

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Lancaster, Marshall, and Newman.

Staff present: Planning Director Rouyer, Sr. Planner Gessner, and Program Service Coordinators Carter and Herrigel.

### **Information Sharing**

1. **Councilor Newman** reported the South Corridor Policy Group ratified Milwaukie's recommendation. He also noted the Springwater Trail project was fully funded in the amount of \$4 million.
2. **Mayor Bernard** participated in the September 17 Constitution Day event in Oregon City and announced the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Milwaukie Masonic Lodge on September 18.

### **Open Public Forum**

**Edie Kerbaugh**, 12341 SE 67<sup>th</sup> Court, Milwaukie. She expressed Linwood Neighborhood residents' concerns about Clackamas County's plans to widen Harmony Road to 5 lanes. Such a project would displace homes and businesses. Widening the road would be disastrous to the Neighborhood, and she requested the City Council prepare a letter to the County stating its opposition to the project on behalf of the residents. If one assumes Harmony Road traffic is headed to Hwy 224, she suggested an alternative might be to improve the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue interchange. However, she could not identify an alternative for local traffic.

**Mayor Bernard** felt it would be appropriate for the City Council to send a letter to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners voicing the neighborhood's concerns.

**Councilor Newman** supported looking at alternatives which would divert traffic to Hwy 224.

**Councilor Lancaster** felt a review of the traffic study prepared for the project would be appropriate.

**Councilor Marshall** suggested looking at the Regional Transportation Plan and offering a workable alternative. He understands there is an urban renewal project being discussed for the Southgate area that could be influencing a lot of these projects.

The Council agreed to open a dialogue between the City and County with a letter expressing its concerns and proposing a work session in the near future.

## **Transportation System Plan**

**Gessner** noted 3 minor changes to the Transportation System Plan ordinances and resolutions the Council will consider at the September 18 public hearing. He explained the changes, and Council appreciated the updates and is prepared to move forward.

## **Rotary and Milwaukie Downtown Development Association Riverfront Project**

**Paul Klein**, Milwaukie Downtown Development Association (MDDA) Interim President, and Jack Elder, MDDA Director, discussed the proposed riverfront cleanup project scheduled to begin on October 20. The purpose of the project is to re-acquaint citizens with their waterfront. The first phase will be surface debris removal, and subsequent phases will include noxious weed and plant removal and finally removal of large objects such as concrete and car parts. Elder reported risk management issues have been addressed.

## **Parks and Recreation Priorities**

**Herrigel** reported the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) is going through its master planning process, and, as a neighborhood, Milwaukie has been asked to identify its future needs and interests. The Milwaukie Park and Recreation Board (PARB) prepared a list of priorities for Council review and comment. The priorities are: existing parks maintenance, new parks development, natural area enhancement, additional park acquisition, trails, and recreation and elderly facilities. Herrigel noted the projects were not prioritized at the time the report was prepared because of staff changes.

**Councilor Newman** asked if the District was undertaking this process in preparation for a bond measure. Milwaukie has an ideal project on the riverfront which he felt should be part of the master plan; however, he was in favor of identifying interim steps which integrate the boulevard plan.

**Herrigel** suggested including Riverfront Phase 1 and identifying the associated costs.

The Council felt riverfront improvement was highly desirable but did not wish to do so at the expense of other community projects.

**Councilor Lancaster** understood Wichita Park was master planned but work was postponed due to safety issues and future redesign of Monroe Street. He hoped to see Wichita Park development pushed forward.

**Herrigel** explained projects getting the most attention are those being pushed by the neighborhoods.

The Council discussed parks master planning and the lack of funds to actually implement those plans. **Councilor Marshall** thought Council had conveyed the message that property might lie fallow until such time as development can be funded.

**Herrigel** understood the Council direction to be developing a schedule of meetings, which fit with the District's master planning process, between PARB and NDAs to prioritize Milwaukie's list of projects.

### **Formation of Clackamas County Coordinating Committee**

**Mayor Bernard** said this Committee, made up of representatives from various jurisdictions, was an outcome of Timothy Lake discussions. Its purpose would be to coordinate projects and funding.

**It was agreed Mayor Bernard would be the primary representative with Councilors Marshall and Lancaster as secondary and tertiary representatives.**

**Councilor Marshall** noted formation of a Parks/Library District would be on the Committee agenda. Such programs must not be considered without sufficient funding.

### **Goals Discussion Draft**

The group felt the draft was an accurate overview of the Council work session. **Councilor Newman** recommended transportation as a standalone goal and **Councilor Lancaster** agreed. **Councilor Marshall** felt a community wide project, such as rebuilding the Lot Whitcomb, should be an element of the 2003 Centennial goal. There was discussion of a levy or grants to fund the event.

### **Other**

1. **Carter** reviewed the final loan document between the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department and the City of Milwaukie to purchase the Safeway property.
2. **Councilor Marshall** discussed issues of infill and community needs in the Comprehensive Plan. **Rouyer** understands there are elements of the Plan which are outdated and will check with the State on the timelines for the next Periodic Review.

3. **Councilor Marshall** commented on a letter from the Portland Waldorf School and felt something should be initiated to protect the public interest when School District and other publicly owned property is for sale. He used the property recently sold to a developer in the Lewelling Neighborhood as an example and urged some action, such as an agreement for first right of refusal, be taken.

## **Adjournment**

**Mayor Bernard** adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Pat DuVal, Recorder