



## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10501 SE Main Street  
& Zoom Video Conference ([www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov))

## MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2024

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

**Council Absent:** Councilor Rebecca Stavenjord

**Staff Present:** Joseph Briglio, Acting Assistant City Manager  
Justin Gericke, City Attorney  
Kimberly Graves, Municipal Court Judge

Mary Quinn, Court Clerk  
Emma Sagor, Assistant City Manager  
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

### 1. Municipal Court – Update

**Graves** reported that the court had seen an increase in defendants on court days. **Councilor Abma** and **Graves** remarked on the increase in court attendance and citations being issued by the Milwaukie Police Department (MPD). The group noted the court had previously met three times a month and had changed to twice a month since 2015 and they remarked on how court days flowed at new city hall.

**Council President Massey, Sagor, and Mayor Batey** noted that MPD had dedicated additional staffing to traffic enforcement. The group commented on the increased traffic flow around the Milwaukie Marketplace.

The group discussed the informality of court operations and Graves' efforts to make court proceedings unintimidating.

Councilor Abma asked if the city could better support the court. **Graves** noted Quinn's work to improve court communications. **Mayor Batey** asked about the court amnesty program and **Graves** and **Quinn** noted the program had been paused due to a change in the city's collection agency, former Governor Kate Brown's executive order to reinstate licenses, and the diminishing number of customers participating in the program.

**Mayor Batey** and **Graves** noted the work done by the Clackamas Workforce Partnership's (CWP's) records expungement clinic. **Sagor** and **Graves** noted that a Spanish language interpreter was available at one court session a month and that there had been technical issues with one of the interpreter services. The group noted which languages had been most requested during court days and whether the court's communication materials note the availability of other language services.

### 2. Kellogg Dam Removal Project – Update

**Briglio** introduced Neil Schulman with the North Clackamas Watersheds Council (NCWC) and Leslie King with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

**Schulman** provided an update on the dam removal project, noting the status of the creek restoration design phase, fundraising efforts, engagement work.

**King** discussed how the dam removal project was an environmental justice project, citing socio-economic demographic and geographic data that showed inequitable access to nature around watersheds across the state and around the Kellogg Creek Dam.

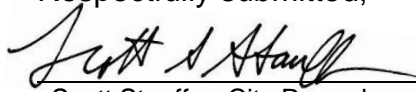
**King** described the pattern of displacement and gentrification that occurs before the inequal access to nature is improved. The group remarked on the potential for displacement around the dam removal in Milwaukie, the importance of making all people feel welcome at the new natural area around the creek once the dam was gone, and what the city can do to ensure equal access to the creek.

The group remarked on the most densely populated areas in the North Clackamas region that have the least access to natural areas and tree canopy and the impacts of redlining practices in the development of housing on people of color. They noted the importance of community engagement and ensuring all voices are heard in the dam removal project.

### **3. Adjourn**

**Mayor Batey** adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder