

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 2, 1999**

The one thousand eight hundred and twenty-sixth 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

Also present:

Dan Bartlett,
City Manager

Martha Bennett,
Assistant City Manager

Tim Ramis,
City Attorney

Paul Roeger,
Civil Engineer

Charlene Richards,
Assistant City Manager

Larry Kanzler,
Police Chief

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, SPECIAL REPORTS, AND AWARDS

Ardenwald Elementary School Skit with the Bob Orr Players

Councilor King introduced Bob Orr's 4th and 5th grade Ardenwald Elementary School class. The Players re-enacted their "Sam I Am" skit written in honor of Officer Sam Freshner recognizing his positive impact as the school D.A.R.E. Officer.

Public Safety Appreciation Week -- Proclamation

Mayor Tomei read a proclamation naming November 22 - 28, 1999, as *Public Safety Appreciation Week* in the City of Milwaukie.

Veterans Remembrance Celebration Day -- Proclamation

Mayor Tomei read a proclamation naming November 5, 1999, as *Milwaukie Elks "Veterans Remembrance Celebration Day"* in the City of Milwaukie.

Metro Councilor David Bragdon

Bragdon attended the recent Riverfront Town Hall and was impressed with Milwaukie's public outreach efforts. He stated for the record that he regretted that the recent Metro Council meeting at Milwaukie City Hall had ended sooner than publicized. Several issues that were currently before the Metro Council

were: disbursing solid waste surplus funds; Urban Growth Boundary and Report; and South Corridor Study.

Bragdon personally felt that some of the surplus solid waste funds should go toward local issues such as Title 3 issues and redevelopment efforts. He discussed the possible time extension and the current stream buffer issue as it relates to the Urban Growth Boundary. Bragdon also believed that the South Corridor Study needed to move forward so options such as high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and enhanced bus service could be identified.

Bragdon gave Councilors a survey so each could identify which meeting notices he or she wanted to receive as well as a list of Metro committee representatives.

Councilor Kappa asked Bragdon to comment on the possibility of light rail re-surfacing.

Bragdon said light rail might be a long-term option, but voters made it clear that it was not an option for the near future. Light rail is not currently being considered in the South Corridor Study.

Councilor Lancaster asked for clarification of the solid waste surplus and if he had any influence on the transit center relocation and sewage treatment plant removal.

Bragdon responded to the question about the surplus and said it was very important to establish needs first. He was also supportive of the downtown Milwaukie redevelopment efforts.

Councilor Lancaster asked if there was a serious consideration for creating sustainable financing with those funds.

Bragdon said paying off the revenue bonds was considered; however, there was no real financial advantage for doing so in the next three to four years.

Councilor Lancaster felt this might be the appropriate time to protect assets for the future and hoped the Metro Council might take that approach. He was also concerned with the amount of land banking that was taking place and asked if Metro had a plan to maintain the property it purchased.

Bragdon personally supported property maintenance on the approximately 4,000 acres that Metro purchased and suggested that the surplus might help support the Greenspaces program. Metro needs to let people know how their investments are being cared for.

Councilor Lancaster asked how much public money was going into the Gateway to airport light rail project and who would pick up the project cost overrun.

Bragdon said the \$125 million project is shared by the private sector, Tri-Met, Port of Portland, and City of Portland. Land leases are being traded for construction costs. Based on previous light rail projects, he did not believe there would be a cost overrun, but, if there were, it would probably be shared among the partners.

Councilor King believed the surplus could be used to maintain the parks with the balance going into a trust fund.

Bragdon felt strongly that the money should be tracked and not disappear.

Mayor Tomei suggested Bragdon meet with the Council in a work session after the first of the year.

Councilor Lancaster had looked at his property tax statement and asked if Milwaukie could get money from the Port of Portland to help develop the waterfront.

Bragdon explained the taxes going to the Port were for a 1976 bond measure to develop the Swan Island Shipyard. Metro's property taxes are tied to the Zoo and Greenspaces acquisition as approved by the voters.

Councilor Kappa agreed that Metro needed to track the funds and keep the public informed. He added that Title 3 and the Endangered Species Act issues were important to him.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Tomei asked that people observe a moment of silence for the Mayor Koderia who recently passed away in Milwaukie's Sister City Iwaki, Japan.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor King and seconded by Councilor Lancaster to approve the Consent Agenda that consisted of:

1. City Council Minutes of October 9, 18, & 19, 1999; and
2. OLCC Application for 7-11 at 10435 SE 42nd Avenue (change of ownership)

Motion passed unanimously among the members present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Linda Hatlelid, 8617 SE 36th Avenue, was concerned that the Johnson Creek Blvd. improvement boundaries at 40-feet and the alternate 44-feet had not been marked as promised. Only a few locations had been marked prior to the October 12 Open House. She requested that the City contact Brett Kesterson to clarify the marking issue so that he could continue with his survey. She asked that the survey be done as promised and that the residents be informed of the survey completion date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consider Public Hearing Dates for Street Vacations

Roeger presented the staff report in which the City Council was requested to set public hearing dates for two requested street vacations: SE 24th Avenue between SE Ochoco and SE Stubb Streets and SE 25th Avenue between SE Beta and SE Stubb Streets. Both sites, in the north industrial area, affect the same property owners.

It was moved by Councilor Kappa and seconded by Mayor Tomei to set the public hearing dates for the street vacations on December 7, 1999. Motion passed unanimously among the members present

Library Board Appointment

Mayor Tomei appointed Shannon Scott to the Library Board and indicated she would make the Budget Committee appointments at a future meeting.

INFORMATION

Councilor King announced "Living History Day" at Milwaukie High School on November 10 and a free piano concert at the Ledding Library on November 4.

Bartlett referred to a memo asking Councilor Marshall's concurrence that a tax rate comparison be postponed until after the Budget Committee began meeting and the annual audit was presented.

Councilor King attended the Johnson Creek Watershed Summit and had information she was anxious to share with interested citizens.

Mayor Tomei referred to the Records and Information Management Division monthly report and commented on the volume of people with whom front counter personnel have first contact.

Councilor Kappa announced the upcoming Rotary Lumberjack Breakfast at the Milwaukie Center.

Councilor Kappa commented that the ESA would be a good development tool and felt positive about its impact on both Milwaukie and the region.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Lancaster and seconded by Councilor King to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously among the members present.

Mayor Tomei adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder