

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MAY 9, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Billing & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor – Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline – Parks Planner & Project Manager Maria Ramirez – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore – Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold – Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner – Streets Operations Manager Brad Haynes – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Lieutenant Curtis Chambers – IT Network Technician Tyler Roppe – Transportation Operations Division Supervisor Anthony Ortgies – PFC Operations & Maintenance Manager Dusty Hood

MEDIA PRESENT: Redmond Spokesman – Central Oregon Daily News

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

BLESSING

Denise English, Reiki Practitioner, led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Osborne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IF I WERE MAYOR CONTEST UPDATE

Mayor Fitch congratulated Evonna West, Redmond's local "If I Were Mayor" contest winner in the presentation category, for winning third-place at the state level.

Mayor Fitch noted with the election on May 16, 2023, the ballot box has been relocated from the library to the Centennial Park parking lot.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from Citizens

Redmond resident and Local Paws owner Jessica Tiersma addressed the Council over concerns about the lack of parking around SW 4th Street and SW Evergreen Avenue due to the opening of new businesses in the area. She asked for the City's assistance in finding a solution for her customers.

General Duffy's Owner Dick Robertson expressed concerns similar to Ms. Tiersma, noting the Blacksmith's employees and customers are parking on his property. He stated he was not notified by the Planning Department prior to the decision being made.

Redmond resident and Local Paws owner Mark Tiersma spoke about the risk to his business due to the lack of parking. He asked the City to install and enforce parking space signs such as "20-minute parking only" within a specified timeframe.

Redmond resident Stephanie Hunter shared information on the Central Oregon Autism Movement Color Walk at Highland Baptist Church on May 13, 2023. She noted there are 64 volunteer spots still open.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of March 7, 2023, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of March 14, 2023, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of March 28, 2023, Council Meeting**
- D. Minutes of April 4, 2023, Joint Meeting with the Urban Area Planning Commission**
- E. Minutes of April 11, 2023, Council Meeting**
- F. National Public Works Week Proclamation - May 21-27, 2023**
- G. Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation - May 2023**
- H. Wildfire Awareness Month Proclamation - May 2023**
- I. Redmond Manufacturing Day Proclamation - June 2023**

Regarding Consent Agenda item F, Parks Planner & Project Manager Maria Ramirez spoke on National Public Works Week and the opportunity, in partnership with the American Public Works Association, to celebrate Redmond's Public Works Department and show appreciation to staff. Mayor Fitch thanked Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore who will be leaving the City soon and congratulated City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, who has been selected as the new Public Works Director.

Regarding Consent Agenda item H, Councilor Osborne spoke about attending the 2023 Wildfire Information Report hosted by Deschutes County and urged everyone to use caution when camping with open fires.

Regarding Consent Agenda item I, Redmond Economic Development Director Steve Curley shared information on the 10th Annual Made in Redmond Tour which focuses on manufacturing in Redmond.

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Traffic Safety: How Speeding and Traffic Safety Concerns are Analyzed in the City of Redmond

Ms. MacClanahan presented an overview of how the City handles traffic concerns or inquiries, introducing the Redmond Traffic Safety Working Group and addressing the program purpose and context, the process, the case study of West Antler Avenue and 35th Street, and the group's vision for continued improvement.

Transight Consulting Traffic Engineer Joe Bessman addressed Redmond data on crashes, 2023 service requests by type, project prioritization, Oregon speed limit laws, and tools to mitigate traffic safety concerns, specifically to control speed, enhance pedestrian crossings, and for intersection control.

The Traffic Safety Working Group can be reached at trafficcomplaints@redmondoregon.gov. Questions from Council were addressed.

Mayor Fitch stated he anticipates Oregon Department of Transportation will receive funding in the next year or two to rebuild South Highway 97 including a median. The City has a plan to put the east side alternative into place in the next three to five years.

B. Solid Waste Services Update from Republic

Republic Services' General Manager Erica Lindberg and Municipal Manager Courtney Voss presented the Council with a request for a solid waste rate increase of 24 percent. They introduced the operations team that services Redmond, provided a franchise overview, reviewed 2022 operational highlights, addressed volumes and the Recycling Modernization Act, and provided a 2022 financial review.

Ms. Lindberg and Ms. Voss answered various questions from the Council.

Mayor Fitch recommended a discussion with Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, staff, and a council liaison to address some of the questions raised, rather than try to work the matter out within the context of a Council meeting.

After a short break, Mayor Fitch reconvened the meeting.

C. 2023 Homelessness Point in Time Count

NeighborImpact's Unhoused Services Data Coordinator Caitlin Rodgers presented results and a detailed data analysis of the Point-In-Time Count specifically for Redmond. On the night of the count, January 24, 2023, 262 individuals were experiencing homelessness of which 136 were unsheltered (via surveys), an additional 73 were unsheltered (via observation), and another 53 were sheltered (via surveys). Comparison of data from 2022 showed an increase.

Questions or follow-up conversation can be directed to Ms. Rodgers or any of the Homeless Leadership Coalition members at info@cohomeless.org.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Resolution #2023-08 - A resolution adopting the Community Development Block Grant 2023 Annual Action Plan and authorizing the submission of the Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline requested approval of Resolution #2023-08 which adopts the Community Development Block Grant 2023 Annual Action Plan and authorizes its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This year Redmond will receive \$236,714, with a \$36,000 carry-over, for total funding of \$272,714. The Housing and Community Development Committee received two applications, from Shepherd's House and THRIVE, which they decided to fund equally. The remainder of the money will be set aside for public facilities and improvements.

Seeing no public comment, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Resolution #2023-08, adopting the Community Development Block Grant 2023 Annual Action Plan and authorizing the submission of the Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Ordinance #2023-04 - An Ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 5 banning fireworks in the Dry Canyon Parks System, updating text to improve administration and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Keith Leitz requested approval of Ordinance #2023-04 which bans the use of fireworks in the Dry Canyon. In addition, there are small technical amendments to the ordinance that were not included in the online meeting packet. The amendments consist of the addition of Section 5.314(1)(O)(i) which reads "For the purposes of Section 5.314(1)(O), the Dry Canyon Parks System is defined as all City-owned property between the canyon rims running from Quartz Avenue to Spruce Avenue." and Section 5.314(1)(O)(ii) which reads "A violation of 5.314(1)(O) is a Class A civil infraction."

Seeing no public comment, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to have the first and second reading of Ordinance #2023-04, by title only, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the first and second reading of Ordinance #2023-04 by title only.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve Ordinance #2023-04, by title only, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Authorization to sell a 0.02 acre City-owned property near 1309 SW 15th St (Tax Lot 151316CC03600) to Margaret McCoullough in the amount of \$2,000.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Ms. MacClanahan provided background on the 6-foot wide by 180 foot long, 0.02 acre parcel located on SW 15th Street. The adjacent property owner contacted the City and would like to purchase the strip next to her property. Staff consulted the Real Estate Broker of Record and considered Deschutes County assessment records to develop a fair market value of \$2,000 for the property.

Seeing no public comment, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to authorize the City Manager to sign the sales agreement and execute all the necessary actions to complete the conveyance of Tax Lot 151316CC03600 in the amount of \$2,000 and associated closing costs, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration to allow two City-owned parcels, both adjacent to South Highway 97 and south of Veterans Way, to be used as part of the Safe Parking Program

Ms. Cline, Mountain View Community Development Director Rick Russell, and Housing and Community Development Committee Chair Andrew Hoeksema requested approval to use two City-owned parcels for the Safe Parking Program. If approved, an estimated \$10,000 would be needed for mitigation, including City staff and equipment.

The panel addressed questions from the Council.

Redmond resident Denise Holly spoke about her support of the Safe Parking Program and the acute shortage of trailer spaces, adding the City should make it legal for people to live in RVs on private property with the owner's permission.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to authorize the use of the identified City-owned properties at 1949 South Highway 97 and the non-addressed City property directly south of 1900 South Highway 97 for the Safe Parking and Vehicle Camping Program administered by Mountainview Community Development and authorize site clean-up and other mitigation efforts as requested in the amount not to exceed \$10,000, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Sale of City-owned property located near SW Canal and SW Odem Medo Road to Housing Works (Tax Lot 151321CB01400) in the amount of \$2,000.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts requested approval of the sale of a parcel of approximately 9,000 square feet to Housing Works for their upgrading of the Spencer Court development from 16 units of independent living for low- to moderate-income people to a 60-unit facility. The property proposed for

sale abuts the Housing Works property. The City has no use for the property; however, an easement for potential future right-of-way will be included in the deed descriptions.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to authorize the City Manager to sign the sales agreement and execute all actions necessary to complete the conveyance of Tax Lot 151321CB01400 to Housing Works in the amount of \$2,000 and associated closing costs, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the portable restroom situation in City parks due to a change in vendor, and status of the recently approved camera project which should begin to deter some of the misbehavior in the parks. He confirmed the cameras are outside the bathrooms. He noted that Ms. MacClanahan's new position as Public Works Director will take effect May 21. Those living in the Runway Protection Zone received a second round of notifications about the closure over the course of the summer. A third round of notifications will occur the first week of June. Mr. Witcosky thanked Ms. Cline and the staff that worked on the application for the state's homeless funding. He reported on attending briefings in Salem with Mr. Roberts and Councilor Osborne and other Central Oregon cities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin expressed appreciation for everyone who attended the meeting, congratulated Mr. Neff and his team for their work on the budget meetings last week, and recognized Mr. Russell for helping the City.

Councilor Osborne thanked staff and the Council for the time they put into projects that take place outside of Council Chambers, addressing her top five: attending the League of Oregon Cities with Councilor Zwicker, the 2023 Central Oregon fire year debriefing, the East Side Redmond Area clean-up, Central Oregon Cities Organization Day at the Capital, and attending the Tom McCall Elementary School focused reading event.

Councilor Wedding appreciated everyone who attended the meeting and the hard work of all the presenters.

Councilor Evelyn thanked Mr. Russell, Ms. Cline, and Mr. Hoeksema and his team for the hard work put into Safe Parking, James Cook for his work on Oasis Village, and everyone for their presentations tonight.

Councilor Zwicker spoke on attending the League of Oregon Cities event. She appreciated the time put into the presentations and also staff time working on projects like Oasis Village and Safe Parking. She recently attended the Dry Canyon Arts Festival and spoke about the upcoming Historic Preservation Month event on May 20 at Grace and Hammer Pizza. She reported on working with the Childcare Task Force and the opportunities potentially coming to Redmond and Madras for 100 additional slots.

Councilor Nielsen congratulated Ms. MacClanahan on her promotion. He opined the decisions on affordable housing, resources to support existing shelters, and new sites for shelters at the meeting is how things are supposed to work. He is proud to sit with his fellow Councilors and have them support the hard work of staff and the public-private partnerships working to solve problems, thanking them all.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places - Appointment of Darlene Veenhuizen term expiring December 31, 2023.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to approve [the appointment of] Darlene Veenhuizen to the Arts Committee [Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places with a term expiring December 31, 2023], motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 9:05 pm 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.”

There were no motions as a result of Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 13th day of June 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder