



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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

2397th Meeting

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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

Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director
Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Ann Ober, City Manager
Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager

Gabriela Santoyo Gutierrez, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Batey announced upcoming activities, including a conversation about housing, a city manager open door session, an author event at the Ledding Library, a state transportation projects open house, and a kick-off event for park construction projects.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. Celebrating Black Excellence Month – Proclamation

Santoyo Gutierrez introduced Equity Steering Committee (ESC) member Seyona Belai and commented on the importance of recognizing Black excellence. **Mayor Batey** proclaimed February to be Black Excellence Month in Milwaukie.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Pod Village – Report

Daniel Hovanas, Do Good Multnomah (DGM) executive director, provided an overview of DGM's work including a new pod village in unincorporated Clackamas County south of Milwaukie. **Chris Gardner**, DGM director of communications and marketing, commented on the community support DGM received for villages in other parts of the metro area.

Mayor Batey and **Hovanas** noted that the new Clackamas County village would not be only for houseless veterans.

Councilor Stavenjord thanked DGM for their work and asked how cities could support that work. **Hovanas** suggested cities and local leaders should be curious and look for ways to connect services with the village.

Councilor Khosroabadi and **Hovanas** commented on the need to connect the village with health service agencies and to foster dialogue with neighbors. They noted that it takes about 90 days on average for a houseless individual to find permanent housing through the services provided at the village.

Council President Massey noted the Clackamas County village could only happen because of a private land donation and thanked the property owner for the donation.

Councilor Abma and **Hovanas** commented on the need for villages with different accessibility and residency requirements to address different issues. They noted that DGM funding largely came from county governments and that the Clackamas County village would support up to 90 individuals at a time.

Councilor Khosroabadi and **Hovanas** noted DGM would begin community engagement activities once the village was approved by the county hopefully in February 2024.

Paul Edgar, Oregon City resident, expressed support for the work of DGM and the services to be provided by the village in unincorporated Clackamas County.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Batey reviewed the public comment procedures. **Ober** reported that follow-up from the February 6 comments would be addressed during the March 5 regular session.

David Chitsazan, Milwaukie resident, commented on the impacts of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and asked Council to read a proclamation addressing the death of civilians in Gaza. **Mayor Batey** noted staff would follow-up on the proclamation request.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Batey had an issue with a sentence that referenced a grant in the January 9, 2024, Council retreat minutes. **Ober** and **Batey** discussed the grant reference in the minutes, and it was Council consensus to revise the sentence in the minutes to include “regional multi-agency grant.”

It was moved by Councilor Stavenjord and seconded by Councilor Khosroabadi to approve the Consent Agenda as modified.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes:

1. **January 9, 2024, Council retreat,**
2. **January 16, 2024, work session, and**
3. **January 16, 2024, regular session.**

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

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update – Discussion

Weigel provided an overview of the TSP, the TSP update project, the methodology and framework of the TSP review process including the community profile part of the project.

Mayor Batey and **Weigel** clarified that links to the community profile reference documents had been included in the staff report.

Weigel discussed the TSP project’s community engagement outreach events and the financial forecast for transportation infrastructure included in the TSP.

Councilor Stavenjord noted the availability of county level demographic data and **Weigel** agreed that using such data would be helpful for updating the TSP.

Councilor Khosroabadi, Garbely, and Mayor Batey remarked on the status of Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) program funding.

Council President Massey asked if the Pamplin Media building had been included in the TSP and **Ober** noted that since the Pamplin building was outside city limits any comments about its transportation needs would be sent to the county.

Council President Massey asked how the TSP interacted with the neighborhood hubs program and **Weigel** explained how staff had linked issues between the TSP and hubs. **Massey** and **Ober** observed that encouraging hubs would require public and private investment in hub areas.

Council Abma and **Weigel** noted when the TSP had last been updated and how the TSP Advisory Committee (TSPAC) had been formed. **Ober** noted that a couple new appointments to the TSPAC would be submitted for Council consideration soon.

Councilor Abma, Weigel, and Garbely noted that Milwaukie was one of the first cities to implement new state engagement and Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) laws. They also remarked on how much county level data informed the city's planning and engineering work and the TSP.

Mayor Batey, Weigel, and Ober commented on the TSP project's engagement work, noting groups staff should reach out to, the timing of the TSP update, and staff's efforts to identify a representative of freight business groups.

Councilor Stavenjord observed there were similar transportation conversations happening at Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) meetings and **Garbely** reported that staff intended to reach out to the county to coordinate such conversations.

Ober summarized that Council was comfortable with new TSPAC appointments being placed on regular session consent agendas.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. None Scheduled.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Legislative and Regional Issues – Discussion

Stauffer provided an overview of the 2024 legislative session and the group discussed legislation the city had been tracking, including bills addressing housing, Measure 110 drug enforcement reform, recreational immunity for local governments, and public meetings and records laws. **Stauffer** and **Mayor Batey** noted the letter in support of the Clackamas County Childcare Coalition (C5) that had been previously approved by Council had been sent.

Council Reports

Council President Massey provided an update on recent meetings and work of the Regional Water Providers Consortium and **Ober** remarked on possible interactions of the city with the Consortium's infrastructure funding programs. **Mayor Batey** noted a proposed bill to fund 40 local government water infrastructure projects.

Councilor Stavenjord and **Mayor Batey** discussed recent C4 and Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meetings and work regarding regional transportation project funding prioritization.

Clackamas Cities Association (CCA) Dinner

Mayor Batey and **Ober** noted staff would check with other Clackamas cities hosting dinners this year to see what topics they are covering and would report back to Council.

Volunteer of the Year Award Selection Process – Discussion (continued)

The group continued a conversation about the process to select the volunteer of the year that had started at the end of the February 20 work session. They commented on the awkward nature of past selection processes, the value of recognizing all nominees, and the feasibility of using a ranked choice voting process.

It was Council consensus that each Council member would talk about two or three nominees and that Council would use a ranked choice voting process to select the 2023 volunteer of the year, deferring to staff on logistical details.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Batey announced that Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(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 Council President Massey and seconded by Councilor Abma to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Abma, Khosroabadi, Massey, and Stavenjord and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [5:0]

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder