REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 24, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch –John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding (Virtual) – Cat Zwicker**
STAFF PRESENT:	**City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Interim Public Works Director John Skidmore – Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist II Tyler Roppe – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Water Distribution Operations Coordinator Jeremiah Wooden – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Division Manager Josh Wedding – Fleet Manager Scott Gibson**
MEDIA PRESENT:	**None**

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

BLESSING

Pastor Ken Marshall of City Center Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCILOR

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the appointment of Tobias Colvin to City Council, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz administered the oath of office to Councilor Colvin.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING
A. Written Comments from Vicki Harrington

Redmond resident Jay Patrick addressed the Council regarding Redmond's changing demographics and population growth. He encouraged the Council to consider the November 8, 2022, election when debating what is appropriate for the community.

Redmond resident Sally Griffin addressed the Council regarding a property on SW Canal Boulevard that she deems an “eyesore”. She requested that Code Enforcement address the issue.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke to the Council regarding slavery and opined history revisionism is rampant in the United States.

Redmond resident Lena Berry requested Council action on issues that include zoning to allows Recreational Vehicles (RVs) spaces in smaller parks, smaller mobile home parks for lower-income people that are City run, and a fund or work program to fix RVs.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Minutes of December 13, 2022, Council Meeting
B. Minutes of January 4, 2023, Council Meeting

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A. Black History Month

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

Councilor Evelyn read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Debrief on January 19, 2023, Community Forum on Homelessness

Staff presented a debrief of the January 19, 2023, forum on Houselessness.

B. Making Policy Decisions in the Context of Population Growth

Deputy City Manager John Roberts presented a high-level overview of Redmond's population trends and projections seen in both Deschutes County and the City. He discussed the importance of understanding the population trends and growth, the role Portland State University plays with their Population Research Center, and the significance of their work moving forward.

C. Urban Renewal Debt Issuance Update

Deputy City Manager Jason Neff presented an update on the debt issuance for the Downtown Urban Renewal District in preparation for Council's joint meeting with the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee. He explained that the City is in a good position financially to service the debt.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Approval for the purchase of 4,000-gallon De-Ice Truck; $459,646.00.

Mr. Neff requested approval to purchase a 4,000-gallon de-ice truck for the for the Airport in the amount of $459.646.00. Staff solicited quotes from potential suppliers but only received one. Mr. Neff explained that arrival of the vehicle is anticipated in the Fiscal Year 2024 due to supply chain issues.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the purchase of a 4,000-gallon de-ice truck for $459,646.00, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Approval for the Purchase of a Used 4,000-gallon Water Truck, not to exceed $150,000.

Mr. Neff requested approval to purchase a used 4,000-gallon water truck for the Airport, in an amount not to exceed $150,000. Staff's intention is to purchase a used, 2009 model vehicle.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the purchase of a used 4,000-gallon water truck for the airport, not to exceed $150,000, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2023-01 - An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 2, amending sections relating to City Council meetings, the Juniper Golf Committee, the Redmond Development Committee, and surplus property.

Mr. Leitz presented an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 2 of the Redmond City Code. Amendments relate to City Council meetings, the Juniper Golf Committee, the Redmond Development Committee, and surplus property.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2023-01 by title only, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz gave a first and second reading of Ordinance #2023-01 by title only.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve Ordinance #2023-01, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS
Mr. Witcosky congratulated Councilor Colvin on his appointment to Council. He described City Day at the State Capital, its importance to cities, and noted Redmond will be represented by Councilors Osborne and Zwicker and City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan. Central Oregon Cities Organization Lobbyist Doug Riggs will give a legislative report at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Witcosky shared details on items expected to come before the Council at the February 14, 2023, Council meeting and the March 7, 2023, Joint Meeting with Deschutes County.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Councilor Colvin thanked the Council for appointing him to the vacant Council position adding he looks forward to a great two years of helping with some extraordinary challenges and growth.

Councilor Osborne welcomed Councilor Colvin.

Councilor Evelyn thanked those in attendance at the meeting and thanked the eight applicants who applied to Council. He thanked staff for their presentations this evening.

Councilor Zwicker welcomed Councilor Colvin. She stated good candidates applied, and she hopes they will take advantage of committee and commission positions currently open. She thanked everybody who was present and appreciated their comments.

Councilor Nielsen looks forward to working with Councilor Colvin and thanked the participants on the homelessness panel, specifically Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Director Steve Curley and Police Chief Devin Lewis. He also thanked Mr. Leitz for attending the panel and framing the argument.

Councilor Wedding welcomed Councilor Colvin and thanked the applicants that applied.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS
Mayor Fitch explained that filling a Council vacancy is challenging because of the great people who applied, and he is glad to have Councilor Colvin on board. The Council will be working on goal setting over the next few months and invited the community to submit input regarding those goals. He shared details of a meeting with the Bureau of Land Management where homelessness and the Redmond Caves property were discussed. Mayor Fitch met with the delegation from Senator Jeff Merkley's office and plans to meet with Ben Schimmoller from Representative Lori Chavez-Deremer's office. He emphasized the need for more cooperation at the local level between federal, state, and local agencies. He stated he is committed to fostering such relationships.

Mayor Fitch reported that the City received several applicants to develop the Northpoint Vista Neighborhood, and the process is going through its final stages of review with Staff. He thanked everyone who attended the meeting adding that Council's goal is to have as much public participation as possible.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A Redmond resident commented on the homelessness situation, shared information on the homeless situation in Austin, Texas, and urged Redmond to look at what other cities are doing and what they have found to be successful.

Ms. Griffin addressed Mr. Patrick's comments regarding marijuana dispensaries in Redmond. She explained that marijuana helps people with medical issues and opined that tobacco and alcohol kill larger numbers of people.

There being no further business for open session, Mayor Fitch took the Council into Executive Session and indicated there would be no motions as a result of Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) which authorizes executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and ORS 192.660(2)(h) which authorizes executive sessions to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Fitch closed Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 28th day of February 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder