

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JULY 10, 2000**

The work session came to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Milwaukie City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Council President Marshall and Councilors King and Lancaster.

Staff: Assistant City Manager Bennett.

Information Sharing

The group agreed a green light needed to be installed so the Council would know when it is "on the air."

Downtown Parking and Transit Center

Bennett discussed the progress on the Milwaukie Transit Center project which is due to begin summer 2001. The City will need to consider both long- and short-term solutions for the loss of about 120 of its 300 downtown leased parking spaces. The other issue to consider is planning for the transit oriented development property remaining after Tri-Met develops the transit center.

As a short-term strategy to the parking issue, staff sought Council approval for approaching several private parking lot owners such as Odd Fellows, Pietro's, Kellogg Bowl, and St. John's Catholic to determine if they would be willing to lease a portion of their lots on the week days. The goal would be to minimize any negative impacts on retail and neighborhood on-street parking. Spaces are currently 120% sold at a \$15 per month fee. **Bennett** discussed creating a demand for the under-utilized lot east of Milwaukie Lumber. Currently, fees are the same for all lots, but staff will explore other options.

Council President Marshall thought there might be a potential for increasing monthly fees to cover parking enforcement.

Bennett discussed the long-term strategy that included parking structures along McLoughlin Boulevard and near Milwaukie High School. These would be consistent with the Downtown and Riverfront Plan. Staff recommends preliminary work on locating property since the price of land will become greater.

The final item had to do with marketing the remainder of the Safeway property after Tri-Met constructs the Milwaukie Transit Center. There will be about one-half block that will be suitable for transit oriented development. There will be certain demands, such as public restrooms, that Tri-Met will not meet. Staff

recommended a seven- to ten-member Transit Oriented Development Selection Committee to work through the request for proposal (RFP) and recommend a project to the City Council. Bennett suggested a broad-based committee that would include the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association (MDDA), Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association, Library Board, Tri-Met, members with experience on similar projects and expertise in the areas of design, architecture, and development, and members from the community at large. She noted there has been preliminary contact on the development of that property.

Councilor Lancaster asked if there were any plans for evening and week end parking.

Bennett said week end parking is on a first come first served basis and is not enforced. There is no proposal to manage week end parking at this time.

The group discussed Tri-Met's refusal to build public restrooms, and **Bennett** said that was the agency's policy.

Councilor King asked Bennett to comment on the long-term parking strategy and keeping traffic out of the adjacent residential areas.

Bennett said the framework plan calls for parking structures in locations that would discourage neighborhood pass through. Another goal is that pedestrians would not experience parking at street level.

Adjourn

Mayor Tomei adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder