



**Study Session**

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**Milwaukie City Council**

**COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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1. **Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) - Update (5:15 p.m.)**  
Staff: Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
2. **Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee (KGNC) - Update (6:15 p.m.)**  
Staff: Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
3. **Adjourn (6:45 p.m.)**

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## MINUTES

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**Council Present:** Council President Angel Falconer; Councilors Lisa Batey, Wilda Parks, Kathy Hyzy, Mayor Mark Gamba

**Staff Present:** City Manager Ann Ober, Public Works Director Peter Passarelli  
City Recorder Scott Stauffer

**Mayor Gamba** called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

### 1. Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) – Update

**Greg Geist**, WES Director, remarked on the impacts of the Clackamas County wildfires on WES staff and facilities. He discussed WES' funding and reported that the agency had not seen a drop in revenue due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. He noted that WES offered a utility payment assistance program.

**Mr. Geist** reported that WES had been working on updating its system development charge (SDC) rate structure to be based on the square footage of a home. **Council President Falconer** encouraged WES to look at including more tiers in the rate structure. **Mr. Geist** and **Mayor Gamba** commented on the challenges of creating an accurate water usage rate structure based on the square footage of a home.

**Mr. Geist** discussed infrastructure improvements at the Kellogg Creek Wastewater Recovery Facility. He noted the facility's capacity and reported that WES believed the facility would be able to handle the projected increased capacity over the coming years. He noted that, like most cities, Milwaukie's wastewater pipe system suffered from inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues. He observed that because of the city's agreement with WES there was dedicated funding each year to work on reducing I&I issues in Milwaukie.

The group discussed the cause of I&I issues, noting the constant challenge of finding and replacing aging pipes. **Mr. Passarelli** reported that the city had done a good job regulating cross connections which were often a source of I&I problems.

**Mr. Geist** discussed WES' work to address climate change and build a resilient system. **Mayor Gamba**, **Mr. Geist**, and **Councilor Hyzy** commented on whether WES facilities could replicate the solar and waste energy upgrades that had been done at a wastewater recovery facility in the City of Gresham, Oregon.

**Mr. Geist** continued to discuss WES' efforts to address climate change, including converting its fleet to smaller electric vehicles and collaborating with regional partners on climate modeling. **Mayor Gamba** and **Mr. Geist** noted that WES annually invested in planting trees and supporting local watershed councils.

**Mr. Geist** noted that the city had its own stormwater system and commented on WES' stormwater management for other service areas. He talked about natural area and wetland rehabilitation work WES had done and planned to do at sites around the North Clackamas area, including the Three-Creeks Natural Area. He reviewed WES' work to diversity its workforce and presented a video on the agency's outreach to high schools.

He and **Ms. Ober** commented on regional efforts to diversify the local workforce and recruit wastewater technicians.

**Mr. Geist** and **Councilor Hyzy** provided an update on the funding managed by the Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee (KGNC) used to address issues at the Kellogg facility. They noted recent turnover on the committee and how funding could be tracked better.

**Mr. Geist** reported that voters in Oregon City would see a ballot measure related to WES' Tri-City plant. The group commented on the wet weather discharge pipe alignment project Oregon City voters would be considering and noted it would not impact Milwaukie.

**Mr. Geist** urged the public to not flush wet wipes down the toilet as they cause big operational issues at the recovery facilities. He and **Mr. Passarelli** noted that WES would work with the city on educational outreach on how to dispose of wet wipes.

**Councilor Batey** and **Mr. Geist** discussed the multi-agency natural area rehabilitation project at the Three-Creeks Natural Area. They noted the outcome had not yet been determined and that there had been previous tree mapping projects done in the area. They noted natural area cleanup events WES supported and the potential to schedule more.

## **2. Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee (KGNC) – Update**

**Mr. Passarelli** and **Councilor Hyzy** reported that the KGNC had allocated some available funds for landscape work and planting around the Kellogg facility. They noted how much funding the committee has managed and how much would be available.

The group noted that due to a lack of members the KGNC had not been meeting very often but would meet soon because new members had been recently appointed.

**Chris Storey**, WES Assistant Director, noted that there were odor control improvements scheduled to be done at the Kellogg facility. **Mr. Geist** added that other improvements at the Kellogg facility would reduce the number of daily trips made by WES trucks. The group remarked on the environmental benefits of the facility improvements that would reduce the number of trips made each day by WES trucks.

**Mr. Storey** and **Mr. Geist** discussed the visual improvements the public would see soon around the Kellogg facility. They expressed WES' desire to work with the city to improve the area around the plant to be a welcoming natural and educational space.

## **Water Main Break and Clackamas Wildfires Updates**

**Mr. Passarelli** provided a brief update on a water main break in the North Milwaukie Innovation Area (NMIA) that would be repaired as soon as possible.

**Ms. Ober** commented on the status of the wildfires in Clackamas County.

## **2. Adjourn**

**Mayor Gamba** adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Scott Stauffer, City Recorder