

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2000**

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

City Council present: Mayor Tomei and Councilors King, Lancaster, Marshall, and Newman.

Staff present: City Manager Pro Tem Swanson, Assistant City Manager Richards, Public Works Director Stepan, Program Specialist Herrigel, and City Attorney Firestone.

FUTURE WORK SESSION SCHEDULES

The group discussed the work session schedule for the remainder of 2000. **Swanson** pointed out the city manager recruitment process would likely require numerous sessions throughout November, December, and January. Based on Swanson's comments, the City Council decided to maintain its current work session schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met in executive session to consult with legal counsel pursuant to ORS 192.660.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Jack Elder, 11298 SE 34th Avenue, Milwaukie. He apologized to the Mayor and Council for putting the group in an embarrassing situation at an earlier Council meeting. He recognized he had not made it clear his comments were not those of the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association (MDDA). He further agreed the Council meeting was not the appropriate venue for voicing his personal opinions.

Jim Bernard understood there were misconceptions about Festival Daze and his role in the event. This is a community event and should not be run by individuals, and he has tried numerous times to get others to volunteer. He estimated it took about 2 hours a day for six months, 4 hours a day in the last six weeks to organize the event, and full time during the event.

Councilor Marshall agreed the event should not be run by one person based on the allegations circulating in the community. He asked if it would be appropriate to form a Festival Daze Commission and further suggested the Neighborhood District Associations (NDA) might step forward and take over the event.

Bernard did not believe the City could absorb the cost. It would probably cost about \$10,000 to hire a professional event coordinator. Festival Daze is currently a 501C4 organization. Several local businesses donated up to \$3,000 this year, but he would not anticipate more in the future. The MDDA has always been involved but does not run the event. He agreed to provide an outline of how Festival Daze is organized.

RESIDUAL SOLID WASTE PERMIT SYSTEM

Herrigel provided an updated version of the residual solid waste permit system ordinance. The action is in response to a recent court injunction against Washington County and the City of Beaverton prohibiting regulation of non-franchised haulers collecting certain commercial loads. The proposed ordinance will ensure exempt material is collected safely and appropriately. Haulers will be required to register, pay a fee, and report quarterly on the tonnage collected in Milwaukie.

STREET FUNDING AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMATION

Stepan proposed formation of a Street Funding Ad Hoc Committee to study and recommend a mechanism for meeting the City's increasing maintenance needs. The Committee would be charged with learning about Milwaukie's street system, reviewing current revenues and expenditures, learning about various funding options including a street utility and analyzing their practicalities, and recommending a strategy during the spring 2001 budget process.

Councilor Marshall suggested setting a date certain for the Committee to have its recommendation prepared.

Stepan felt, if the Committee were appointed by mid-October, it could meet the March or April 2001 target. She proposed a 12-member group made up of the 4 Citizens Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) members along with one representative each from several stakeholder groups including banks, commercial, restaurant, supermarket, MDDA, Traffic Safety Board, NDA, and Budget Committee liaison. Some of the stakeholders are included because of the amount of traffic the type of business generates. A street utility would significantly impact high volume traffic generators such as banks, grocery stores, and fast food restaurants.

Councilor King suggested a restaurant representative from outside the downtown area.

Councilor Marshall recommended going through channels and encouraging participation by inviting groups to select a representative.

The Council agreed and directed Stepan to prepare a letter to groups and organizations asking them to send a representative.

Councilor King hoped the Committee would remember the importance of livability and sustainability. She commented on the planning department's traffic and transportation code work.

Stepan said the Committee will need to understand there are a lot of competing community needs. She agreed to prepare the stakeholder letters, and applications will be available through the city recorder's office.

Councilor Marshall suggested the Committee also have at-large positions.

The Council discussed the Committee's charge and agreed it should focus on analyzing and recommending a funding method.

Swanson suggested adding Councilor King's livability and sustainability comments to the charge and making them part of the learning process.

REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Swanson said staff received two proposals. To give consultants more time to respond, the Council agreed to set this item over to the October 2, 2000, work session. **Councilor King** will not be at that meeting.

Swanson discussed the selection process and the importance of two-way communication between the Council and the consultant.

TRANSIT CENTER

Mayor Tomei attended the recent Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting during which Jim Howell argued for siting the transit center on the Milwaukie Jr. High School property. She in turn made a plea to move forward on the Safeway site and was supported by ODOT and Clackamas County. JPACT unanimously recommended the Safeway site to the Metro Council.

Councilor Lancaster felt the City should do whatever necessary to get Tri-Met to include public restrooms in its design. Once built, the City could take over maintenance and security.

Richards noted there was a suggestion to include public restrooms in the transit-oriented development area.

Councilor Newman thought there could be an agreement with a concessionaire in the development.

Councilor Marshall agreed there needed to be public restrooms; however, it is very expensive to build a vandal-proof facility.

Swanson said staff would do some research and report to Council.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

Council accepted Kathy Buss' application and directed staff to schedule interviews for the October 2, 2000, work session.

OTHER

Councilor Marshall inquired on the status of the Council laptops.

Councilor Lancaster hoped to get information to the public regarding proper placement of political signs.

Councilor King announced The Committee to Save Milwaukie Jr. High meetings. She asked if there was a list of what people would be getting for their tax money. Swanson said he would work on providing information.

Councilor Marshall explained his frustration with Festival Daze was not a reflection on those running the event. He wanted to promote and upgrade the event to improve Milwaukie's image. He suggested forming a committee.

Councilor Newman suggested focussing on a theme or activity. The group discussed dragon boat or sculling races.

Mayor Tomei announced the Council would meet in executive session to discuss labor relations, personnel, and property acquisition pursuant to ORS 192.660.

Mayor Tomei adjourned the work session at 7:20 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder