



## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

## MINUTES

MAY 20, 2025

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

**Staff Present:** Joseph Briglio, Assistant City Manager  
Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer  
Justin Gericke, City Attorney  
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

Michael Osborne, Finance Director  
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director  
Emma Sagor, City Manager

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

### 1. Quarterly Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update – Report

**Garbely** provided a comprehensive update on active capital projects, beginning with the Meek Street North stormwater facility, which was nearing completion. **Garbely** outlined the final steps and responded to questions from Mayor Batey and Councilor Massey regarding access, plants, irrigation. **Garbely** noted that once complete the Meek Street North stormwater facility would connect to the Oak Street facility. **Mayor Batey** inquired about future plans for the Roswell detention pond, and **Passarelli** replied that only preliminary conceptual discussions had occurred.

**Garbely** shared updates on the Washington Street improvements and Ardenwald North improvements. **Mayor Batey** and **Garbely** discussed parking in relation to mountable curbs and shared street design.

**Garbely** reviewed the 2025 street maintenance and slurry seal programs. **Council President Anderson** asked how staff would prioritize street segments if funding did not allow for all 4.7 miles to be paved. **Garbely** advised they would cluster projects for cost-efficiency. In response to Councilor Massey's inquiry about the slurry seal schedule **Garbely** that the work was planned around the school year to avoid conflicts with school buses. **Garbely** also noted the development of a construction map for the Farmers Market and reported that four speed cushions would be installed on Wichita Avenue as part of the city's spot program, with work proceeding if bids were under \$25,000.

**Garbely** informed Council that the Main Street sidewalk project was completed, with punch list work underway. **Mayor Batey** asked about the performance of the new tree wells, and **Garbely** responded that performance would be assessed following winter.

**Garbely** provided updates on the Monroe Street Greenway improvements. The group discussed Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) work at Monroe and Highway 224, including plans to reduce vehicle speeds.

**Garbely** reviewed the timeline for Harvey Street improvements. **Mayor Batey** inquired about Portland General Electric's (PGE) coordination with the engineering team for pole replacements. **Council President Anderson** and **Garbely** discussed sidewalk installation and traffic control devices on Harvey.

**Garbely** reviewed the timeline for King Road improvements. **Sagor** asked about outreach efforts, and **Garbely** replied that residents would be notified of the selected

contractor and an open house style event would likely be held. **Council President Anderson** and **Garbely** discussed traffic control devices planned for King Road.

**Garbely** provided an update on the Waverly Heights sewer project, Stanley Street improvements, Waverly South and 26th Avenue improvements, and the Stanely Reservoir.

**Garbely** gave a water engineering services update. The group discussed the updates focusing on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and what was being considered for the new reservoir.

**Garbely** and **Mayor Batey** discussed a grant that the city was waiting to be awarded to conduct a safety assessment on Harrison Street. **Garbely** also shared that the engineering team had recently received an award, replaced two engineering technicians, and would be contracting two construction consultants.

**Garbely** concluded with a review of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) timeline. **Sagor** provided clarification on the reasoning behind the timeline.

The group discussed street striping and **Sagor** acknowledged National Public Works Week and thanked staff.

## **2. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Solid Waste Rates Review – Discussion**

**Chris Bell** of Bell & Associates provided an overview of the city's three franchise haulers: Waste Management, Kahut (owned by Waste Connections), and Clackamas Garbage (serving fewer than 20 customers); and outlined the service territories, number of accounts, recent service volume, and updated driver-related costs. **Mayor Batey** and **Bell** discussed the regulatory differences and cost disparities between composting yard debris alone versus yard debris mixed with food waste.

**Bell** reviewed disposal cost trends over the past five years.

The group discussed Metro's Regional Waste Advisory Committee, expressing frustration over escalating disposal costs. Council expressed interest in sharing concerns with the Committee, noting its next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. Several Council members indicated interest in following up with Metro.

**Bell** provided calculations showing the monthly cost of organics disposal compared to yard debris alone. The group discussed possible changes to the program.

**Bell** presented updated drop box service rates, and **Councilor Massey** calculated the cost.

The group weighed the costs and benefits of the organics disposal and bulky waste programs and discussed current service usage, noting that the organics fee covered meat, eggs, and dairy, that the program aligned with city values more than the bulky waste service, and considered replacing bulky waste days with more environmentally friendly options.

Council summarized final thoughts on whether solid waste rate changes should be implemented. The group discussed contamination fees, cost differences across waste streams, and the challenges of mid-year changes to the organics program. Council members continued to summarize their thoughts on whether changes should be made to the solid waste rates and agreed that the community should be surveyed on the solid

waste services they use. **Sagor** stated that staff would return with the proposed rates as presented for inclusion in the June 3 fee schedule.

**3. Adjourn**

**Mayor Batey** adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

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