

MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 1982

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Special Meeting

A work session of the Milwaukie City Council was held on March 11, 1982 at 5:30 p.m. with the following councilors present:

Mel Paulson	Donald Graf
Wallace Bischoff	Roger Hall
Mayor Joy Burgess	

Also present:

Richard Bailey, City Manager Pro Tem
Greg Eades, City Attorney
Laurie Perkin, Secretary

City Attorney said that Liberty had requested to address the City Council at its next meeting. Council agreed with Eades recommendation that this request be denied.

It was decided to interview candidates for Planning Commission and Traffic Safety Commission prior to the regular meeting on March 16 beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Charter Amendments

Section 38 having to do with public contracting limit is now covered by state law and ; though it would not be necessary to include it in charter, if the amount is stated, it should, in order to be consistent with the city ordinance, be changed from \$5000 to \$1000. This change was agreed upon by the Council.

Section 45 which states that an election on charter amendments be held only at primary or general elections should be changed to allow the flexibility to put it on any ballot, said City Attorney. There was general discussion on the advantages of this proposal. It was MOVED by Graf, SECONDED by Paulson , to eliminate the existing Section 73 of the present charter and substitute Section 45 in the proposed amendments dealing with severability. The MOTION CARRIED with the following roll call vote: AYES: Paulson, Bischoff, Graf, Hall. NO: Burgess

James Backenstos, 3626 SE Harrison, addressed the Council regarding his proposed charter amendments. There was general discussion on whether the Mayor's term should be changed to four years and on whether city officials should be required to resign from their present office before running for another political office. Council requested Eades to do reasearch on these two issues.

There was discussion on whether to delay the Charter Amendment vote until November or try for the May primary.

Civil Service Commission

Eades proposal would delete Chapter X almost entirely, leaving in only that part dealing with appeals from disciplinary action. He said that a great deal of work would have to be done with the employees in order to develop new procedures which would provide employee protection and there would not be time enough to do this for the May election.

There was extended discussion on Civil Service amendments. Eades said that the problem with having the Civil Service Rules in the Charter is that if you have a problem with something, the only way to change it is to change the Charter.

Ron Moran, Milwaukie Fire Lieutenant, addressed the Council. He stated that the Civil Service doesn't just protect the employees; it protects the citizens of Milwaukie. He said that having the rules in ordinance form was not satisfactory since it was easy to change an ordinance. It was his opinion that the employees would not object to solving problems with the Civil Service Rules, so long as they remained in the Charter.

Eades said that he would like to have time to explore these questions with the employees and come back to the council with recommendations in time for the November election. Eades said that he was not in agreement with the Civil Service system, that it was designed to take care of abuses, many of which are now covered by other laws.

Graf suggested that the Council delay the charter amendments until the November election. This would not interfere with the budget election and would give staff time to do the necessary research. Bailey suggested that City Attorney could probably begin discussions with employees in July. There was general agreement to wait until the November election. Eades said that the firefighters union have requested mediation, though he did not have specific information at this time.

It was MOVED by Paulson, SECONDED by Bischoff that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Joy Burgess Mayor

Laurie Perkin, City Recorder