



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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

2399th Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 19, 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 Michael Osborne, Finance Director
Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager
Justin Gericke, City Attorney Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Vera Kolias, Senior Planner

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Batey announced upcoming activities, events and programs at the library, a Transportation System Plan (TSP) workshop, and city Earth Day activities.

Councilor Khosroabadi wished the community a happy Nowruz, Iranian new year.

Mayor Batey noted the city would accept board and committee applications until April 1 and read a Milwaukie haiku written by Linda Apperson.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. Women’s History Month – Proclamation

Mayor Batey, and **Donna Baten** and **Jay Jones** with the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce remarked on the life and career of former Milwaukie City Councilor and Mayor Wilda Parks. **Parks** commented on her life experiences and importance of recognizing Women’s History Month. **Batey** proclaimed March to be Women’s History Month.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Audit Report

Osborne provided an overview of the annual audit process including the creation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and People’s Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and reported that the city had received a “clean and unmodified opinion” from the audit firm despite several issues that had been identified. New financial and accounting standards and process timelines that had been implemented in the last year were noted as responses to the identified issues.

Council thanked staff for working through the issues. The group noted the goal of publishing the audit report by December 31 each year and that there were no financial penalties for missing the deadline.

Council President Massey and **Osborne** remarked on how an auditing firm audits their own work, noting the possibility of hiring a second firm to audit the city’s auditing firm.

Councilor Khosroabadi asked about reserve policy funds and **Osborne** agreed to provide the requested information after the meeting.

Mayor Batey and **Osborne** noted how the ACFR and PAFR were both available in paper form and online.

Sagor thanked Osborne for leading the finance department through many changes.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Batey reviewed the public comment procedures. **Sagor** reported staff’s work to respond to previous comments regarding the 29th Avenue Greenway and a request from Milwaukie resident David Chitsazan for Council to read a proclamation addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. **Stauffer** reported that Chitsazan had submitted another written request for a Council proclamation regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. No audience member wished to speak to Council.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by **Councilor Khosroabadi** and seconded by **Council President Massey** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes:**
 - 1. February 13, 2024, study session,
 - 2. February 13, 2024, special session,
 - 3. February 20, 2024, work session, and
 - 4. February 20, 2024, regular session.
- B. An Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) Application for Gramma’s Corner Kitchen, 10880 SE McLoughlin Blvd – Full On-Premises Sales.**

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

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. None Scheduled.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Hillside Redevelopment Project Street Vacation – Ordinance

Call to Order: **Mayor Batey** called the public hearing on the proposed street vacations, to order at 6:57 p.m.

Purpose: **Mayor Batey** announced that the purpose of the hearing was to receive the staff report and take public comment on the proposed street vacations.

Conflict of Interest: No Council member declared a conflict of interest.

Staff Presentation: **Kolias** explained that Council was asked to vacate public street right-of-way (ROW) that lay within the Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC) Hillside Park redevelopment project area. An overview of the project was provided, and the ROW vacation hearing process was reviewed. **Kolias** reported that the staff recommendation was for Council to vacate the ROWs.

Councilor Khosroabadi asked if the project had changed since it was proposed and **Kolias** noted what had changed including slight layout changes and likely commercial uses. The group noted that space would be designated for resident resources and green spaces and that all the residential units would be affordable housing.

Councilor Stavenjord and **Kolias** commented on HACC's plan to relocate residents during the construction project. **Mayor Batey** noted that HACC staff would attend an upcoming Council meeting to provide a project update.

Councilor Stavenjord expressed concern that existing Hillside residents would be able to find a home in the rebuilt development and how individuals on the waiting list for Hillside would be invited to live there. **Briglio** suggested that HACC staff answer relocation questions at the May 7 regular session.

Mayor Batey and **Kolias** noted that residents of the Hillside Manor tower and laundry services would remain on the Hillside site throughout the redevelopment project.

Correspondence: No correspondence on the hearing topic had been received.

Audience Testimony: No audience member wished to address Council.

Close Public Comment: **It was moved by Councilor Khosroabadi and seconded by Council President Massey to close the public testimony part of the Hillside Redevelopment Project Street Vacation hearing. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Abma, Khosroabadi, Massey, Stavenjord, and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]**

Mayor Batey closed the public comment part of the hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Council Decision: **It was moved by Councilor Khosroabadi and seconded by Councilor Stavenjord for the first and second readings by title only and adoption of the ordinance vacating the public street rights-of-way within the Hillside Park development designated as portions of SE A Street, SE B Street, SE C Street, SE D Street, and SE D Place. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Abma, Khosroabadi, Massey, Stavenjord, and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]**

Sagor read the ordinance two times by title only.

Stauffer polled the Council with Councilors Abma, Khosroabadi, Massey, Stavenjord, and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [5:0]

Ordinance 2240:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, VACATING THE PUBLIC STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE HILLSIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT DESIGNATED AS PORTIONS OF SE A STREET, SE B STREET, SE C STREET, SE D STREET, AND SE D PLACE.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Batey reported that Council had been asked to send a letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the speed limit on Highway 224. **Garbely** reported that ODOT had denied the city's previous requests to reduce the speed limits on Hwy 224 and supported Council sending a letter to ODOT.

The group remarked on how Council and staff could review a draft letter that Council could consider at the April 2 regular session. **Garbely** and **Mayor Batey** remarked on the limited scope of work that ODOT was planning to do on Hwy 224.

Councilor Khosroabadi commented on Clackamas County Water Environment Service's (WES') recent contest to name a new drilling bore.

Mayor Batey discussed ongoing North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) issues related to the allocation of funds for the district's Concord Property and Milwaukie Bay Park projects. **Councilor Khosroabadi** and **Batey** remarked on whether system development charge (SDC) funds from Milwaukie were being used for Concord. **Council President Massey** believed the NCPRD director had stated that the district planned to use SDCs from across the district for the Concord project.

Mayor Batey reported on NCPRD's system plan update process and encouraged Milwaukie residents to participate in the update process. **Sagor** and **Councilor Abma** agreed it was a good opportunity for residents to participate in the NCPRD process.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Batey announced that after the meeting Council would convene as the Milwaukie Redevelopment Commission (MRC).

It was moved by Council President Massey and seconded by Councilor Stavenjord 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 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder