

## MINUTES

### MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DECEMBER 1, 2003

**Mayor Bernard** called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilors present: Barnes, Lancaster, Loomis, and Stone.

Staff present: City Manager Mike Swanson, Community Development/Public Works Director Alice Rouyer, and Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel.

#### Information Sharing

**Rouyer** asked for Council direction on a request from Metro Councilor Brian Newman for a letter supporting a pedestrian/bike pathway on the railroad trestle between Milwaukie and Lake Oswego. Council agreed staff should prepare such a letter, but also wanted it to stress the importance Milwaukie's other critical transportation needs like the Lake Road Multimodal Plan.

**Mayor Bernard** announced the City would fly its flags at half-staff in honor of retired Milwaukie Detective Sergeant Lon Loudenback who passed away on November 28, 2003.

#### Riverfront Park Naming Contest

**Herrigel** said over 100 suggestions were submitted for the park naming contest. The Park and Recreation and Riverfront Boards reviewed the names and selected three to forward to the Neighborhood District Associations (NDA) for their input. Three NDAs responded by ranking the names, which are now before Council for the final decision. The top names were Centennial Riverfront Park, Milwaukie Riverfront Park, and Harlow Ferry Park, and in each instance, the NDAs ranked Milwaukie Riverfront Park as number 1.

**Mayor Bernard** liked Harlow Ferry Park for its historic value. **Councilor Loomis** and **Councilor Stone** liked the simplicity of Milwaukie Riverfront Park. **Councilor Lancaster** agreed although he was surprised no one pursued the theme of the two creeks or the Lot Whitcomb.

#### Council Meeting Schedule

**Swanson** recommended the Council return to its previous practice of holding work sessions and regular session on one evening. The Charter provides that the Council meet two times each month in regular session, and the Code requires these meetings be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month unless

notice is given the public otherwise. In January of each year, Council adopts a resolution setting the meeting dates for that upcoming year. If the situation warrants, the City Council may call a work session on another night and notify the public.

**Councilor Stone** does not believe long meetings are productive and would like to avoid them.

**Mayor Bernard** and **Councilor Barnes** were in favor of meeting in work session at 5:30 p.m. then going into regular session at 6 p.m.

**Councilor Loomis** was in favor of the work session at 6 p.m. and the regular session at 7 p.m. In his conversations with staff, they do not seem to like the two night meetings in a row, and this is something that could be done to help out staff when there is no money. He believes this would also be good for citizens.

The group agreed the work session would start at 5:30 p.m. and the regular session at 6:30 p.m. If there are no items for discussion for a work session, that session would be cancelled.

**Mayor Bernard** adjourned the work session at 6:25 p.m.

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Pat DuVal, Recorder