

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 13, 1978  
6:35 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WORK SESSION

A work session of the Milwaukie City Council was held on the 13th day of February, 1978, commencing at 6:35 p.m., with the following councilpersons present:

Jerry Hutchison  
Allen Manuel

Joy Burgess  
Mayor Bill E. Hupp

Absent:

Charles Swan

Also present:

Harold L. Schilling, City Manager  
Myer Avedovech, City Attorney  
Steve Hall, Public Works Director  
Paul Richards, HCD

SUGGESTED URBAN COUNTY CITY PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

The City Manager gave a summary of the list of priorities prepared by the staff and the Urban County Steering Committee for Council consideration. That priority in the list is as follows:

1. Construction of a Multi-Purpose Community-Senior Center
2. Drainage Improvements from Roswell to Johnson Creek
3. Ardenwald Park Site Acquisition
4. Residential Rehabilitation Loans
5. Residential Rehabilitation Grants
6. Water Tower Park Improvements
7. Code Enforcement/Demolition
8. Industrial Park Development
9. Waterfront Development
10. Paving, Curbs, and Gutters on 32nd Street
11. Downtown Redevelopment
12. Storm Drain Improvements (Monroe St.)
13. Public Safety Building (site acquisition)
14. Sewer Connection Loan Program
15. Library Addition.

Mayor Hupp then indicated that the purpose of the work session was to provide Allen Manuel, Chairman of the Clackamas County Urban County Board, with the City's feelings about its priorities. The Mayor also felt that the main problem the Council would like to discuss during this meeting was an adult center vs. a community center looking at such things as site consideration and cost differences between the two types of centers. Questions were asked by members of the Council of Councilman Manuel regarding

whether we should go for a full structure or a partial phase structure in the funding. Councilman Manuel felt that the City of Milwaukie was one of two or three communities in the county that was ready to go, and that this would be the best opportunity, as other cities or governmental units within the Urban County will be prepared next year. Our chances of getting a large sum of money in the future years is not as good as the first year.

Councilman Manuel then explained that the formula would be broken into two priority lists. The first priority list would be those projects which would serve fifty-one percent or more low or moderate income people, and that that category would receive seventy-five percent of the money available to the county. The second category was those projects which serve less than fifty-one percent of low or moderate income people, and they would receive twenty-five percent of the Urban County funds.

Councilman Hutchison at this time asked that bikepaths be added as priority number 16.

The Mayor then opened the meeting to comments from members of the audience.

- 1) Mel Paulson, speaking on behalf of the Seniors for a Greater Milwaukie group, indicated that his group preferred an adult or senior center used specifically for that purpose and further that an adult was somebody who was 50 years of age or older.
- 2) Ann Nickel on behalf of Milwaukie Parent Teacher groups read a letter from the Milwaukie PTO group asking for a Community Center for all citizens of the community.
- 3) Merv Englund representing Neighborhood Council #3, said that they had been lobbied by members on behalf of a senior center, but that the general feeling of NC #3 was there was needed space for seniors but that there ought to be inter-communications and relationships between seniors and non-seniors in the center and that the Neighborhood Council took no actual vote on senior center vs. a community center. Mr. Englund then presented the concept that it would be best for the community, better to go for a community center rather than a senior center. He felt that if the program had to go in stages that he would rather see a community center expanded over a two or three year period rather than a first stage being a senior center and then attempting to convert future stages into a community center. Councilman Manuel then asked questions about construction costs and operational costs between having two separate facilities or having those facilities physically joined together.
- 4) Lillie Moore, representing Neighborhood Council #2, said that they had not voted but discussed the issue many times and felt that the key that seniors were objecting to was a lack of supervision of the younger people. She also indicated that it would be important to have the center located on a bus line.

- 5) Virginia Kopp spoke on behalf of Neighborhood Council #4. She indicated there was a vote taken and it was overwhelmingly in favor of a community center. NC #4 felt that since they all paid taxes, the center should be for all people. They also indicated that some sort of minimum fee should be charged for use of rooms or facilities to help defray the cost and further that a qualified director be hired to operate the center.
- 6) John Palmer spoke on behalf of Neighborhood Council #5. NC #5 took the position supporting a multi-purpose community center; they did not vote on senior center vs. community center. They want a center, period.
- 7) Jim Miller, on behalf of himself, asked many questions and dialogue both with Councilman Manuel and Mayor Hupp on how prepared the city was to go forward with this project. Also, it was pointed out at this time that if a project is applied for which requires an operational budget, the agency making the request must guarantee that operational budget.
- 8) Ann Nickel spoke on behalf of Neighborhood Council #1, indicating that the minutes of NC #1 meeting of last Thursday should be available to the Council. If it is not, she indicated that based on the current Comprehensive Plan being considered in the city, and the studies done, the existing recreational facilities and plan for facilities is far below par and very inadequate. Because of this, it was the strong recommendation of NC #1 that a community center, not a senior center be constructed.

Other speakers: Ralph Britton, Ann Nickel, Sara Hite, and Jim Miller had questions at this time of various members of the Council.

Mayor Hupp, at this time, then indicated that public testimony was complete, and that the Council would now go ahead and discuss.

Councilwoman Burgess wanted to go for the full multi-purpose Community Center at this time. She wants to design the Center in such a way as to meet the needs of the seniors as well as the Community as a whole. This was the concensus of the Council.

Discussion was then had among members of the Council regarding the other priorities on the list, with Councilman Manuel indicating that in his opinion, priorities #10 and 14 were too low; Mayor Hupp indicated priority #9 was too low; Councilman Manuel also pointed out that projects creating jobs are not tied to either one of the priority lists, but go with the list with the most funds. This issue was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1) Multnomah County turned back part of its Community Block Grant Funding, and the City of Milwaukie has been awarded \$123,000 toward its drainage project.
- 2) The Manager informed the Council that they have appointed a Library Director, who should be on board shortly.
- 3) The Manager reported on the drinking fountain for Scott Park being donated by the Measures. The cost was going to be approximately 4½

times the amount available, but there was a way to redesign the fountain, and to use some federal money and some city money to come up with a fountain that everybody was agreeable to, and accomplish most of the things the city wants to, by another \$500 more than anticipated.

- 4) An individual from KYXI has requested anybody interested in helping a tax levy drive to create a county historical museum, there would be a meeting on the 16th of this month at 7:30 p.m., and to see the Manager for a location.
- 5) The Manager reported on his meeting with other managers regarding an agreement or contract between the city and county on who would do land use planning in the sphere of influence area of cities. There would be a model contract being brought to councils for their consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Bill Hupp, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Myer Avedovech, Secretary Pro-tem