

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD APRIL 11, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – 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 – Water Division Manager Joshua Wedding – Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore – Fleet Services Supervisor Scott Gibson – Streets Operations Manager Brad Haynes – City Recorder Kelly Morse

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Pastor Luke Cobrae of Journey Church Redmond led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this point in the meeting, the Council proceeded to Presentations.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident George Endicott addressed the Council regarding the disruptive events that occurred during the March 28, 2023, Council meeting. He advised the Council to refresh themselves on the Council Rules.

Redmond resident Don DeLand provided an update on upcoming activities by Redmond's veterans groups. He invited the Council to the Memorial Day Ceremony led by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4108.

Redmond resident Stephen Schaffer asked the public who choose to comment to keep their comments relevant to the issues concerning Redmond and to not waste time.

Redmond resident Jay Patrick urged the Council to not amend the code to allow marijuana dispensaries.

Redmond resident Whitney Bernhisel encouraged Council and members of the public to support the expansion of the Safe Parking Program.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke regarding her right to protest mask-wearing at the high school, and the right to free speech.

Redmond resident Lena Berry thanked the Council for their compassion this session with Safe Parking and working with the houseless community.

Redmond resident Stephanie Hunter shared details of her college research project on understanding NIMBYism (Not In My Back Yard organizing). She is exploring an independent study project on Redmond Street Outreach and will keep the Council posted.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of February 28, 2023, Council Meeting**
- B. Interchange Signal Maintenance Agreement A136-G0092418 with Oregon Department of Transportation**
- C. Foster Care Awareness Month Proclamation**

Councilor Colvin 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)

Mayor Fitch presented Court Appointed Special Advocates of Central Oregon Executive Director Heather Dion with the Foster Care Awareness Month proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

A. If I Were Mayor Contest

Mayor Fitch congratulated the annual "If I Were Mayor" Contest winners Evonna West, Jackson Meyer, Madison Seeger, and Ellie DeRoux and presented them each with a certificate and \$100. The students presented their submissions.

At this point in the meeting, the Council proceeded to Comments from Citizens at the Meeting.

B. Redmond Police Department 2022 Year in Review

Redmond Police Chief Devin Lewis presented the annual Redmond Police Department year in review for 2022. Highlights included an overview of the department's divisions and units; new programs, projects, and operational changes; key partnerships, including plans for a part-time victims assistance staff person; a training; and crime rate, service calls, and use of force statistics. Chief Lewis provided an update on the new Public Safety Facility. Despite Redmond being a safe place to live, he advised residents to be proactive and lock up their belongings, cars, garages, and houses.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. 2023 Type III Slurry Seal Project Bid Award to VSS International Inc, Project # TR2303: \$435,325.00

Streets Operations Manager Brad Haynes requested approval of a bid award to VSS International, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$435,325.00 for the 2023 Slurry Seal Project. The City received three bids; however, the lowest bidder was non-responsive because their bid was incomplete. The next lowest bidder, VSS International, Inc. was ultimately deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The City's estimate was \$570,000.00.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to award the 2023 Type III Slurry Seal Project to VSS International Inc in the not-to-exceed amount of \$435,325.00, 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)

B. 2023 Overlay Project Bid Award to High Desert Aggregate and Paving Inc: \$625,500.00

Mr. Haynes requested approval to of a bid award to High Desert Aggregate and Paving Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$625,500.00 for the 2023 Overlay Project. The City received three bids and after review, High Desert Aggregate and Paving Inc. was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The bid was over the City's estimate of \$500,000.00; however, there is sufficient funds budgeted for surface maintenance in Fiscal Year 2022/23 to cover the overage.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to award the 2023 Overlay Project to High Desert Aggregate and Paving in the not-to-exceed amount of \$625,500.00, 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)

C. 2023 Liquid Roads Project Bid Award to TopLoc DBA as Central Oregon Asphalt Sealing: Not to exceed \$200,000.00

Mr. Haynes requested approval of a bid award to TopLoc dba Central Oregon Asphalt Sealing in a not to exceed amount of \$200,000.00 for the 2023 Liquid Road Project. The City received two bids and after review, Central Oregon Asphalt Sealing was deemed the lowest responsible bidder at \$264,000. Because the bid was over the City's estimate of \$200,000.00, the scope of work has been reduced to align with the not to exceed amount.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to award the 2023 Liquid Roads Project to TopLoc dba Central Oregon Asphalt Sealing in the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00, 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)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Enterprise Zone Abatement for BasX: 2024 through 2028.

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Director Steve Curley requested the Council approve a five-year enterprise zone abatement for BasX Solutions. The project, consisting of a new 35,000 square foot building, partial remodel, and new equipment, is estimated at \$20.2 million. BasX will be required to add 35 new jobs. Both the real and personal property will meet the requirements for the abatement.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the agreement for the Oregon Enterprise Zone extended abatement for BasX, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Sally Griffith expressed concern over people allowing their dogs to urinate and defecate in the cemetery. She requested additional signage and a map to show where Redmond's dog parks are located.

James Leino spoke to his concern over fires caused from the warming fires of the homeless, and suggested restricting unhoused people from areas that are tinder-dry.

Melissa Schaffer stated she appreciated Ms. Abelein comments about the Constitution. She stated it was unfair to blame the audience for the disruption at the March 28, 2023, meeting when most people in attendance were following the rules.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky shared details of a community meeting on April 13, 2023, at Redmond High School. The purpose of the meeting is to seek feedback on the West Redmond Area Plan. He provided information on upcoming meetings through May, noting that a budget orientation will be held on April 20, 2023, with the first Budget Committee meeting taking place on May 2, 2023.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin thanked all who attended the meeting and for the civil discourse.

Councilor Evelyn appreciated those who attended and their comments.

Councilor Zwicker thanked those who attended. She shared information on legislative discussions on mortgage interest deductions and expanding mule deer habitat which could infringe upon some private property rights.

Councilor Nielsen stated the "If I Were Mayor" Contest has been the highlight of his career as a public official so far. He shared that the National Association of Credit Unions partnered with Redmond Proficiency Academy for a financial literacy class held at City Hall. In celebration of Arbor Week, he had the opportunity to plant trees with Cub Scouts Troop 27. The City Arborist's public service announcements will be released on social media this month.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch spoke to Redmond's inevitable growth. The State of Oregon requires that cities have enough inventory of building land for 20-30 years for both residential and commercial/industrial. He added that in addition, on a federal level, people have the right to travel and relocate to any city in this country they desire, and Central Oregon is a very desirable place to live. Between public and private investment over the next five years, Redmond could see \$1 billion of investment, spurring more growth which will continue to be a stressor. The Council is working tirelessly to ensure growth is managed well. Redmond is still a small city that largely feels like a neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 9th day of May 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder