

MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 1982
5:30 p.m.

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WORK SESSION

At 5:20 prior to the work session, the Council interviewed Walter Haynes, 4748 SE Arden Street, Milwaukie for a position on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

A work session of the Milwaukie City Council was held on December 7, 1982 with the following councilors present:

Roger Hall
Joy Burgess, Mayor
Don Graf

Absent:

Wallace Bischoff (arrived 7:30 p.m.)
Mel Paulson (arrived 5:55 p.m.)

Also present:

Hugh Brown, City Manager Bill McDonald, Administrative Asst.
Laurie Perkin, Secretary

Andy Moschogianis and Jean Baker, representing Oregonians for Clean Air, addressed the Council. They spoke of the need for educating the public regarding recycling, the need for city promotion of a recycling program and methods of recycling.

Dale Harlan, Attorney for garbage haulers spoke of the difficulty of educating the public and said that the haulers were very willing to cooperate with any recycling program. John Lamb, SCA Services, has submitted letter dated Dec. 7, 1982 listing services offered by SCA Services and what has been done to cut costs for the city.

Mel Deines, Mel Deines Sanitary Service, suggested a pilot program for curbside service.

Others speaking on recycling effort: Tim Deines, P. Deines Co. and Scott Kaiser, Wichita Sanitary Service.

Jack Deines, Deines Brothers, who is also a Metro councilor spoke of voluntary recycling as opposed to mandatory. He spoke of the costs involved and the difficulty in educating the public.

Joe Hart, West Linn Councilor, spoke of West Linn's efforts to get a recycling program started. They have appointed a task force and are researching methods of recycling.

Pat Transue, Gladstone Councilor, read a letter from the Mayor of Gladstone, supporting a recycling program and presented a memo dated Nov. 9, 1982 regarding alternatives to the solid waste problem. She spoke of the establishment of a task force, researching alternatives, education of citizens, and resources for information.

Tom O'Connor from Metro spoke of the new transfer station which will replace Rossman's Landfill, Metro's efforts in recycling which include a recycling switchboard, a technical assistance program and a curbside promotion program.

Representatives from Sunflower Recycling spoke of their free curbside service and expressed a desire to help Milwaukie in any recycling program.

Fred Kahut, Canby Recycling, addressed the Council concerning his recycling station in Canby. He stressed the need for education and suggested it begin in the schools. Michael Borg, Oak Grove Disposal Co. spoke in favor of a recycling program and expressed the desire to cooperate.

There were questions from the Council concerning the recycling of plastics, the possibility of mandatory changes in packaging, potential conflicts between garbage haulers and recyclers. Graf suggested a committee be set up to research methods of recycling and make recommendations to the Council.

Edith Spaney, owner of Oak Grove Disposal cited national statistics: solid waste disposal is the third largest industry and packaging is the fourth. She spoke in favor of recycling and expressed her desire to cooperate. Jean Baker suggested that Council appoint a committee to study the problem. She asked that Council look at the franchise agreement and strike any language having to do with competition with recyclers.

City Manger asked for suggestions on what citizens should do who want to recycle. Michael Borg, Oak Grove Disposal Co. said citizens need only call their haulers who would be glad to pick up recyclable materials.

There was further discussion on yard debri, extra charges for picking up recyclable material, and how to prepare material for pick-up. There were questions from the audience about recycling.

The Mayor said she would like to see a program put together which would stress education and participation of citizens. She thanked all those in attendance for their contributions.

The work session was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Joy Burgess, Mayor

Laurie Perkin, Secretary