

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MARCH 28, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin (Virtual) – 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 Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Water Division Manager Joshua Wedding – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms – Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore – Senior Financial Accountant Tom Ferrell – Accounting Manager James Wood – CDD Programs Coordinator Jaclyn Abslag – CDD Programs Assistant Michelle Hebert – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – IT Network Technician Christian Armatas

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Pastor Duane Pippitt of Redmond Assembly of God led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Zwicker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from BJ Soper

Redmond residents Connie Whelchel, Jeannette Bondsteel, Donna Abelein, Ron Brown, and Scott Stuart expressed concerns over a citizen's remarks directed toward the People's Rights Organization, at the March 14, 2023, Council meeting.

Redmond Resident Jeff Stevens discussed concerns with the homelessness in Redmond.

Hub City Church Pastor Ron Brown prayed for the Council and Redmond residents.

Mayor Fitch briefly recessed the meeting and noted that further public comment will be heard at the end of the meeting due to the large amount of business to conduct.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2023-07 - A resolution of the City of Redmond to make Budget Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget for Investments via a State of Oregon Affordable Housing Grant.

Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented a formal budget adjustment which allocated leftover funds from the City's 2022 Affordable Housing Grant from the State.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2023-07 adjusting the City's Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget and authorize the City Manager to sign the associated agreements with the grantees, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline presented Andrew Hoeksema and Curt Floski with a \$450,000 grant to Shepherd's House Ministries for the development and construction of their low-barrier shelter.

B. Resolution #2023-05 - A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by the City of Redmond. (Airport Parking Fees) Public comment will be taken per ORS 294.160.

Airport Director Zachary Bass presented an update on the Airport Terminal Expansion Project including the design and construction timeline, available funds, and a requested parking fee update.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to adopt Resolution #2023-05, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Special Event Street Closure for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show on April 22, 2023.

Community Development Department Programs Assistant Michelle Hebert requested approval of a street closure for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show on April 22, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the public assembly permit for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show on April 22, 2023, maintaining the fee schedule as presented, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

D. Special Event Street Closure for the Redmond Run on June 17, 2023.

Ms. Hebert requested approval of the street closure for the Redmond Run on June 17, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with the event beginning at the Arch and ending in Centennial Park.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the public assembly permit for the Redmond Run on June 17, 2023, maintaining the fee schedule as presented, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2021/22 City & Urban Renewal Financial Audit Results

Accounting Manager James Wood and Dickey & Tremper, LLP Auditor Rob Tremper presented the City and Urban Renewal Agency financial audit reports for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of February 14, 2023, Council Meeting**
- B. Fair Housing Month Proclamation**
- C. Arbor Week Proclamation**

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

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. NW Maple Avenue and NW 9th Street Signalization Project Bid Award to K&E Excavating, Inc., Project #TR2102: \$816,580

City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan requested approval of a contract with K&E Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$816,580, for the NW Maple Avenue and NW 9th Street Signalization Project. Two bids were received and after review K&E Excavating, Inc. was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate was \$760,000.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award the NW Maple Avenue and NW 9th Street Signalization Project to K&E Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$816,580, 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. North Canal Sewer Line Replacement Project Bid Award to Jaron McKernan Enterprises, Project #WW2103: \$280,460.65

Ms. MacClanahan requested approval of a contract with Jaron McKernan Enterprises, in the amount of \$280,460.65, for the North Canal Sewer Line Replacement Project. Two bids were received and after review, Jaron McKernan Enterprises was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate was \$255,000.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to award the North Canal Sewer Line Replacement Project to Jaron McKernan Enterprises in the amount of \$280,460.65, 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. Well 9 Improvements Project Bid Award to Schneider Water Services, Project #WA2202: \$1,636,225

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms requested approval of a contract with Schneider Water Services, in the amount of \$1,636,225, for the Well 9 Improvement Project. Three bids were received and after review, Schneider Water Services was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate was \$1.7 million.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to award the Well 9 Improvements Project to Schneider Water Services in the amount of \$1,636,225, 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)

D. Redmond Senior Center Kitchen Remodel Rejection of Bids Received, Project #SC2201

Ms. MacClanahan recommended rejecting the single bid received for the Redmond Senior Center Kitchen Remodel Project. The \$613,000 bid from 2KG Contractors, Inc. was over budget and incomplete. Staff recommended continuing to work with the Senior Center to revise the scope of the project.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to reject all bids and make no award of contract for the Redmond Senior Center Kitchen Remodel Project, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky thanked staff who assisted with traffic control during a recent transformer outage. He presented legislative updates on economic development, extension of Enterprise Zones, land use issues, and infrastructure funds tied to the semiconductor plant siting. He shared that the Redmond Police Department participated in the EVOLVE Experience at the Tower Theater with other local law enforcement entities from the region.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin thanked the community for their comments and acknowledged that vigorous debate is the key to a successful democracy, but it must be civil for Council to do their job effectively.

Councilor Wedding thanked all who attended and agreed with Councilor Colvin.

Councilor Osborne encouraged everyone to stay healthy.

Councilor Evelyn stated he appreciates everyone who participated in the meeting, then recognized Women's History Month, and honored his late mother.

Councilor Zwicker explained that conversation is the way to solve problems but stressed the need for civility.

Councilor Nielsen concurred with the Council's comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch presented an overview of the Oasis Village and CORE3 projects noting the possibility of a Safe Parking location. He explained that marijuana dispensaries will be discussed at the May 16, 2023, City Council work session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond residents BJ Soper and Debbie Meadows expressed concerns over the citizen's remarks directed toward the People's Rights Organization at the March 14, 2023, Council meeting.

Redmond resident Jay Patrick discussed the importance of citizen dialogue at Council meetings.

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 the Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 7:56 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."

Mayor Fitch closed the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

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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