

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 10, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist II Christian Armatas – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Division Manager Josh Wedding – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez

MEDIA PRESENT: Central Oregon Daily

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

BLESSING

Pastor Jim Holm of City Center Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident and former Urban Area Planning Commission Chair James Cook thanked the Council for stepping up to serve the community and shared that he is confident Council can work together with the community to build a better and stronger future for all residents.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke about the constitutional rights to free speech and discussed the Confederate Flag being flown as part of Redmond's July 4th parade during the height of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Redmond resident Trevor Johnson congratulated the new Council and encouraged the community to be open-minded because Redmond will not always be a small town which means welcoming diverse people. He announced that he is working on organizing Redmond's first annual Pride Festival.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of October 25, 2022, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of November 15, 2022, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of December 20, 2022, Council Meeting**

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the Consent Agenda, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

- A. The Central Dry Canyon Park Infrastructure Plan (PK2102) Design Award Contract to Environmental Science Associates for \$409,100.**

Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez requested approval of a design contract with Environmental Science Associates in the amount of \$409,100.00 for the Central Dry Canyon Park Infrastructure Plan.

Parks Committee member Richard Lance shared that he has been involved in the Dry Canyon for many years and has been delighted to see the increased popularity. He added that the plan provides curbing along major areas which would provide more parking and a more efficient way for vehicles to enter and exit.

Parks Committee Chair Alan Ewert commented that the Parks Committee is ready to investigate the different types of uses, how to accommodate them, and to rely on Council's judgment to make the right choice.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to award a contract to Environmental Science Associates for design and construction oversight of the Central Dry Canyon Infrastructure Plan in the amount of \$409,100, and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Antler Waterline Extensions Project (WA 2301) - Jaron McKernan Enterprises Contract: \$139,161.85

City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan requested approval of a contract with Jaron McKernan Enterprises, in the amount of \$139,161.85, for the Antler Waterline Extensions Project. The City received ten bids in response to a formal solicitation. Jaron McKernan Enterprises was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate of costs was \$189,000.00

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award the Antler Waterline Extension Project to Jaron McKernan Enterprises in the amount of \$139,161.85, and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker thanked Ms. Ramirez and the Parks Committee for their hard work and for letting her be the liaison for her first year as Councilor. She shared information on projects that are coming forward from the committee.

Councilor Evelyn reported that the City Council and staff are working hard and committed to moving Redmond forward.

Councilor Osborne thanked everyone who attended the meeting and added that whether they agree or disagree, she appreciates everyone for exercising their voices. She thanked Ms. Ramirez and the Parks Committee for their hard work and transparency.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee - Appointment of Liz Goodrich term expiring December 31, 2025

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve the appointment of Liz Goodrich to the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, term expiring December 31, 2025, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Historic Landmarks Commission - Appointment of Shannon Farnsworth Rose term expiring December 31, 2023

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the appointment of Shannon Farnsworth Rose to the Historic Landmarks Commission, term expiring December 31, 2023, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Housing and Community Development Committee - Appointment of Diana Barker term expiring December 31, 2026.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the appointment of Diana Barker to the Housing and Community Development Committee, term expiring December 31, 2026, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

D. 2023 City Council Liaison List

Council is supportive of moving forward with the Council Liaison List as presented.

Mayor Fitch opined that Redmond has experienced a lot of change in the past five or six years with all the City's growth, including a change in demographics. He noted that this Council is committed to serving all people in the community and will do so in an open and transparent way, and by inviting comments from all sides. The Council's goal is to treat everyone fairly, equally and make decisions that are best for the entire community.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky discussed the Council vacancy recruitment will close on January 13, 2023. He announced that Council would have their first work session on homelessness on January 31, 2023, where there would be a discussion on the systems, a regional approach, and the role Redmond can play. He discussed joint meetings with the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and the Parks Committee.

Mr. Witcosky shared that the City has a \$2 million federal grant request for Well 9 which will be located in the Dry Canyon. In addition, there is also a grant request, that if awarded, would provide some funding for Northpoint Vista infrastructure. He shared that Redmond received \$3 million in lottery funds for a mental health triage component to the Public Safety Facility, but Deschutes County has decided on a different path. Staff worked with Representative Emerson Levy, state representatives, and the Chief of Police to request that the \$3 million be redirected toward some of the public benefit associated with the Public Safety Facility.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Jeff Stevens commented on the Confederate flag and opined that not a single person in Redmond believes slavery was a good thing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of February 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder