

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 20, 2001**

The work session came to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

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

Staff present: Neighborhood Services Manager Gregory and Program Specialist Herrigel.

Information Sharing

1. **Mayor Bernard** attended the 2001 Oregon Mayors Conference and summarized several of the issues discussed.
2. **Councilor King** asked to be excused from several Council meetings in order to participate on the Green Ribbon Committee for Parks Development.

Riverfront Board Interviews

The Council interviewed Gary Klein, Sharon McCaffrey, and Mike Stacey for a Riverfront Board vacancy.

Open Public Forum

Ed Zumwalt, read the article he prepared for the upcoming edition of *The Pilot* regarding the North Clackamas School Board's bid award to the Portland Waldorf School for the Milwaukie Middle School property.

Rotary/Milwaukie Downtown Development Association (MDDA) Riverfront Project

Jack Elder, MDDA Director and Rotary President Elect, and Paul Klein, MDDA Board Chair, proposed a waterfront cleanup project. In addition to beautifying the waterfront, the project will familiarize volunteers with this community asset. Responsible City staff would include Herrigel, Rouyer, and Somers

Steve Loaiza, Riverfront Board chair, indicated the advisory group's support for the proposed project.

Council requested a brief project scope of work and risk management information prior to authorizing Elder to begin.

Public Access Board

Herrigel updated the City Council on the public access studio and operator contract. She proposed forming a 5-member ad hoc public access board to lend general guidance in studio operations. She recommended recruiting people of

diverse backgrounds including those who could lend technical and financial expertise. Herrigel will draft the board charge.

The City Council agreed to go through standard recruitment and appointment process.

South Corridor Update

Gregory reviewed the comments from the South Corridor July Town Hall and August Open House. Councilor Newman will carry this public process information to the South Corridor Policy Group narrowing discussions in September.

A bar graph showed the most favorable public response for light rail was option A-3 with a McLoughlin Boulevard terminus and the most negative response was for the Jr. High terminus. There was little support for busway and bus rapid transit (BRT); however, option D-3 with no park and ride at Linwood & Harmony did receive some positive comments. She reviewed the comments specific to each option as well as those general, non-specific responses.

The group discussed the number of Waldorf community members attending the July session in relation to those responses opposing any negative impact to the Jr. High property.

Gregory said there will be a joint Neighborhood District Association (NDA) and Planning Commission meeting on August 28 and suggested the City Council make a formal decision at its September meeting. She recommended forwarding one light rail and one bus option to the South Corridor Policy Group.

Councilor Newman preferred options B-2A and AB-1. He sees a benefit to a Tillamook Branch alignment to Lake Road but is concerned with park-and-ride locations and sizes. He supports the low impact and low cost options that provide for a future industrial area station as well as serve the downtown with Jr. High and Lake Road stations. Bus interaction could be discussed in the future. Potential links between light rail, bus, and commuter rail would likely be difficult with option A-3. He was concerned with security options associated with option B-2B, the Hanna Transit Center.

Mayor Bernard supported options B-2A, B-2B, and AB-1 and expressed concern that a Jr. High terminus would create neighborhood parking problems.

Councilor Marshall supported options AB-1 and D-3.

Councilor King preferred options AB-1 and B-2A. She is concerned with the potential size of the Tacoma park-and-ride.

Councilor Lancaster also supported options AB-1 and B-2B.

The Council agreed there should be no Linwood/Harmony park-and-ride.

Councilor King does not wish to support any busway or BRT options since she believes these are dead end solutions.

Councilor Newman added any grade separation is unacceptable on Hwy 224, but he would generally consider additional BRT study.

To recap the discussion, **Councilor Newman** understood the top options were AB-1, with the most Council support, followed by B-2B and B-2A.

Gregory updated the City Council on the South Corridor Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and appointment options.

Mayor Bernard announced an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660.

Adjournment

Mayor Bernard adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder