

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JUNE 6, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne (Virtual) – 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 – Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Division Manager Joshua Wedding – Public Works Director Jessica MacClanahan – Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline – IT Network Technician Christian Armatas – City Recorder Kelly Morse

MEDIA PRESENT: KTVZ – Oregon Public Broadcasting – Central Oregon Daily News

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Fitch explained that the workshop will have no public comment and the Council will take a 10-minute break between Presentations and Public Hearings to visit with the public. He stated it has been a difficult week, referencing an abhorrent incident directed toward him and Councilor Evelyn, and will continue to address issues of white supremacy and related issues. Next week, after having time to reflect, the Council will make comments on the incident and accept public comment at that time.

At this time, a quorum was established.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Update on Oasis Village and Related Homelessness Initiatives

Deputy City Manager John Roberts presented the Council with an overview of the six developments on the east side of Redmond, addressing the scope, schedule, and funding of each. The developments include Oasis Village, the Mountain View RV site, CORE3, 21st Street, the County RV concept, and multi-use path along Highway 126.

Mayor Fitch noted Oasis Village must be completed by January 10, 2024, and expressed appreciation for Hayden Homes' participation in the project.

Oasis Village representatives Jim Cook and Bob Bohac provided a brief overview of the work completed and the funding received for their project.

Mountain View Community Development Director Rick Russell spoke about the Mountain View RV site being viewed as a move-up opportunity with the first model potentially for rent.

Mayor Fitch spoke to CORE3 and 21st Street, noting numerous organizations are meeting to develop CORE3. Mayor Fitch provided background information on the County RV concept including vacating the homeless from the 60-acre parcel north of the proposed site so the County can complete a trade with the Department of State Lands. Mr. Roberts added that access and funding are both to be determined.

Mr. Roberts and Public Works Director Jessica MacClanahan addressed questions from Council.

Mayor Fitch explained how the Oregon Department of Transportation has been helpful on the multi-use project.

At this point in the meeting the Council took a break.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Resolution #2023-13 - A Resolution of the City of Redmond, Oregon, updating Water Systems Development Charge Methodology and adjusting other System Development Charges based on the Construction Cost Index effective July 1, 2023.

Mayor Fitch reconvened the meeting and opened the public hearing.

Interim Public Works Director Jon Skidmore provided an overview of System Development Charges (SDCs).

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff provided information showing how current water SDC revenue is insufficient for existing debt service and therefore has no capacity for new projects.

FCS Group Consultant John Ghilarducci offered a technical description of the SDC study, provided additional background, and summarized the methodology calculations.

Water Division Manager Joshua Wedding and Mr. Ghilarducci addressed questions from Council and clarified that the law provides for the use of an index as a way for SDCs to keep up with inflation. This can be applied annually with the other option being up to the City in terms of the frequency of updates.

Central Oregon Builders Association (COBA) Vice President of Government Affairs Morgan Greenwood expressed support of the resolution. She requested the SDC increase be phased in after the first of the year to lessen the burden on builders from possible increases throughout the region on July 1, 2023.

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

Mayor Fitch stated that while the Council can appreciate COBA's position, the SDC increase is long overdue, and he recommended implementing them on July 1, 2023; Councilor Zwicker concurred.

It was clarified anything submitted after July 1, 2023, would be subject to the new fees and anything in the queue up through June 30, 2023, would fall under the existing fees.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to adopt Resolution #2023-13, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch expressed the Council's gratitude for Mr. Skidmore's excellent work while at the City.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 8th day of August 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder