

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2002**

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 Mike Swanson, Director of Community Development and Public Works Alice Rouyer, Planning Director John Gessner, Interim Engineering Director Paul Shirey, and Project Manager Jeff King.

### **Information Sharing**

1. City Council agreed to read a proclamation recognizing Bob's Red Mill Natural Foods groundbreaking ceremony on November 12.
2. The group discussed disposition of property located at 12125 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At a recent meeting, neighbors indicated they would like to see the lots developed for residential use.
3. Mayor Bernard, Planning Commissioner Rosemary Crites, and Project Manager King recently toured the Gresham Station development.
4. The City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a waiver of potential conflict of interest for Ramis, Crew, Corrigan & Bachrach in upcoming services related to AT&T Wireless.
5. Swanson feels that whatever the outcome of the local option tax measure 3-77 on the November ballot, the community and organization is richer for their coming together during the campaign. He felt he and Mayor Bernard had been treated with respect in all community meetings they attended.
6. Rouyer introduced Jeff King, Project Manager, and Paul Shirey, Interim Director of Engineering, both recently hired to fill vacant positions in the City.

### **Volume-Based Sewer Rate Update**

**Rouyer** advised the City Council that staff has received citizen complaints about the recent sewer rate increases on their utility bills. Records indicate the volume-based sewer rate implemented on July 1 may not be revenue neutral as planned at the outset. The purpose of this update was to inform Council that staff is evaluating the current rate and will report its findings.

The group discussed sewage treatment costs and the feasibility of an early pay off of capital improvement costs for the Kellogg Treatment Plant. **Councilor Lancaster** urged caution since there is a positive cash flow, and **Mayor Bernard** recommended some sort of interest rate charge on late payments.

**Tyler McCune**, Filbert Street resident, commented on the increased sewer charges. He felt the consumers could have been better informed and suggested training operations crews to respond to residents' questions in the field. He questioned why the sewer rate was greater than the water rate. He does not believe the sewer system has as many maintenance requirements as the City's water system, and the crews are equal.

### **North Main Street Developer Selection Committee Charge Statement**

**Rouyer** reviewed the proposed charge statement and membership criteria.

The City Council did not feel it was necessary to have a Council member on the Committee to act as a liaison. After some discussion the City Council agreed to the following membership criteria: Library Board member or Friends of the Library representative; Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association representative; downtown business or property owner; 2 at-large members with a preference for people with design, architecture, development, or commercial real estate backgrounds.

**Councilor Marshall** proposed charge the statement include step #5 – to disband the Committee after it makes its recommendation to the City Council.

Staff will prepare a resolution for the next City Council meeting that establishes the Committee so members can legitimately enter into executive session.

**King** briefly reviewed the project schedule that includes an open house for City Council and the public to review the proposals and provide input.

### **The House on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

**Mayor Bernard** announced Peterson had turned over ownership of the structure to another party who has agreed to move it to a suitable site. He anticipates it will be moved by early January.

The work session ended at 7:20 p.m.

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Pat DuVal, Recorder