

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 58-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, COMMITTING TO CREATING AN ENTIRELY EQUITABLE CITY AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) NEIGHBORS.

WHEREAS, Black, Indigenous and People of Color have suffered horrific inequities and crimes against humanity in this country for centuries, including slavery, slaughter, rape, theft of land and property, medical experimentation, forced relocation, denial of basic human rights, and restriction from generational wealth building; and

WHEREAS, the violent death of George Floyd, an unarmed and handcuffed black man, at the hands of a City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, police officer has sparked an international demand for an end to the systematic racism that has stained this country for its entire history; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukie 2040 vision calls for a flourishing city that is ENTIRELY EQUITABLE, delightfully livable and completely sustainable for ALL residents; and

WHEREAS, we have undertaken work to achieve that vision through our efforts in writing a new Comprehensive Plan that will begin to reverse code provisions and zoning that have disenfranchised our BIPOC neighbors for almost a century.

NOW, THEREORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, further commits to the pursuit of an entirely equitable Milwaukie by making Equity, Inclusion and Justice one of its three Council goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through this goal, the City Council commits to the following actions:

- Conduct listening sessions and create subsequent changes to city practices, policies and codes;
- Work on relationship-building with Milwaukie's BIPOC residents and defining the next steps forward for this work;
- Request a budget adjustment be presented to move additional resources to this work;
- Fund Equity, Inclusion, and Justice training for all staff, including the police department, and for related training to achieve this goal; and
- Further our own education about systemic racism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Equity, Inclusion and Justice goal replaces the Council's Community Engagement goal.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on August 18, 2020.

This resolution is effective immediately.

Mark Gamba, Mayor

Angel Falconer, Council President

Lisa Batey, Councilor

Wilda Parks, Councilor

Kathy Hyzy, Councilor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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