



## COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

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

## MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2025

**Council Present:** Councilors Adam Khosroabadi, Robert Massey, and  
Council President Will Anderson, and Mayor Lisa Batey

**Council Absent:** Councilor Rebecca Stavenjord

**Staff Present:** Joseph Briglio, Assistant City Manager  
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

### **1. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Demonstration – Discussion**

**Passarelli** provided a demonstration on the city's SCADA system which operates the city's drinking water wells and storage facilities. **Passarelli** and Council discussed how the system operates.

### **2. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS Update) – Discussion**

**Passarelli** provided an update on PFAS, a group of synthetic chemicals used in firefighting foams and other commercial products since the 1940s, shared the impacts of the chemicals on people and wildlife, along with the history of their regulation. **Passarelli** outlined new federal regulations adopted in 2024 requiring compliance by April 2029 and explained the impacts of those changes on the city's water system.

**Passarelli** reviewed where Milwaukie's groundwater wells were in connection with contamination sites. The group discussed why water was regulated over the contaminants themselves.

**Passarelli** reviewed past and recent monitoring efforts, noting sampling in 2023 and 2024 found slightly elevated PFAS levels at several wells, though entry-point testing showed lower levels due to treatment blending. **Passarelli** stated that while it's not yet certain the city will be required to treat, the indicators suggest treatment will likely be necessary, and shared that the city received a \$125,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study. **Passarelli** presented potential treatment technologies, where those treatment facilities would be located, and which wells needed to be treated.

The group discussed residual byproducts of treatment, cost implications, funding strategies, and federal and state compliance timelines. The estimated cost for treatment and associated upgrades was approximately \$22 million.

**Passarelli** shared that litigation was underway against major manufacturers for contamination damages, and Milwaukie had filed claims in several settlements.

The group reviewed maps of well locations, contamination susceptibility, and aquifer travel times, which would guide future planning and prioritization.

### **3. Council Reports**

**Mayor Batey** introduced a discussion on the city's board, committee, and commission recruitment. **Madigan** reviewed the number of applications received, the number of

vacancies, and the structure of the upcoming interview process. Council discussed panel assignments and when to pre-screen candidates. The group agreed to interview all applicants when the number of applicants was seven or fewer. For committees with more than seven applicants, a paper-only pre-screening process would be used, involving the mayor, assigned Council member, staff liaison, and board/committee chair. **Madigan** noted that pre-screening would be completed in April, with interviews scheduled for May and appointments in June.

The group acknowledged the high number of applications received this year.

**Mayor Batey** and **Council President Anderson** provided updates on recent Supportive Housing Services (SHS) and Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) meetings. The group discussed regional challenges and models related to housing-first and recovery-oriented systems of care. Council reviewed materials from Clackamas County about current SHS investments and planned facilities, including the county stabilization center to be located in Milwaukie.

**Mayor Batey** provided an update on a recently attended Metro Mayors Consortium, offered to share additional housing policy materials collected from that meeting, and requested input from Council on vision statements for SHS goals.

**Mayor Batey** briefly touched on legislative updates, noting that Council would be discussing Oregon House Bill (HB) 2138 during their next Council meeting and shared that Milwaukie's funding request for the Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP) project had been submitted and was awaiting a decision.

**Councilor Khosroabadi** shared an update from the recent Clackamas County Community Action Board (CAB) meeting, including statistics on life expectancy for unhoused individuals and the importance of stable housing in addressing addiction and mental health issues.

**Mayor Batey** and **Council President Anderson** briefly discussed scattered sites.

#### **4. Adjourn**

**Mayor Batey** adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder