

MILWAUKIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 3, 1983  
7 p.m.

THE MILWAUKIE CENTER

COMMUNITY MEETING

The Milwaukie City Council, Budget Committee, and city staff met with the Key Communicators on February 3, 1983.

Council- Budget Committee members present;

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| Mayor Joy Burgess | Joe Bernard      |
| Ron Kinsella      | Georgia Brakeman |
| Mike Richmond     | Kathleen Hulme   |
| Don Graf          | Ken Upton        |
| Roger Hall        | Jim Backenstos   |

City Staff present:

Hugh Brown, City Manager  
Topaz Faulkner, Comm. Services Director  
Dick Bailey, Fire Chief  
Ron Schanaker, Police Chief  
Gordon Erickson, Finance Director  
Cliff Harshman, Public Works Superintendent  
Jo Durand, Administrative Assistant  
Bill McDonald, Administrative Assistant  
Laurie Perkin, Secretary

The City Manager welcomed participants and spoke of the Key Communicators program. He introduced Mayor Burgess who presented the Goal Statement established by the City Council. The following goals were listed:

1. Plan & develop a capital improvements program
2. Promote economic development in the city
3. Develop financial planning for city needs
4. Initiate steps to straighten the city's irregular eastern boundary
5. Provide for maintenance and enhancement of current and future city services
6. Build confidence and strength in the community by bringing citizens and government together

Ron Kinsella spoke of the deteriorating sewer system and the need for street improvements and fire equipment. He stressed the need to put money aside for this purpose.

Bill Hupp asked why the computer system was not listed in the outline under Capital Improvements. Mayor Burgess agreed that this was an item that could be added to the list.

Jim Backenstos spoke of the vacant buildings down town and said all citizens should work to get these buildings occupied. He spoke of good public relations and suggested a walking police patrol in the downtown area.

Jean Baker spoke in favor of the goals as listed. She suggested that a volunteer program be implemented for planting trees, painting, mechanic work, etc.

John Phillips asked if anything could be done about the gravel washing away on his property on 42nd Street. Cliff Harshman, Public Works Superintendent, said the lack of storm drain systems was a problem all over the city and explained the process used in alleviating these conditions. He said that he would look into Mr. Phillips problem, whose house is located 4140 Washington Street.

Jim Backenstos spoke of the poor condition of Harrison and Monroe Streets. He suggested that if the city could take care of sidewalk repairs the citizens may be willing to pay for it themselves. Mayor Burgess introduced Mike Gabrion, Mayor of Canby who said he was present to observe this type of a meeting having to do with city goals.

The City Manager spoke of budget directives which were listed as:

1. Programs to implement goals
2. Addressing programs which may be deficient due to budget cuts
3. Reduce dependence on Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

He said that the money from Federal Revenue Sharing should be put into equipment rather than programs so that when the funds are no longer available, programs would not have to be cut. He urged citizens to come to Budget Committee meetings or to contact Budget Committee members with any questions or concerns they may have.

A recess was declared at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

#### Department Presentations

City Manager Hugh Brown gave a brief description of Administrative Department functions which include personnel, council related matters, planning agendas meetings and programs.

Gordon Erickson, Finance Director said the Finance Department is responsible for payroll, payment of bills, purchasing, compilation of the official financial statement and selling bonds. He spoke of the studies Finance has completed such as the computer study, the copier study, and the insurance cost reduction study.

Topaz Faulkner, Community Services Director, spoke briefly of the divisions of Community Services which include the Library, Center, Parks, and Planning. She said current projects include waterfront development and downtown revitalization. She commented on recent improvements in Scott Park, the number of volunteer hours at the Center (1000 hrs. per month), and the new computer system in the Library.

Ron Schanaker, Police Chief, gave statistics. In the last year, he said, there was a 7% reduction in serious crime and a 20% reduction in less serious crime. Traffic citations are up, he said, but accidents and theft are down. He spoke of the programs in the schools including the drug and alcohol program, the officer friendly program, drivers training program and the Explorer Scout program.

Cliff Harshman, Public Works Superintendent, spoke of the number of streets, storm sewers, water lines, wells, pumps, lift stations etc. which are maintained by public works. He said the public works shop is responsible for 49 peices of equipment. Present projects include route changes in meter reading, smoke testing and exposing manholes. The Public Works Department is involved also in landscaping, engineering, traffic safety and building.

Dick Bailey, Fire Chief, said the Fire Department responds to emergencies as well as fires and is involved in fire training, code enforcement, plans reviews, fire planning, and maintenance of equipment. He spoke of Rescue 51 and the EMT program. He said the fire loss ratio has been reduced 2% and that fire calls were down 40%. The Fire Department is now working on regional issues, Bailey said, which will provide for joint operations with neighboring jurisdictions. Present programs include division of city into zones, working with high school students, the 911 system and a blue dot reflector system which will identify fire hydrants.

The following citizens made comments:

Jim Backenstos spoke in support of the Fire Department and their equipment maintenance program.

Leo Beckman asked about the 911 emergency number. Schanaker said it would not reduce response time as far as Milwaukie goes, but it would be a uniform number for people in panic situations. Dick Bailey explained the system further. City Manager said the city wanted to encourage all citizens to use the 911 number even though they could get through on the present emergency number.

Mayor asked Schanaker about downtown patrol. Schanaker spoke of the number of incidents in the downtown area compared to other areas of the city. He said he felt the downtown surveillance was adequate but that it would be increased if there appeared to be a specific problem.

Jean Baker spoke in support of the Council, Administration and city staff and congratulated the Police and Fire Departments for their fine jobs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

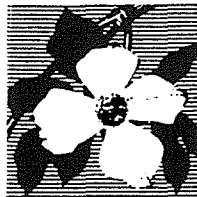
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Mayor Joy Burgess

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## AGENDA COMMUNITY MEETING February 3, 1983

City Council  
Budget Committee  
Key Communicators

City Staff  
City Residents

### THE MILWAUKIE CENTER

7 p.m.

#### INTRODUCTION

Hugh Brown, City Manager

#### GOALS FOR THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE

CITY COUNCIL

Introduction

Mayor Joy Burgess

Discussion including audience comments, questions

#### 1983-84 CITY BUDGET PREPARATION

Budget Directives:

1. Programs to implement goals
2. Address programs which may be deficient due to budget cuts

3. Reduce dependence on Federal Revenue Sharing funds

Budget Process

#### DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Administration
2. Finance
3. Community Services

Hugh Brown, City Manager  
Gordon Erickson, Finance  
Director

Topaz Faulkner, Community  
Services Director

4. Police

Ron Schanaker, Police Chief

5. Public Works

Cliff Harshman, Public Wks.  
Superintendent

6. Fire

Dick Bailey, Fire Chief

#### BUDGET CALANDER (All meetings at Milwaukie Center)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Tuesday, February 22   | 7 - 9:30 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, February 23 | 7 - 9:30 p.m.  |
| Saturday, February 26  | 10 - 4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 3      | 7 - 9:30 p.m.  |
| Saturday, March 5*     | 10 - 4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 8 *     | 7 - 9:30 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, March 9*    | 7 - 9:30 p.m.  |

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