

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 7, 1999**

The one thousand eight hundred and twenty-second meeting of the Milwaukie City Council was called to order by Mayor Tomei at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following Councilors were present:

Rob Kappa
Mary King

Larry Lancaster
Jeff Marshall

Also present:

Dan Bartlett,
City Manager
Chuck Corrigan,
City Attorney
Charlene Richards,
Assistant City Manager
Martha Bennett,
Assistant City Manager

Jay Saatkamp,
Operations Supervisor, Water
Jack Perry,
Operations Supervisor, Storm/Sewer
Don Simenson,
Utility Specialist, Water

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, SPECIAL REPORTS, AND AWARDS

M. Bennett and **Saatkamp** responded to a concern voiced by George Van Bergen at the previous Council meeting regarding water quality. He had brought a towel to the meeting that was stained while filling his swimming pool. Possible causes were: dirt collecting in the low spot in that neighborhood; Well #8 has an unusually high level of dissolved iron; or sediment stirred up while summer crews were exercising the water system valves.

Staff has worked with the Neighborhood District Association and Van Bergen so that residents know who to call when there is a problem. **Bennett** also asked that the City Council contact her or Saatkamp if members hear any complaints.

Councilor Kappa noted he had to treat his hot tub for a high level of chlorine.

Simenson said the chlorine residuals differ in various parts of the City. He noted that many think of Milwaukie's water as perfect because it is stable. If the Councilor noticed a strong chlorine odor, it is typically a result of an incomplete reaction between the chlorine and the material in the spa.

Saatkamp announced that the water division was conducting volume and pressure tests on the system on Thursday, September 9. Residents may temporarily experience some dirty water in their homes during the testing. City employees have put doorhangers on potentially affected homes, and there was an article in the most recent edition of the *Pilot*.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Linda Hatlelid read a letter into the record that addressed important facts relating to the Johnson Creek Blvd. Phase 2 improvements. She asked staff when the 40- and 44-foot right-of-way boundaries would be marked giving property owners a chance to see and compare the impacts. She asked who received M. Bennett's August 9 letter and notice of the October 12 open house. The Neighborhood District Association (NDA), Traffic Safety and Transportation Board (TSTB), and concerned neighbors and property owners have requested this action. The City seeks community to help make decisions that reflect the community's wishes, and those currently involved want to see the project developed within the 40-foot right-of-way. She had additional information she wished to share with other interested persons.

M. Bennett said she would prepare a response for the next meeting.

Annaliese Hummel, 2802 SE Monroe. She encouraged the City Council to do something about Monroe Street traffic between Hwy. 224 and downtown Milwaukie. Traffic speeds and volume make livability unbearable. At the last meeting, she heard Mayor Tomei say the Traffic Safety and Transportation Board (TSTB) addressed issues of safety rather than livability, but Hummel believed livability was about safety. Vehicles travelling Monroe Street very late at night or very early in the morning sometimes reach 65 to 70 mph. Milwaukie Lumber trucks are the worst offenders because they have an exception and use the street on a daily basis. Trucks make a lot of noise when they speed up to make the hill, and the noise and vibration are unbearable. She recommended installing a traffic circle at the top hill that would help sustain livability of the existing neighborhood. Trucks can use McLoughlin Boulevard and the Hwy. 224 overpass. The sidewalks do not offer safety for pedestrians, children, or bicyclists. Livability is for all, and she urged the City Council to ensure the quality of life.

Mayor Tomei directed staff to prepare a response.

OTHER BUSINESS

Telemetry Improvement Project Summary and Demonstration

Saatkamp introduced **Don Simenson**, Utility Specialist, who provided a demonstration of the telemetry software program. The system monitors both the Milwaukie water distribution system for quality and quantity and sewer lift stations. The facilities were graphically represented on the computer screen with constantly updated information on volumes and chlorine treatment levels. The monitoring is done by radio and is not dependent on phone lines. He showed the viewers how the reservoir levels could be controlled on screen.

Response to a problem can now take minutes instead of hours, so there is a significant savings in property damage. Simenson indicated the program has saved him a lot of time, so now he has more time available to meet with customers to discuss water quality issues. If there is a power outage, the system is totally self-reliant, and it is completely Y2K compliant. The program is radio-based and not part of the City network, so the system is safe from hackers. Its useful life is about 30 to 40 years, and the software has a good foundation.

Bartlett added the total project cost was about \$392,000 including change orders that were well-within allowable levels.

It was moved by Mayor Tomei and seconded by Councilor King to accept the telemetry improvement project (WT-98-2 and SE-98-3). Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION

City Council Work Session on Teambuilding, Vision, and Mission

Councilor Kappa announced that he would be unable to attend the Council work session on September 18 because of family commitment. The group indicated its disappointment that he would not be able to attend and were concerned about developing new Vision and Mission statements without his input. Because other members had this date on their calendars and made their plans around it, they decided not to try and reschedule the meeting. He commented that he has given much time to the City, and he found some of the remarks made by other Councilmembers objectionable and insulting.

Joint Work Session with the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

The group agreed that Mayor Tomei would present the goals and follow up with a dialogue with the Board.

Police Chief Appointment

Bartlett announced the hiring of Larry Kanzler who would begin as Milwaukie Police Chief on October 12. Kanzler was on the frontline of community policing in the City of Portland.

Events

Councilor King announced the Ardenwald Community Parade September 25 and Johnson Creek Watershed Summit on October 30.

City Council Work Session

Councilor Marshall asked if those present at the September 18 meeting would have the option of voting on issues, and **Bartlett** indicated they would.

Monroe Street Traffic Concerns

Councilor Marshall said he was concerned that one person comes before the City Council year-after-year on the same issue. He recommended that staff prepare more than a report and perhaps something the City Council could actually address. He suggested that Council consider the concept of a Regional Transportation Board to address the truck issue network.

Dispatch Services

Bartlett reported on the ongoing efforts regarding the radio group and 800 MHz program. The County will fund \$1.5 million, and, if all goes well, there will be an operations system within 18 - 24 months. Milwaukie is currently on the Portland system and has made it clear that it does not want to go back to another system. The radio users in the County have come on board more quickly than anticipated, so the process is moving forward rapidly. Rather than resisting, people are pulling together for an improved system.

Councilor Kappa recommended an extensive public education element if the City of Milwaukie goes with a different dispatch center.

Mayor Tomei announced that an executive session would be held immediately following adjournment to consult with legal counsel and to discuss property acquisition pursuant to ORS 192.660.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor King and seconded by Mayor Tomei to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tomei adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder