

MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 29, 1982

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WORK SESSION

A work session of the Milwaukie City Council was held on April 29, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors present:

Mayor Joy Burgess	Roger Hall
Mel Paulson	Donald Graf
Wallace Bischoff	

Also present:

Hugh Brown, City Manager
Greg Eades, City Attorney
Steve Hall, Public Wks. Director
Topaz Faulkner, Community Services Director
Dick Bailey, Fire Chief
Ron Schanaker, Police Chief
Laurie Perkin, Secretary

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing long range and short term goals for the City. Hall said that he would like to have a policy formed regarding the division of responsibilities between the City Council and the City Manager. Graf said the Council should look at public relations and the financial situation. He also mentioned that he would like to see the Council act as a body in supporting any decision that is made by the Council. The following matters were discussed: sources of funding, annexation, downtown revitalization, transportation, economic development, improved image of city, building a new City Hall complex, formation of a newsletter, public meetings. Bischoff suggested coming up with an item each year which would reflect a savings. There was discussion on the development of Kellogg Lake and longer hours at the Library. Hall said that he would like to see the Library enlarged. There was extended discussion on an annexation policy. City Manager said that there would be a report to the Council at the end of May or early June. Eades suggested the possibility that annexation would not necessarily be of benefit to the city. There were several things to take into consideration including the extension of fire service. Hall asked about matching funds for property improvement. Faulkner said that the matching funds would come from the property owners, that the city would not be providing funds. There was discussion on how to attract new businesses to the downtown area. Graf said that an immediate decision would have to be made on transportation and specifically light rail. The City Manager said that light rail would continue to be a possibility even if one of ODOT's options is approved. Riverfront Development was discussed. It was suggested that the City make a start on its portion of the riverfront even though the whole project cannot be completed. Faulkner said

that the City may be getting some grants for this project. The State Marine Board is willing to do some improvements on the parking area and the boat ramp. The Parks and Recreation Superintendent is working on this now. She said that the City would have to find a way to get the logs out of the Jefferson Street right of way.

There was more discussion on improving public image. Eades suggested the possibility of hiring a public relations person. Graf suggested formation of a group interested in promoting the city.

There was discussion on an awards system for employees who came up with good suggestions for savings or improvements of some kind. The Council agreed that this was a good idea. There was discussion of the City's tax base and the need to look at sources of revenue. The City Manager said that the Capital Improvements Committee should have some recommendations by the time budget meetings take place.

Eades suggested that the City was not strict enough in regard to requirements for new developers. Improvements to property could be paid for by the developer rather than the city. Staff was directed to do research on how other cities handle this. There was discussion on access to Kellogg Lake. Staff was directed to provide minutes of the "Friends of Kellogg Lake" meetings for the Council.

There was discussion on park development, code enforcement, fire equipment replacement and storm drains.

It was suggested that Council set priorities on most crucial needs, educate the citizens of these needs and put a price tag on them so that they will more clearly understand the problems.

The City Manager was asked whether he minded the Council members contacting department heads when he was not available. He said that he had no objection, though he would prefer to deal with Council members directly when possible.

There was discussion on proposed formation of the North Clackamas Park and Recreation District. The Council agreed that a letter should be sent to the boundary commission recommending against consideration of the formation of a special district at this time pending discussions between the city and residents of adjacent areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Joy Burgess, Mayor

Laurie Perkin, Secretary