



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 29-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ADOPTING THE MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT AND REPEALING RESOLUTION No. 41-2015.

WHEREAS, open, direct, and positive communication among the Mayor and Councilors and between them and the staff and public is critical to ensuring clear and easily understood public information; and

WHEREAS, open, direct, and positive communication among the Mayor and Councilors and between them and the staff and public is essential to a healthy community debate on issues; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor/Council Communication Agreement as proposed is intended to ensure open public processes that leads to closure.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that:

Section 1: The Mayor/Council Communication Agreement (Exhibit A) is adopted.

Section 2: Resolution 41-2015 adopted April 7, 2015, is repealed.

Section 3: This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 2/21/17.

This resolution is effective immediately.




Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jordan Ramis PC



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder



Peter D. Wether
City Attorney



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Mayor / Council Communication Agreement

Exhibit A

Guaranteed access to clear and easily understood information is a value of the City of Milwaukie. This agreement is intended both to foster conduct that realizes that value, while ensuring a healthy debate about competing ideas. Finally, it seeks closure and a community that moves forward together, secure in the knowledge that decisions were made openly and fairly.


This agreement has one common behavioral thread—mutual respect. Thus, if the list does not anticipate a situation, a response that is respectful of all concerned should suffice.

1. In all City business, in my role as a member of Council, I will:
 - a) demonstrate respect for all who are involved;
 - b) respect all thoughts and ideas and avoid denigrating others;
 - c) clarify facts and opinions to ensure understanding;
 - d) clearly state my own opinion as being mine;
 - e) look for ways to praise worthwhile efforts and accomplishments; and
 - f) stay focused and participate.

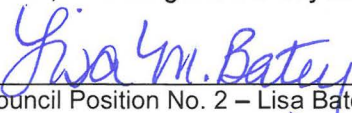
2. In working with the Mayor and Councilors I will:
 - a) provide prompt notice of items requiring Council action I am introducing at meetings;
 - b) always represent the City's position before other jurisdictions unless none has been adopted, in which case I will inform the Mayor and Council in a timely manner of the position(s) I have taken;
 - c) work toward consensus;
 - d) not publicly (including all internet and written content) criticize Council, individual members of Council, or Council decisions, but may respectfully disagree with a decision; and
 - e) first address a concern about either a violation of these agreements or any other matter in a direct, appropriate, private, and timely manner.

3. In working to seek broad-based community support I will:
 - a) communicate with the community openly and freely to exchange information and ideas;
 - b) engage the community in a shared dialogue; and
 - c) listen and respond to well-founded and constructive criticism made to, or by, Council or City staff, or citizens.

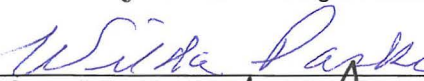
4. In working with staff I will:
 - a) communicate with staff to exchange information, **respecting the City's chain of command**;
 - b) exchange ideas with staff and give direction through the City Manager and/or Department Directors with the concurrence of the Mayor and Council; and
 - c) never, in any public way, insult or denigrate any staff member, and if I have an unresolved disagreement concerning a staff member's actions, I will bring it to the City Manager.



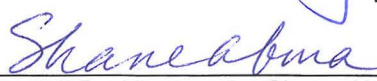
Council Position No. 1 – Angel Falconer



Council Position No. 2 – Lisa Batey



Council Position No. 3 – Wilda Parks



Council Position No. 4 – Shane Abma



Mayor – Mark Gamba