

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 4, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Fitch – Clifford Evelyn – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Police Captain Devin Lewis – Interim Public Works Director John Skidmore – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist II Tyler Roppe – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Division Manager Josh Wedding – City Engineer Jessica McClanahan

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Mayor Ed Fitch

City Attorney Keith Leitz administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Ed Fitch.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to nominate Councilor Zwicker for Council President, motion passed. (Fitch-yes, Evelyn-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Guest Presentation: Discussion of Legislative Concept from Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang

Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang requested Council's assistance to establish legislative authority for the County's taxing districts to help youth and families in the community to attain stable housing.

Council supports Commissioner Chang's request but recommended adding a sunset clause giving the taxing districts an opportunity to stop participating. Council would like documentation showing the land auctions for the past few years.

CITY MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Resolution 2023-01 - Adoption of Amended City Council Rules for 2023

City Manager Keith Witcosky reviewed adjustments made to the City Council Rules at the December 3, 2022, City Council Retreat. Staff will make clarifying amendments regarding the Council liaison roles, the definition of the term "residents", and the inconsistencies between the term's "resident" and "Community Members".

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding to approve Resolution 2023-01, motion passed. (Fitch-yes, Evelyn-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-abstain, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Initial Calendar of Council Policy Items for the months of January 2023 through June 2023

Mr. Witcosky presented information on the structure of policies coming before the Council, and joint committee and commission meetings for the next year. Other discussions that will come before the Council include fireworks and dispensaries.

C. Work Session Methodology for 2023

Mr. Witcosky presented an overview of the Work Session Policy Worksheets and how they will be used when presenting items in the council packet.

D. Ethics and Anti-Harassment Training

Mr. Leitz presented trainings on the Oregon Government Ethics Law and anti-harassment.

E. Upcoming Items Preview: Purpose of the Transportation System Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan

City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan presented an overview of the City of Redmond Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The Council supports re-evaluating the TSP due to growth in the City. Staff will work with a consultant to create an amendment to the TSP.

F. City Council Vacancy Appointment Process

Mayor Fitch shared that the City has received five applications for the Council vacancy. He stated that the Council will be discussing the applications after the deadline closes on January 13, 2023.

G. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Calendar and 2023 Goalsetting

Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented an overview of the 2023-2024 budget process which is comprised of four components: preparing the budget Council goals, approving the budget, adopting the budget, and managing the budget.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker thanked Staff for the information they presented to start off the Council session.

Councilor Nielsen expressed his gratitude to staff for being helpful, supportive, welcoming, and making the process of coming on board less scary.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on Council Goal Setting (possible two-year goalsetting instead of one-year with reexamination at the end of the year); Public input on Council goals; Council Liaison roles; a Collaboration Agreement for the Council similar to staff's working agreements; and A homelessness conference on January 19, 2023, at Mountain View Fellowship.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Witcosky stated the Council meetings will move back to Tuesdays starting next week. He introduced Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore who will be with the City until June or July to lead through the budget and to help find a full-time Public Works director. Mr. Witcosky stated the Council will receive an update on Republic Services as they go through the transition at the end of March. Mr. Witcosky thanked the Police Department for their response to several difficult calls for service during the New Year's weekend and recognized Chief Lewis and his team for their work and continued professionalism. A discussion took place with Governor-Elect Tina Kotak's Transition Team, which included approximately 30 people from Central Oregon, including the Chief and other staff from the City of Redmond were part of a conversation to talk about homelessness

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 24th day of January 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder