



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Letting Library Community Room, 10660 SE 21st Avenue
& Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Council Present: Robert Massey, Rebecca Stavenjord, and Council President Desi Nicodemus, and Mayor Lisa Batey

Council Absent: Councilor Adam Khosroabadi

Staff Present: Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director
Dan Harris, Events & Emergency Management
Coordinator

Toby LaFrance, Finance Director
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder
Ann Ober, City Manager

Mayor Batey called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Native Lands Acknowledgment.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Batey announced upcoming activities, including a holiday market at Lewelling Elementary School, free leaf drop-off sessions, the Thanksgiving Farmers Market, the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District's (NCPRD's) winter celebration, the city's Umbrella Parade and Winter Solstice events, and a holiday decorating contest for downtown Milwaukie businesses.

Councilor Stavenjord noted a need to leave the meeting around 7:15 p.m. and **Mayor Batey** noted that Councilor Khosroabadi was missing from the meeting but excused.

Harris shared the route for the Umbrella Parade, what the categories were for the umbrella contest, and that the tree would be lit around 5:15 p.m. **Harris** thanked community partners involved with the parade and tree lighting and explained what could be expected at the Winter Solstice event.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. None Scheduled.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Metro Update – Report

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis provided a Metro District 2 update which included information on how the region handles garbage and plans to review rates and add garbage and recycling depots. Metro was formulating their process for the next urban growth management decision which would occur summer of 2024 and part of that process will include cities and counties reviewing a preliminary buildable land inventory for the purpose of expanding city growth boundaries. City proposals would be due to Metro in the spring of 2024. **Lewis** provided an update on the voter approved affordable housing bond and noted that Metro was on track to exceed the construction goals and added that supportive housing services (SHS) has been working to fill newly established and existing housing as well as supporting shelters.

Lewis explained that Metro’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) had been completed, shared some of what the plan included, and noted that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) would vote on the plan November 16 and the Metro Council would vote on November 30. **Lewis** shared what potential debates may arise during the voting. **Lewis** shared what the Oregon Zoo had accomplished since voters approved the 2008 Zoo bond. **Lewis** explained that Metro was considering the future of the Expo Center based on community needs via a feasibility study.

Councilor Stavenjord, Lewis, and Mayor Batey discussed how cities can be involved in the allocation of affordable housing and SHS funds and they discussed Lake Oswego Mayor Buck’s proposed amendment of the RTP.

Councilor Stavenjord asked if flood evaluation would occur prior to any changes made to the Expo Center. **Lewis** responded that there were both technical and local community members participating in the study.

Councilor Massey asked about balancing expanding urban growth to address affordable housing and avoiding urban sprawl. **Lewis** explained how Metro’s focus was primarily on growing up and not out, but that Metro had been evaluating what had and had not worked for cities that have expanded their boundaries.

Mayor Batey asked why uses for sports were being contemplated for the Expo Center. **Lewis** explained how the Center was financially unsustainable and with no way to fund needed capital improvements Metro went out for a public request for proposals (RFP) process to determine how the space should be used.

Ober noted the city was working with Clackamas County to supplement funds for cooling and warming centers that were being developed. **Ober** would provide an update in December on where the city was in supporting the houseless community.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Batey reviewed the comment procedures and **Ober** reported that staff were working to address comments made during the October 17 regular session regarding the traffic change on King Road and 42nd Avenue. Staff were evaluating solutions for the intersection including possibly adding a roundabout and noted there would be time for more community input. In response to the comment made at the November 7 regular session staff and Council would continue to have discussions around setting right-of-way (ROW) fees for utilities and issuing and enforcing health related ordinances.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None Scheduled.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Event Vendor and Business Registration Update – Discussion

LaFrance presented on what comprises the city’s primary sources of revenue, detailed how property taxes were set and could be collected, presented levies and bonds as additional options for creating revenue and explained the difference between the types of levies and bonds. **LaFrance** presented a city-wide comparison list of property tax rates in Clackamas County and explained how other cities utilized levies and bonds.

Councilor Massey and LaFrance discussed how the county assesses properties and **Massey, LaFrance, and Ober** discussed rate compression.

Mayor Batey lamented that the assessed value for new construction is not set closer to real market rate.

LaFrance explained where collected state revenues come from, the city's ROW fees, and the city's general fees and charges. **LaFrance** further explained how the city could go out for and utilize an operating levy but did not believe it was the best option for generating more revenue for the city. **LaFrance** explained how the city could increase the ROW fees it charges to utility providers, establish a transient lodging tax (TLT) or transportation network fees (TNC) and provided examples of cities that have increased or added these types of fees.

LaFrance explained that many of the city's fees for service do not cover the services provided but that the only way changes to the fees may make an impact would be if they were considered as a whole and not on an individual basis.

Councilor Stavenjord and **LaFrance** discussed increasing ROW fees, where collected fees go, and how property tax data could be obtained from the county. **Stavenjord** and **Mayor Batey** discussed having the option to set a lower rate for mobile and manufactured homes.

Councilor Massey and **LaFrance** commented on the Portland General Electric (PGE) privilege tax portion of the ROW fee. The group discussed how the city could proceed with an operating levy and increasing the property tax rate charged toward the permanent rate. **Ober** and **Mayor Batey** commented on other types of revenue sources that other cities have pursued. **Council President Nicodemus** and **LaFrance** discussed increasing one utility providers ROW fee over another.

Councilor Stavenjord left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Budget Supplemental

Call to Order: **Mayor Batey** called the public hearing on the proposed supplemental budget to order at 7:37 p.m.

Purpose: Mayor Batey announced that the purpose of the hearing was to take public comment and consider adoption of the proposed supplemental budget.

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

Staff Presentation: **LaFrance** provided an overview of the proposed budget changes, noting that the changes had been presented to the Budget Committee.

Mayor Batey, **LaFrance**, and **Ober** discussed the under estimation in increased revenue projections for the building department.

Correspondence: no correspondence had been received about the budget changes.

Testimony: no audience member wished to speak to Council about the budget changes.

Close Public Comment: **It was moved by Council President Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Massey to close the public comment part of the supplemental budget hearing. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilor Massey, Council President Nicodemus, and Mayor Batey voting "aye." [3:0]**

Mayor Batey closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Council Decision: It was moved by Council President Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Massey to approve the resolution authorizing the supplemental budget for the 2023-2024 biennium. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilor Massey, Council President Nicodemus, and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [3:0]

Resolution 59-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 BIENNIUM.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Batey commented on the upcoming conversations on evaluating urban growth.

10. Adjourn

It was moved by Council President Nicodemus and seconded by Councilor Massey to adjourn the Special Session. Motion passed with the following vote: Councilors Massey, Nicodemus, and Mayor Batey voting “aye.” [3:0]

Mayor Batey adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder