

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 31, 2023, IN CIVIC ROOM 207/208.

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – Deputy City Manager Jason Neff – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Division Manager Joshua Wedding – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold – Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Homelessness Worksession #1

Coordinated Houseless Response Office Executive Director Cheyenne Purrington, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Housing Coordinator Chris Ogren, NeighborImpact Unhoused Services Data Coordinator Caitlin Rogers, and JBarJ Services and Homeless Leadership Coalition Chair Eliza Wilson described their organizations and the coordinated efforts to assess area houselessness and establish a Coordinated Houseless Response System for the region, using a more strategic, systems-focused approach to reduce houselessness issues in the future. The panel described response best practices, which included continuum of care, a Coordinated Entry System, Point in Time Count, and a Homeless Management Information System.

The Council was presented with local data on houselessness, as well as systemic barriers attributing to the issue and key factors on how growing needs can be addressed.

Mayor Fitch recommended involving the Bureau of Land Management due to homeless camps on their property.

B. Joint Meeting with the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee

Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold explained that the purpose of the joint meeting was to identify when the Urban Renewal Agency and the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (DURAC) need to be involved in strategic discussions on urban renewal projects. He and Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner reviewed work done by DURAC subcommittees, the process for evaluating and obtaining approval for urban renewal projects, and potential projects in the Midtown area.

The DURAC Family Fun and Housing Subcommittee updated the Council on the work being done toward a family fun activity center and downtown housing development, and highlighted the processes and strategies being used to bring projects to fruition.

Staff addressed questions from the Council regarding timing and viability of projects.

In light of St Charles Healthcare's announcement of a \$90 million Cancer Center, the Housing Subcommittee discussed affordable housing in the Medical district, particularly for nurses. The

subcommittee showed support for Accessory Dwelling Units, easier partitions of tax lots, and enhancing the System Development Charge Buydown Program to increase incentives.

Staff discussed the City-owned Evergreen Gym property being an opportunity site that is listed on the Housing Action Plan, noting Council would need to consider the City's assets and whether the building remained, or the site became a different asset in the future.

C. 2023 Oregon Legislative Update with Central Oregon Cities Lobbyist Doug Riggs

Central Oregon Cities Organization Lobbyist Doug Riggs presented an update on the 2023 Legislative session and explained that the top issue on the legislature's agenda included the Governor's budget, which involved housing and homelessness, and the ability to build housing as infrastructure. Mr. Riggs explained that industrial land and job creation are key priorities, along with the need for infrastructure to connect with the rest of the City. He announced upcoming bills that would impact the City and invited the Council to join the monthly teleconference held on the fourth Thursday of each month. He addressed questions from Council.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Award contract for Construction Management/General Contractor services for the new Public Safety Facility to Pence Contractors for Pre-Construction services in the amount of \$89,577.

Police Chief Devin Lewis requested approval of a contract with Pence Contractors in a not to exceed amount of \$89,577 to Pence Contractors for pre-construction services related to the Public Safety Facility. After reviewing the four proposals received by the City, three firms were invited to interview. Pence Contractors received the highest ranking due to their experience as Construction Management/General Contractors on public projects but also for their experience in managing these types of projects.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to award the contract for Construction Management/General Contractor services for the new Public Safety Facility to Pence Contractors for Pre-Construction services in the amount not to exceed \$89,577 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Housing and Community Development Committee - Appointment of Amber Wilson term expiring December 31, 2024.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve Amber Wilson to the Housing and Community Development Committee, term expiring December 31, 2024, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Juniper Golf Committee - Appointment of Jake Van Cleave, effective February 23, 2023, with a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to approve Jake Van Cleave to the Juniper Golf Committee, term expiring December 31, 2025, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Urban Area Planning Commission - Appointment of Mercedes Cook-Bostick term expiring December 31, 2024.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to approve Mercedes Cook-Bostick to the Urban Area Planning Commission term expiring December 31, 2024, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Fitch-yes, Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fitch updated Council on recent meetings with the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Dry Canyon Art Association Board, and Redmond Little League. Additionally, Mayor Fitch spoke regarding a potential meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration concerning a possible land exchange involving County patent land near the airport.

City Manager Keith Witcosky briefly described the process for Council's upcoming goal setting session and announced upcoming joint Council meetings with Deschutes County and the Urban Area Planning Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 March 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder