

MILWAUKIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 1, 1983  
5 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WORK SESSION

A work session of the Milwaukie City Council was held on November 1, 1983 with the following Councilors present:

Mayor Joy Burgess	Don Graf
Ron Kinsella	Roger Hall
Mike Richmond	

Also present:

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

City Manager said he felt it was a good idea to examine future fire service needs of the city, alternative methods of providing service, and the reasons behind the proposal for an intergovernmental agreement with Oak Lodge for the provision of fire service.

Fire Chief Dick Bailey spoke of the reasons for the proposal and the types of services provided by the Fire Department which included suppression, prevention, emergency medical care and public assistance. He listed concerns to be dealt with which included continued budget reductions, equipment replacement, technological changes in risk, lack of policy external to department, unstable revenues, reluctance of citizens to increase taxes, growing demand for increased EMS programs, and increased personal services costs. Bailey talked about the options available and the possible consequences of each. Options listed were status quo, increased general fund allocation to fire department, Firestop(intergovernmental agreement), contract services, and volunteers.

There were questions from the Council on the proposal regarding cost, replacement of equipment, funding, etc. Graf said with the tax situation so unsure, perhaps this was not the time to implement this proposal and expressed concern of how the wage increase for the firefighters would affect other departments in the city.

There was further discussion on the merits of the proposal and possible alternatives to the provision of fire service. Graf asked if the training of public works personnel to help in fires had ever been considered. Bailey said it had but that he saw many problems in this, one of which would be the physical requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to go into executive session under ORS 192.660 (d) (1) to discuss labor negotiations.

Joy Burgess, Mayor

Laurie Perkin