



## COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

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

## MINUTES

March 11, 2025

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

**Council Absent:** Councilor Khosroabadi

**Staff Present:** Joseph Briglio, Assistant City Manager  
Ben Green, Engineering Technician II  
Brent Husher, Library Director  
Jordan Imlah, Communication Program Manager  
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder  
Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator

Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director  
Emma Sagor, City Manager  
Gabriela Santoyo Gutierrez, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator  
Jeff Tolentino, Assistant City Engineer  
Courtney Wilson, Urban Forester

**Mayor Batey** called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. Councilor Massey and Council President Anderson joined the meeting via Zoom, Councilor Khosroabadi was absent.

### 1. A. Arts Committee Update – Annual Report

**Imlah** provided the annual Arts Committee update, highlighting the Porchfest concert series' continued growth across neighborhoods, a new "Trash-ion Show" collaboration with the Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group (MESG), and the committee's support of public art installations, including sculptures and mural projects. Upcoming efforts included a student-led mural at Milwaukie High School (MHS), expanded art exhibits in the Ledding Library community room, and a new "Sphere of Spheres" sculpture. The group also discussed a potential sculpture donation from the late Lee Kelly's family, explored installation options, including partnerships with neighborhood district associations (NDAs), and interest in artwork that reflects equity, diversity, and local history, and expanding the use of creative mediums like vinyl wraps and utility box art.

### 1. B. Equity Steering Committee (ESC) Update – Annual Report

**Santoyo Gutierrez** provided the annual ESC update, noting the group's continued work to improve city communications, support inclusive storytelling, and develop equity performance metrics aligned with the Milwaukie Community Vision. In partnership with staff, ESC helped launch the Milwaukie Community Events Fund (MCEF), awarding grants to culturally focused events such as a Latinx heritage celebration and a spoken word author series.

**Santoyo Gutierrez** identified the ESC's two priorities for 2025: enhancing digital accessibility and, developing equity-focused outreach materials and community partnerships. **Sagor** added that the ESC recently began refining its ideas into actionable goals, with strong interest in reviving a community forum on fair and impartial policing in collaboration with the Milwaukie Police Department (MPD).

The group discussed opportunities to expand localized social media engagement, while balancing citywide messaging consistency and shared interest in ESC's involvement with urban forest planning and other climate-related work.

### **1. C. Library Board – Annual Report**

**Husher** and Library Board members **Karla Branson**, **Bea Perkins**, **Maryruth Storer**, **Krystina Thomas**, and **Shawnee Smith** provided an update on the Library Board's work and each member's appreciation of specific library services.

The group highlighted the Ledding Library's impact on early literacy, the accessibility of resources like the Library of Things, the library's role as a welcoming third space for youth, and progress on the Library Strategic Plan. They also shared enthusiasm for expanding outreach through book lockers, deepened partnerships, and new intergenerational programming. The update closed with news of a major donation and progress revitalizing the Ledding Library Foundation.

### **1. D. Park and Recreation Board (PARB) Update – Annual Report**

**Moore** and Board chair **Ali Feuerstein** provided an update on PARB activities highlighting recent accomplishments including design feedback for three remodeled parks, ongoing advocacy for the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park, and partnerships with the ESC, Arts Committee, Lewelling NDA, and external organizations in support of Milwaukie's Bee City USA designation.

The group reflected on the changing roster of the Board. **Feuerstein** and **Moore** presented PARB's goals for 2025 and 2026 and asked for Council feedback on the direction they would like to see the Board take.

The group discussed the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park, followed by inclusive community outreach, sustainable landscaping education, and implementing Council's newly adopted goal to expand equal access to green space.

### **1. E. Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) – Annual Report**

**Tolentino** presented the PSAC update, which highlighted procedural refinements and the Committee's new role administering the Spot Program which focuses on public safety-related improvements. **Tolentino** detailed how the Spot program functioned by sharing the amount of funds available, what the funds were used for, and how proposals were vetted involving PSAC review, staff analysis, and cross-departmental coordination.

The group discussed projects that were advancing, long-term bundling of sustainability and equity for efficiency, how Spot investments align with city maintenance responsibilities, data collection, project prioritization, and future budgeting. The need for balance between community responsiveness and capacity was acknowledged.

**Mayor Batey** and PSAC's Linwood NDA representative **Shimron Tubman** noted the committee received regular updates from Clackamas Fire District #1 (CFD1) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

### **1. F. Tree Board – Annual Report**

**Passarelli** provided the Tree Board's annual update, beginning with an overview of current Tree Board members and the Board's 2024 activities. **Passarelli** highlighted that the city had earned its ninth consecutive Tree City USA designation and sixth Tree Growth Award. The group discussed the Tree City USA program and its performance metrics.

**Wilson** shared updates on ongoing projects, including right-of-way (ROW) replanting efforts downtown, improvements to the city's tree permitting systems, and updates to community outreach materials. The group discussed the need for a more user-friendly and accessible tree list and strategies to expand the urban tree canopy.

**Passarelli** recapped the 2024 Arbor Day activities and introduced the Board's 2025 priorities, which included continuing work on the Urban Forest Equity Plan, evaluating the city's tree code and fee schedule, and exploring invasive species management. The group discussed the invasive tree list and the city's potential role in supporting residents interested in native plant propagation and exchange.

## **2. Council Reports**

**Mayor Batey** previewed the upcoming North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting and the anticipated parks system plan presentation. **Batey** noted that while survey results showed limited demand for active recreation amenities like ballfields and skateparks, community comments have continued to highlight the need for additional soccer fields.

**Planning Commission Chair Jacob Sherman** added that both the North Clackamas Soccer Club (NCSC) and Clackamas United Soccer Club had submitted letters to NCPRD requesting dedicated turf soccer fields.

**Councilor Stavenjord, Sherman, and Mayor Batey** discussed the opportunity for partnerships between the parks district, schools, and user groups—highlighting underutilized spaces such as the North Clackamas Park equestrian center and the importance of adequate parking access for field use.

**Madigan** informed Council of the upcoming Council photoshoot, and the group shared ideas for outfit coordination. They also reflected on the cheerful Council photo featured in the March Pilot newsletter.

## **3. Adjourn**

**Mayor Batey** adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

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