

MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 1983
9 a.m.

THE MILWAUKIE CENTER

WORK SESSION

A work session of the Milwaukie City Council was held on Saturday, January 22, 1983 with the following members present:

Ron Kinsella	Don Graf
Mike Richmond	Roger Hall
Mayor Joy Burgess	

Also present:

Hugh Brown, City Manager
Dick Bailey, Fire Chief
Laurie Perkin, Secretary

The work session was called to order by Mayor Burgess at 9:15 a.m. Dick Bailey, Fire Chief, acted as the facilitator of this session on city goals. The City Manager and each Council member gave a brief personal history and spoke of his/her community service.

There was general discussion on perspectives and attitudes. There was discussion on public meetings and the type of format which is used.

There was discussion on public contact with Council members - how much and how important.

There was discussion on annexation and the cost of a study by Cogan and Associates. Graf suggested hiring a full-time person to work on such a study should the Council decide to authorize it.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Dick Bailey provided a list of goals which he asked each Council member and the City Manager to prioritize. The following goals were listed as highest priority (no order established):

1. Communications (internal and external)
2. Capital replacement/acquisition
3. Economic development including riverfront development
4. Budget process- development of long range plans
5. Maintenance of services
6. Progressive annexation

There was discussion on the maintenance of services and whether all services could be maintained.

Mayor Burgess suggested having a meeting with some citizens and with the Budget Committee to discuss these goals.

Bailey said that last year 40% of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds was withdrawn and asked Council if this should be continued. Council agreed the city should continue to withdraw Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

There was discussion on the tax base. Mayor Burgess suggested the city budget on the basis of a \$5.08 per thousand tax rate since this was the estimated tax rate for last year's budget as approved by the voters even though \$4.91 per thousand was the actual rate due to a higher than expected assessed valuation. There was extended discussion on budget plans, revenue sharing, upgrading of sewer system and the cost and method of paying for it, the issuance of general obligation bonds, and reserve accounts. The Mayor said the Council would need funding proposals before making definite goal decisions. The City Manager said he would be bringing these proposals to Council.

There was further discussion on annexation. Hall expressed concern that some money be allocated for development of the riverfront. It was decided to have a work session on riverfront development with the Parks and Recreation Commission and to discuss it with the downtown business association. The following priorities were listed as directives for current budget formulation:

1. Maintenance of Services
2. Federal Revenue Sharing - 67% Capital funds
3. Annexation
4. Address Deficient Areas
5. Riverfront Development
6. Downtown Development

There was discussion on utilities and whether to consider a pay-as-you-go basis or whether to rely on G.O. Bonds.

It was decided that the Council would talk about goals at the February 3 meeting with the key communicators rather than have department presentations. City Manager said he would send a letter to the key communicators. Bailey suggested putting together an outline of goals for the Council's use at the meeting.

Graf suggested a list of current services be developed with the number of people on the staff, etc.

There was discussion on the Business Action Committee and its activities. It was decided to meet with the Board of the downtown business association on February 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The location was not decided upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Mayor Joy Burgess

Laurie Perkin, Secretary