

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 1, 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: City Manager Swanson and Neighborhood Services Manager Gregory.

Information Sharing

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee

Councilor Marshall attended the first meeting of the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee as Milwaukie's representative. Based on a Washington County model, the intent of the Committee is to improve communications between jurisdictions and to coordinate projects and funding. Marshall's experience as a North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) Board member leads him to believe the Committee should have more power than simply making recommendations to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. He was concerned projects would continue to be under-funded.

Swanson noted Clackamas County has not been as aggressive about removing itself from urban service provision as Washington County. He discussed the proposal for a Park/Library District and explained state law puts the Board of Commissioners in the position of governing such a district and potentially pitting it against cities and special districts. He suggested the Council consider a position of being interested in funding an existing community asset, the Ledding Library, while making it clear the City does not wish to give up its control.

Councilor Marshall has concerns about the County's working with Happy Valley on a joint Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) because of the shared interest in the Sunrise Corridor. Happy Valley has expressed the desire to annex into Milwaukie's urban growth area.

Swanson said Milwaukie and Clackamas County are about to begin work on a joint urban services study through Portland State University. It has been clearly stated Milwaukie is not interested in allowing Happy Valley to cross I-205. Milwaukie can use its police protection and planning services as selling points in annexation efforts.

Gregory added there is a joint Milwaukie neighborhood leadership/County Community Planning Organizations (CPO) meeting on October 17.

Councilor Lancaster added regionalizing services is not necessarily a positive step and expressed his concern about possibly losing control of the Library.

Councilor Newman will not support County control of the Ledding Library. The group discussed the Library Long Range Plan which is funded in the 2001 - 2002 budget.

Responding to a question from **Councilor Marshall, Swanson** said a Library/Parks Service District could feasibly be a separate entity and not under County Commissioner control.

Councilor Lancaster commented combining 2 powerful interest groups, parks and libraries, creates an opportunity to push for funding; however, he had concerns about divisiveness and partisanship.

Mayor Bernard recommended Committee members represent their respective communities and make a clear statement that none of the cities wish to turn over control of their libraries.

Centennial Planning

Gregory asked Council for feedback on a 2003 Milwaukie Centennial planning proposal. The group discussed methods for getting public input, the role of advisory boards and neighborhood associations, and formation of an ad hoc Centennial Committee responsible for developing a work plan and budget.

Councilor Newman suggested hiring a professional fundraiser and seeking tourism or other such grants. He felt some kind of physical, public improvement would be appropriate to honor the event. He also thought Portland's giving Milwaukie Elk Rock Island as a birthday present would be a nice gesture.

Councilor King recommended working with the North Clackamas School District on curriculum planning. She also suggested monthly events, a Centennial Chorus, and entering a float and the Milwaukie High School Marching Band in the Rose Festival or Starlight Parade.

Other

Councilor Newman reminded the group of the Ardenwald Walk a Child to School event starting in Lisac's parking lot on October 2 at 7:30 a.m.

Councilor King updated Council on her involvement with the Green Ribbon Committee. Site development is narrowed to 10 locations which includes the Portland Traction Trail and Mt. Talbert.

It was Council consensus to send a letter under the Mayor's signature opposing the proposed rule change that would allow longer trailers on Oregon's interstates.

Councilor Marshall announced the Transforming Local Government Conference in Tucson in May 2002.

Councilor Newman discussed funding for the McLoughlin Boulevard Project.

Mayor Bernard commented on Clackamas County's proposal to widen Harmony Road and County staff's statement that the Milwaukie City Council supports the project. Swanson said he would follow up on the County's statement and report to Council.

Mayor Bernard adjourned the work session at 7:10 p.m.

Pat DuVal, Recorder