

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
May 20, 2002**

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

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

Staff present: City Manager Swanson, Police Chief Kanzler, and Program Specialist Herrigel.

Information Sharing

Dispatch Services

Swanson and **Kanzler** discussed emergency dispatch options and the viability of contracting with Lake Oswego for services. **Swanson** characterized dispatch as an invisible service. What is noticed is the officer who shows up at the door.

Councilor King asked how frequently the contract would be reviewed.

Kanzler said once the decision to contract with Lake Oswego is made, there can be no turn around. Lake Oswego contracts with numerous jurisdictions and special districts. It is a highly sophisticated operation with a very good customer service reputation.

Mayor Bernard asked if it would be feasible to move municipal court into the current dispatch area.

Kanzler responded there is a lot of computer wiring going through that area of the Public Safety Building, and he expressed concerned about security. He suggested moving the IST department from the second floor.

Mayor and Council Newsletter Articles

Swanson discussed the plan to include a Mayor and City Councilor column in each issue of *The Pilot*. **Councilor Newman** suggested the column be rotated among the 5 members each month.

Municipal Court Judge Contract

City Council directed staff to prepare a contract extending Ron Gray's services for an additional year and to schedule an executive session with him.

Tree City USA

City Council directed Swanson to begin preparing a Tree City USA application.

Open Public Forum

None.

Solid Waste Management Briefing

Herrigel updated the City Council on solid waste management in the City. The franchise agreements with Milwaukie's 7 haulers expires in 2004. She recommends surveying residential and commercial customers to determine the best option for the City to pursue in the future. She reviewed 5 major solid waste options with the pros and cons of each: pure competition, licensing or permitting, franchising, contracting, and municipal service.

Councilor Newman asked if the licensing/permitting option could be done geographically.

Herrigel responded this option could be done geographically but not necessarily.

Mayor Bernard asked if 1 hauler has most of the commercial customers.

Herrigel said 1 hauler does have a large portion of the commercial area. Herrigel does not recommend Council consider the competition, municipal, or contracting options. Responding to a question from Councilor King, she said Milwaukie has been franchising with haulers for about 50 years. She hopes to begin the residential survey in June.

Estele Harlan was in the audience with several current franchisee representatives. Harlan said, though people tend to talk about service options, this is the livelihood for these individuals. In the past year, commercial rates have been lowered to meet business community concerns. Haulers also invested a lot of money in providing roller carts for yard debris. Harlan cautioned against the pure competition option because rates and service can vary significantly. She added that 2 companies currently provide drop boxes, and all current haulers have some commercial customers. With the exception of Waste Management, most of these would be considered family-owned businesses.

Councilor Newman asked if the licensing scenario would allow for standardized, equitable rates.

Harlan said, in a system like the City of Portland's, there is not that level of regulation. If Milwaukie wishes to have that level of regulation, it should probably continue with the franchise option.

Council felt most Milwaukie customers were satisfied with their garbage service and recommended using existing regional data and not spending a lot of money on customer surveys.

Enterprise Zone Update

Greg Jenks and **Renate Mengelberg**, Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development, updated the City Council on enterprise zone activities. Jenks outlined the economic development principles, reviewed the jobs/housing balance, and summarized the incentive programs. He noted Clackamas County has the largest “out commute” in the state, and Mengelberg added the average commute is 21 minutes.

Jenks described the Milwaukie/North Clackamas enterprise zone location, purpose, and tax abatement applicable to expansion as well as new construction. He discussed the concept of negotiated community service fees for such activities as schools and libraries. He briefly described urban renewal and tax increment financing. The group discussed the Clackamas Town Center renewal district and the effects of Measure 47 and 50 on countywide assessments.

Next steps to consider are revisions to the current enterprise zone agreement, consideration of vertical housing to encourage mixed use, and program re-evaluation upon completion of the urban renewal study.

Community Goals

Swanson will incorporate Councilor Marshall's and Rouyer's comments. There were no further suggestions from Council.

Councilor Marshall requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to ORS 192.660.

It was moved by Councilor Marshall and seconded by Councilor King to adjourn the work session. Motion passed unanimously among the members present.

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

Pat DuVal, Recorder