

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2002**

**Call to Order**

The 1880<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Milwaukie City Council was called to order by Mayor Bernard at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following Councilors were present:

Mary King

Brian Newman

Staff present:

Mike Swanson,  
City Manager

Alice Rouyer,  
Community Development Director

Gary Firestone,  
City Attorney

Kenneth Kent,  
Associate Planner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Swanson** announced Alice Rouyer's appointment to the Community Development/Public Works Director position. Rouyer was selected from a field of 29 applicants.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was moved by Councilor Newman and seconded by Councilor King to approve the City Council minutes of February 4 & 5, 2002. Motion passed unanimously among the members present.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Wayne Schumacher**, Executive Director, Oregon Optometric Association, 4404 SE King Road, Milwaukie, clarified a statement he made at an earlier Council meeting and spoke to the cooperation of Interim Planning Director John Gessner and other City employees.

**Teresa Bresaw**, 12744 SE Weedman Court, and **Paul Anderson**, 4284 SE Somewhere Drive, spoke on behalf of the Lake Road Neighborhood District Association (NDA). Anderson read a letter into the record relating the Association members' unanimous vote at the February 13 meeting to request funds for a neighborhood park on the Palm property. The parcel is as yet undeveloped, and residents believe 4 lots would create a good-sized park for what has been identified as an under-served area of the City.

**Bresaw** understands from Metro Councilor Bragdon there is about \$53,000 available in Local Share money. She will also look at grant funds and other money sources. Mayor Bernard suggested talking to the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

**Anderson** commented on the neighborhood's desire to preserve a row of cedar trees on the east side of the Palm property.

## **PUBLIC HEARING -- None Scheduled**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Downtown Parking and Traffic Management Plan**

This agenda item was postponed to March 5.

#### **Urban Forestry Ad Hoc Committee Report**

**Kent**, joined by Committee member Roger Cornell, reviewed the charge and discussed the group's problem in reaching consensus on regulating trees on private property. Most of the members agree it is appropriate to have a process for tree cutting and maintenance on public property. The Committee supports planting new trees and preserving valuable, existing trees.

**Councilor Newman** commented on the Lake Road Neighborhood's desire to preserve established trees on the Palm property and asked if the Committee had any recommendations related to groves of trees on undeveloped property.

**Cornell** said there was a lot of discussion about development on private property, but the Committee did not find a satisfactory answer. The group will look at the issue again if asked to do so.

**Mayor Bernard** noted, though public, School District property is not regulated.

**Cornell** said there was no discussion of exempting any public entities.

**Councilor Newman** found the public property recommendation acceptable but would like more work done on large, developable parcels with groves of trees.

The group discussed mitigation under the current application process, and **Kent** explained there is no mechanism for protecting trees prior to application.

**Cornell** would support re-planting requirements.

**Councilor Newman** suggested a developer might be required to preserve the tree cover as part of the variance process.

**Firestone** said variances are generally subject to the municipal code and must meet established criteria which could include limiting the impact to existing trees.

**Councilor Newman** summarized the comments. He understands there is support for regulating trees on public property. Although it is not desirable to regulate small projects, there are issues related to larger subdivision projects and preservation of groves of trees in neighborhoods.

**Councilor King** does not wish to regulate on private property but supports a public education program and a replanting program.

**Cornell** pointed out there are countless ways to circumvent regulations including removing only a few trees over a period of years.

**Swanson** cautioned against mixing 2 separate issues. The Lake Road NDA has made a request, and the applicant is meeting with the neighbors essentially to hear concerns and secure assistance at the time of application. That might be the appropriate time to address maintaining that stand of trees. The urban forestry issue has been a difficult process with disagreements stemming from deeply held philosophies. The Committee produced its report on those issues upon which it does and does not agree. He suggested the Council make its determination on March 4 when Councilor Marshall is present.

### **Budget Process and Schedule**

**Swanson** reviewed the proposed budget process which would begin with a Budget Committee work session on April 15. The formal process will begin in May.

### **Other Items**

**Sharon Van Horn** and **Roz Geise** provided information on the annual Festival Daze event to be held June 14 - 16.

**Mayor Bernard** announced the City of Portland's Environmental Overlay Open House schedule.

**Councilor King** asked for volunteers for the March 10 Feed the Hungry dinner at St. John's Episcopal Church.

### **Adjournment**

**It was moved by Councilor King and seconded by Councilor Newman to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously among the members present.**

**Mayor Bernard** adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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Pat DuVal, Recorder