

**MINUTES**  
**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

**Mayor Ferguson** called the work session to order at 5 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

**Council Present:** Council President Chaimov, Councilors Dave Hedges, Mike Miller, and Joe Loomis

**Staff Present:** City Manager Bill Monahan, Assistant to the City Manager Teri Bankhead, City Recorder Pat DuVal, Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel, Program Coordinator Beth Ragel, Planning Director Steve Butler, Community Development Director Kenny Asher, and Civil Engineer Jason Rice

**City Manager's Report**

**Mr. Monahan** reviewed the evening's agendas and discussed the process for reporting back on audience participation questions and comments. The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) appeal record was filed, and he had not seen any challenges. The brief would be due on November 16, and TriMet would have 21 days to file its brief. He discussed upcoming agenda items that included wastewater rates and public area requirements (PAR) code changes. Council goal setting was scheduled for December 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

**Mayor Ferguson** discussed the Volunteer of the Year Award, and **Ms. Bankhead** outlined the program. The Council members concurred with the suggestions and added some ideas of their own.

**Mr. Monahan** announced Code Enforcement staff had moved to the Public Safety Building, and Ms. Herrigel would move to the Johnson Creek Facility tomorrow. He briefly discussed the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) project temporary easement language and the previously signed permit of entry for Kronberg Park.

**Community Development and Planning Active Projects**

**Mr. Asher** discussed the light rail station building prospectus. Staff was reviewing the Kellogg for Coho draft Habitat Development Agreement from Wildlands. The New Century Players were reviewing the lease agreement for the Bertman House.

**Ms. Herrigel** briefed the City Council on the status of the grant application with the Oregon State Marine Board. Water Environment Services (WES) requested more information and hired Kittelson and Associates to look at the Riverfront Park access matter. She announced the opening of Riverfront Park Phase 1, Klein Point, was scheduled for December 1. Her new job title was Director of Parks and Sustainability.

**Mr. Rice** provided an update on the potential citywide sidewalk improvement program and discussed the types of sidewalks. He distributed maps of potential projects that would enhance connectivity in the neighborhoods as assessed by the Engineering Department. That program would cost approximately \$37.5 million. Most of those projects had been prioritized in a public process.

**Council President Chaimov** advised that staff talk to the neighborhoods.

Referring to the map, **Councilor Miller** asked why there was a space before Freeman Rd.

**Mr. Rice** replied he was working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to extend Safe Routes to School from Weedman to Freeman.

The Engineering Department planned to apply for a State Transportation Improvement Grant (STIP), and Mr. Rice presented the top two options for Council consideration. Option A was the Harrison Street Sidewalk Improvements to King Road Sidewalks from McLoughlin Boulevard to Linwood Avenue. This project offered partnership opportunities with TriMet and Clackamas County and addressed the increased ridership in this corridor anticipated from light rail. It would help solve the problem of a lack of pedestrian crossings and would rebuild non-compliant sidewalks and ramps. The project was estimated to cost \$6 million, and the match was 10%. Milwaukie could partner with other local agencies and use funds in lieu of construction in the Linwood, Lewelling, Hector Campbell, Ardenwald and Historic Milwaukie Neighborhoods. Other funding might come from Walk Safely Milwaukie and a gas tax for bike and pedestrian elements. Efforts were being consolidated for a holistic, multimodal approach put forth as a team of local partners.

Option B was Stanley Avenue Sidewalks from Monroe Street to Railroad Avenue. The project cost was \$1.75 million also with a 10% match. In this case, funding sources would not include local partners like TriMet and Clackamas County. It was identified in the Transportation System Plan (TSP) as high priority bike and pedestrian connections, and it was a main walking route for Linwood Elementary. In response to a question from Council President Chaimov, Mr. Rice said Option A would help the City Council meet its goal of a more walkable community.

**Council President Chaimov** announced a potential conflict of interest as he was a Clackamas Community College Board member.

**Mr. Asher** felt option A had a chance of being awarded based on the scope and partnership as well as meeting City Council goals.

**Mayor Ferguson** felt that TriMet should be reminded how it would benefit as Option A addressed about 50 TriMet bus stops and provided riders a greater level of safety.

**Councilor Hedges** would not support an option that took Walk Safely Milwaukie Program Funds.

**Councilor Miller** was not opposed but was concerned about the source of the match. He supported the program as long as it did not take away from Safe Routes to Schools.

**Mr. Rice** added this was a very competitive process, and he wanted to make Milwaukie's application as attractive as possible.

### **Milwaukie Poetry Series Annual Report**

**Tom Hogan**, Milwaukie Poetry Series Chair, updated the City Council on the recently completed and highly successful 5<sup>th</sup> Season of the Poetry Series. Other events included a presence at First Fridays, numerous open mics, writing workshops, Poetry Picnic, and William Stafford Birthday celebration. The 6<sup>th</sup> Season was off to a very good start and included a reading on November 14 by Ursula LeGuin at the Milwaukie High School Black Box Theater. He thanked everyone profusely including the Library Board, City Council, library staff, and Poetry Committee members.

### Public and Government Access Service Options

**Ms. Herrigel** reported she had received only one response from Willamette Falls Media Center (WFMC) to the request for proposals she issued on October 12 and sought guidance from the City Council on how to proceed. She discussed coverage for City Council and Planning Commission meetings. The group discussed public access studio usage.

**Councilor Hedges** felt WFMC could provide the service but lacked the necessary funding. He understood about 19 people from Milwaukie used the studio.

**Councilor Loomis** would be interested at looking at other options.

**Council President Chaimov** thought it would be a good idea to have a fallback position and agreed with Councilor Loomis's suggestion to identify additional resources.

**Councilor Miller** thought the City should continue but also consider a fallback position.

**Ms. Herrigel** summarized her contacts with other cities and how they handled similar situations.

### Mural Program

**Ms. Ragel** sought guidance on moving forward with the Mural Arts Program. The City Attorney would provide his input on mural programs. A number of businesses and entities were interested in installing murals, and she explained to two-track review and permitting program. One was objective and administered by the Planning Department, and the other was discretionary, provided a grant, and was administered by the Milwaukie Arts Committee liaison. She briefly discussed the Portland and Beaverton programs. The grant program might take low to moderate staff time. She felt some great artists would be attracted if there were grants available.

**Mr. Monahan** added that funds had not been budgeted, but, if directed, staff would look for seed money.

**Councilor Hedges** noted that one program offered some control, but the artist could revert to the other program where there was no real control over content.

**Mayor Ferguson** suggested the program include City water towers.

**Ms. Ragel** would take this information to the Planning Commission for additional community outreach.

**Mayor Ferguson** announced the RiverHealth Advisory Board (RHAB) requested that he and Commissioner Savas present information on the wastewater treatment agreement and Riverfront Park access proposal at its November 28 meeting. The group discussed the role of the Board.

**Mayor Ferguson** announced the City Council would meet in executive session immediately following adjournment of the work session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

**Mayor Ferguson** adjourned the work session at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat DuVal, Recorder

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