

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2001**

Call to Order

The 1856th meeting of the Milwaukie City Council was called to order by Council President King at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following Councilors were present:

Larry Lancaster
Brian Newman

Jeff Marshall

Staff present:

Mike Swanson,
City Manager Pro Tem
Tim Ramis,
City Attorney
Martha Bennett,
Assistant City Manager

Paul Roeger,
Civil Engineer
Jay Saatkamp,
Operations Supervisor, Water

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, SPECIAL REPORTS, AND AWARDS

Congressman Earl Blumenauer discussed support of river resource protection efforts and thanked Milwaukie for its steadfast interest through the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. He is also working hard to support transit agencies including the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Tri-Met. He personally wants to work toward livable communities and ensure the federal government follows its own regulations particularly in the areas of energy and clean water.

Councilor Newman was honored to have the Congressman at the meeting. The lease for the downtown Milwaukie post office expires in 2004, and he asked Congressman Blumenauer if he could help keep this anchor in the downtown area.

Congressman Blumenauer said he would be happy to collaborate with the city and the postal service to create a facility that reflects well on the community.

Councilor Lancaster was concerned about unfunded mandates and increasing local control. He specifically mentioned the current power shortage, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and salmon listing.

Congressman Blumenauer said it is important to defend northwest resources as well as develop a national energy policy. He suggested the country be more reasonable with its energy consumption.

Councilor Marshall discussed community needs for road and infrastructure improvements.

Congressman Blumenauer, although supportive, was concerned Oregonians had not increased the state gas tax for ten years, and, as a result, Oregon may not be able to match federal funds.

Council President King asked the Congressman if he could facilitate removal of the Kellogg Treatment Plant to help create a viable downtown project in Milwaukie.

Congressman Blumenauer commended the Council on its plan and vision.

Congressman Blumenauer is supporting environmental enhancement funds with low or no interest loans which becomes a subsidy over the life of the project.

Councilor Newman encouraged the Congressman to join the community celebration, Festival Daze, in June.

Council President King asked if there would be funding to make mass transit more available without causing disruptions to neighborhoods.

Congressman Blumenauer was committed to a balanced system of freight, neighborhood streets, and transit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President King read the items in the consent agenda. It was moved by **Councilor Newman** and seconded by **Councilor Lancaster** to adopt the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- A. City Council Minutes of February 5 & 6, 2001;**
- B. Brookside Pump Station Project, Final Acceptance;**
- C. Resolution 8-2001: A Resolution to Adopt the LINAS Agreement for the Library Information Network of Clackamas County (LINCC) ;**
- D. Resolution 9-2001: A Resolution for Inclusion under the State of Oregon Compensation Plan**

Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Gary Michael, 11907 SE 19th Avenue, Milwaukie. He discussed comments made at the last Council meeting about Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Selection Committee appointments. He discussed the process including the staff's recommendation appointees bring a certain level of expertise to the group. The Mayor made appointments with Council consensus, and regulations do not prohibit Council spouses from serving on short-term, ad hoc committees. Trotter served on the Planning Commission for 14 years before serving on the City Council. Strauss, who served on the Planning Commission and City Council, is the current Milwaukie Downtown

Development Association (MDDA) president and downtown property owner. Although Peck and Weisenberg operate a successful downtown business, they did not apply for the Committee when applicants were sought. He felt Crites, who is not a Milwaukie resident and has not served on a Milwaukie appointed advisory committee, made rude and uninformed comments. Trotter, Strauss, and he are committed to doing their best on the TOD Committee.

Council President King followed up by saying the Council is open to listening to comments on policies and procedures, but personal attacks and name calling do not serve a good purpose.

Councilor Marshall agreed and encouraged people to bring forward their observations and suggestions leading to a positive solution.

Councilor Lancaster asked people to remember the Council is a group of average citizens who volunteer their time.

Councilor Newman agreed with these comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Water System Master Plan Adoption

Council President King called the public hearing on the proposed Water System Master Plan to order at 6:35 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider public comment on the Plan's adoption. Council President King reviewed the conduct of the hearing.

Staff Report: **Roeger** provided the staff report. The Water Supply Master Plan will guide capital improvement projects as well as provide data in future rate reviews. The Plan meets the Oregon Health Division's drinking water regulations as well as partially fulfilling state land use Goal 11 -- Public Facilities and Services requirements.

Lisa Obermeyer, Montgomery Watson project manager, discussed the scope of work and review process. The Citizens Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) worked with the consultant and staff this past summer and unanimously voted to recommend the City Council adopts the proposed Plan. Since the December Council work session, more emphasis was placed on conservation as an important element of the strategy. The Oregon Health Division approved the Plan.

Correspondence: None.

Audience Testimony: None.

Questions of Clarification: **Councilor Lancaster** noted the Plan assumes steady growth to buildout. He asked if the projects were prioritized and if a funding strategy as developed.

Obermeyer replied projects are scheduled through 2015. The consultant was not charged with identifying a funding mechanism, but the data can be used in rate and system development charge (SDC) studies.

Councilor Newman felt the comments on water conservation were important and asked if there was a short term plan for states of emergency.

Obermeyer said Milwaukie is involved with other water providers, including the City of Portland, who prepare and disseminate relevant materials.

Councilor Newman suggested a reminder in *The Pilot* to water customers about preparing to conserve this summer.

Councilor Lancaster thought it would be important to let the public know how much these projects will cost over the life of the Plan.

Councilor Marshall believed the CUAB is an excellent example of an appointed advisory board working with a consultant and freeing up Council time to do other things.

Council President King appreciated the CUAB's comments on the value of water as a precious resource and the need to actively promote voluntary conservation.

Close Public Testimony: **Council President King** closed the public testimony portion of the hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Discussion and Decision: **It was moved by Councilor Newman and seconded by Councilor Lancaster to read the ordinance adopting the Water System Master Plan for the first time by title only. Motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was read for the first time by title only.**

It was moved by Councilor Lancaster and seconded by Councilor Marshall to read the ordinance adopting the Water System Master Plan for the second time by title only. Motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was read for the second time by title only.

It was moved by Councilor Marshall and seconded by Councilor Lancaster to adopt the ordinance adopting the Water System Master Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1883:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ADOPTING THE WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager Pro Tem Contract

It was moved by Councilor Marshall and seconded by Councilor Newman to extend the City Manager Pro Tem Contract through May 30, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

There will be an agenda item at the next meeting on the number of hours worked.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Marshall and seconded by Councilor Lancaster to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder