



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

MINUTES

MARCH 5, 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
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator
Ann Ober, City Manager
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Courtney Wilson, Urban Forester

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. Tree Code Update – Discussion

Mayor Batey shared that the city had received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the city on winning the 2023 Tree City USA and Growth Award.

Wilson provided an explanation of what the city's tree code covered and the types of permits that were issued.

Salyers explained how the proposed tree code changes were developed. **Mayor Batey** and **Salyers** clarified why the redlined version of the code provided with the staff report looked the way that it did.

Wilson covered some proposed changes to the tree code and explained the next steps.

Councilor Abma asked how the tree code was created and **Passarelli** explained that the city had contracted with a consultant who had developed the tree code for the City of Tigard. **Abma** asked how the Tree Board functioned and **Passarelli** advised that the Board operated in an advisory capacity and shared how they had helped to develop the tree code. The group discussed the language found in the code that described the Board's operations. **Abma** asked for clarification on the proposed changes around staff role definitions, **Salyers** explained the changes were for organization purposes only.

Councilor Massey and **Mayor Batey** commented on the amount of public input the tree code had generated.

The group discussed how dead or diseased trees were tracked on development lots against the lidar data the city used to track tree canopy.

The group discussed the proposed change to remove the requirement to replant when removing a dead tree and discussed how to address the removal of invasive trees. **Mayor Batey** expressed concern with changes and how they might affect the city meeting its tree canopy goals. **Councilor Massey**, **Passarelli**, and **Batey** discussed how trees were added to the invasive tree list.

2. Neighborhood Park Projects – Update

Moore reported that the Neighborhood Park Projects had obtained all the required tree permits and that no healthy trees would be removed.

Moore provided an update on the parks projects by sharing an invitation to celebrate the construction kick-off, noting that starting March 11 fences would be going up at all three parks, and that due to the terrain, construction at Balfour Park would move slower than construction at Scott Park or Bowman-Brae Park.

Moore shared that the projects were under budget and staff were working to ensure that use it or lose it funds would be fully utilized. **Councilor Abma** asked what the difference was between park enhancements and amenities. **Moore** provided a list of the enhancements that were planned for Scott Park.

Mayor Batey asked about the installation of water fountains at each park and **Moore** explained that the fountains had water bottle fill features and dog bowls.

Councilor Abma and **Moore** discussed how staff were meeting the city's code requirement for 1.5% of project funding to be used on public art.

Moore presented a summary of the October 2023 community engagement results. **Mayor Batey** shared that there was a new skate park at Errol Heights Park in Portland and wanted to draw community members' attention to future discussions with North Clackamas Park and Recreation (NCPRD).

Moore shared the community engagement demographics and presented some economic impacts of park development.

Councilor Abma asked what impact, if any, did the median income demographic have on park design or development. **Moore** explained that the demographics were used for tracking the equity of public engagement and to learn how to remove barriers from public engagement efforts and that because of the city's equity work in engagement, staff were able to obtain additional grant funding.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Batey announced that after the meeting Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder