** noted that if the funding came through the city would prioritize the project, but the grant may not be received in time to tie the project to the work Clackamas County is doing on Linwood Avenue. **Mayor Batey** and **Tolentino** discussed detention ponds in connection with Meek Street North project.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder