

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND CITY COUNCIL AND DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD MARCH 7, 2023, IN CIVIC ROOM 207/208.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shannon Wedding

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Patti Adair – Phil Chang – Tony DeBone

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Planning Director Kyle Roberts – Police Captain Aaron Wells – Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Water Division Manager Josh Wedding – City Recorder Kelly Morse

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Nick Lelack – Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp – Fair & Expo Center Director Geoff Hines – Solid Waste Director Chad Centola – Solid Waste Incoming Director Tim Brownell – Coordinated Houseless Response Office Director Cheyenne Purrington

MEDIA PRESENT: Central Oregon Daily News – Redmond Spokesman

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of the Council and Board of Commissioners was present.

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Homelessness: Department of State Lands, Runway Protection Zone Strategies (City & County)

Airport Director Zachary Bass spoke about the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) project. During a 2021 inspection, the Federal Aviation Administration stated homeless camps cannot be located within the RPZ. There are currently three camps within the RPZ that will need to be removed. To resolve the issue long term, the Airport will fence 61 acres on the north side of Highway 126 at a cost of approximately \$800,000.

Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline addressed the project's outreach and notification timeline for removing the homeless camps in the RPZ.

Chair DeBone addressed the County's potential land swap with the Department of State Lands to expand the Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

Mayor Fitch stated the City will work with the Board's decision in terms of the timing, but the City's three-part strategy is to actively pursue safe parking sites, ensure restroom facilities are available, and develop the Oasis Village and RV parking proposal on the north end of Oasis Village.

Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp reported the Board approved an extension of a limited duration position in the Health Department to work as a project manager to help coordinate relocation efforts. He addressed further pertinent Board efforts, including plans to put together teams for high-level planning for the homeless relocations which would include Redmond service providers and a representative from the City.

Coordinated Houseless Response Office Director Cheyenne Purrington described the Office's role in providing consultation throughout the process. Ms. Purrington confirmed there is a significant commitment from the state level as well as at the federal level for behavioral health investments.

Commissioner Adair spoke about potentially using Deer Ridge as an interim site because half of the facility is empty adding that Community leaders need to do something that can go into effect in eight months, not six years.

City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan presented maps regarding the infrastructure, access, and utilities for the Oasis Village/additional RV safe parking and CORE3, which will change the access orientation for both developments. The Oregon Department of Transportation is willing to consolidate the various entrances into one new access point to serve both developments.

Deschutes County Administrator Nick Lelack stated that because CORE3 is not a County project he would encourage that discussions regarding any possible cost sharing for the RPZ fence take place with the steering group.

Mayor Fitch opened the floor for comments from the public.

Safe Parking Program Director Sierra Hopper and Redmond City Director of Shepherd's House Ministries Redmond Campus, and Housing and Community Development Committee Chair Andrew Hoeksema spoke on behalf of a group of concerned service providers about the planned land closures and resulting relocations.

B. Solid Waste/Negus Landfill (County)

Director of Solid Waste Chad Centola and incoming director Tim Brownell presented updates on the following solid waste projects: the Negus Transfer Station improvements project, the new Solid Waste Management Facility siting, and the Oregon Recycling Modernization Act. The projects will have some impacts on Redmond. Mr. Brownell clarified the Recycling Modernization Act goes into effect July 1, 2025.

C. Northpoint Project Update (City)

Deputy City Manager John Roberts shared a status update on the Northpoint Vista project, formerly Skyline Village noting that the City selected deChase Miksis/Edlin & Co as the master developer for the project. Staff addressed question throughout their presentation.

D. Mutual Legislative Issues (City & County)

Mayor Fitch stated the City's focus over the last month has been working on the extension of the Enterprise Zone and site industrial programs currently before the legislature combined with semiconductor legislation.

Councilor Zwicker commented she has been following House Bill (HB) 2001 for the housing needs analysis and requirements, HB 3163 regarding what is allowed in residential building, and HB 2260 regarding system development charges and the potential to have money returned to rural communities for affordable housing projects.

Chair DeBone and Commissioner Adair stated they are tracking Senate Bill (SB) 644 regarding rural accessory dwelling units. Commissioner Adair testified for HB 2510 which would remove the cap from fairgrounds funding; Senator Daniel Bonham has a similar bill in the senate.

City Manager Keith Witcosky explained that staff continues to get a sense of the state legislation needed for housing needs analysis and the housing that is required to be built by jurisdiction.

Commissioner Adair is tracking SB 673 which would require Deschutes County to approve a project containing over 300 single-wide manufactured homes on 57 acres just north of Bend.

Commissioner Chang is tracking the behavioral health package currently working its way through the legislature. Governor Kotek's program for homelessness and housing is worth tracking as well. He shared that he provided testimony on the Oregon Department of Forestry budget bill HB 5020.

E. Fairgrounds: Current Vision, Future Plans, etc. (County)

Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center (Fairgrounds) Director Geoff Hines presented an overview of the Fairgrounds and their role in the community now and into the future. He shared the various types of events and activities hosted by the venue, including a professional indoor arena football team. Mr. Hines provided statistics on events and economic impact for 2022 and 2023 to date and the facility's short, long range, and master planning efforts.

F. CORE3 (City)

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council's Community and Economic Development Director Scott Aycock presented an overview of Central Oregon Ready Responsive Resilient (CORE3) and addressed their current activities and priorities. Clarifying questions were addressed.

At this point, Mayor Fitch stated the joint meeting concluded and the Council would have a few action items to consider after a short break.

G. Miscellaneous Items: TBD

No miscellaneous items were discussed.

PROCLAMATIONS (City Action Item)

A. American Red Cross Month

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the proclamation designating March 2023 as American Red Cross Month, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

Red Cross Central and East Oregon Chapter Executive Director Morgan Schmidt read the proclamation.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS (City Action Item)

- A. Airport Committee - Appointment of Mark Harris, term expiring December 31, 2023.**
- B. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Appointment of Matthew Muchna, term expiring December 31, 2026.**
- C. Budget Committee - Appointment of Karin Stauder, term expiring December 31, 2024, and Lisa Young and Janet McAdams, terms expiring December 31, 2023.**
- D. Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee - Appointment of Jacqueline Berger, term expiring December 31, 2024.**
- E. Nuisance Appeals Board - Appointment of Elizabeth Marshall as an Alternate Member, term expiring December 31, 2024.**

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve all the appointments as stated, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

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