

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JUNE 27, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shannon Wedding

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Lieutenant Jesse Petersen – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner – Street Operations Manager Brad Haynes – Billings & Collection Manager Valerie Taylor – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Urban Renewal Programs Manager Chuck Arnold – CDD Programs Assistant Michelle Hebert – IT Network Technician Tyler Roppe

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Rabbi Yossi Feintuch, Jewish Center of Central Oregon, led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. 4th of July and Fireworks Presentation

Mayor Fitch reminded the community that fireworks are prohibited in the Dry Canyon and that the Deschutes County Fairgrounds will be closed to the public for viewing. He also cautioned on the use of illegal fireworks.

B. Legislative Update

Councilor Zwicker reported that the City received over \$5 million to support the construction of the Northpoint Vista affordable housing development and over \$3 million for the Public Safety Facility. NeighborImpact will receive \$790,000 for food bank equipment and operational funds and Central Oregon Community College will receive \$4 million for renovation of their career and technical education facilities.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Trevor Johnson commented on Pride Month in Redmond.

Redmond resident Charles Baer discussed creating a “People’s Committee” allowing an infinite number of citizens to participate virtually and contribute to city government.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein addressed events that occurred during the public comment section of the March 28, 2023, City Council meeting.

Deschutes County Republican Party Chair Scott Stuart denounced the raccoon incident adding that it is important to find the perpetrator and understand their motive before assuming it was racism.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Oregon Department of Transportation 2023/2025 Transit Grant Acceptance Agreement #35455

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented an overview of the Oregon Department of Transportation 2023/2025 Transit grant, and explained that in 2008, the City passed the funds along to Cascades East Transit to provide bus services in Redmond.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$535,148 and authorize the City Manager to sign Agreement #35455 with the Oregon Department of Transportation Public Transportation Division, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

B. Intergovernmental Agreement with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council/Cascades East Transit for Fleet Maintenance Services

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to authorize the City Manager to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council/Cascades East Transit in which the City continues to provide fleet maintenance services for the COIC/CET transit fleet and the City continues to occupy and operate fleet maintenance services in their facility, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals Contract Amendment with Cascade Columbia Distribution Company in the amount of \$581,000

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the amendment to the goods and products purchase agreement with Cascade Columbia Distribution Company in the amount of \$581,000 for a contract amount not to exceed \$886,000 over the duration of the contract and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

D. Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Redmond Fire & Rescue for Fee Escalation increasing the Budgeted Fee Escalation in Fiscal Year 2023/2024 for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Services

Mr. Neff noted the contract was signed before recent inflationary pressure, which resulted in this request for a one-time fee escalation from 5 percent to 6.4 percent. The fee escalation will return to 5 percent thereafter.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to amend the intergovernmental agreement authorizing an increase to the maximum budget fee escalation of 6.4 percent for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 for aircraft rescue and firefighting services provided by the Redmond Fire & Rescue, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for the Airport Terminal Building Expansion Project Bid Award to Skanska USA Building Inc. for Preconstruction Services only, not to exceed \$600,000.

Airport Director Zachary Bass requested approval of a bid award to Skanska USA Building Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$600,000 for Construction Manager/General Contractor preconstruction services for the Airport Terminal Building Expansion project. The City received three bids, and after review and interviews by the evaluation committee, Skanska USA Building Inc. received the highest score. Staff addressed questions from Council.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to award a Construction Manager/General Contractor construction contract with Skanska USA Building Inc. for preconstruction services in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, subject to legal revisions and Airport Manager approval and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the contract, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

B. Runway Protection Zone – Security Fencing Project Bid Award to Taylor Northwest LLC in the amount of \$643,763.30

Mr. Bass requested approval of a bid award to Taylor Northwest LLC in the amount of \$643,763.30 for the Runway Protection Zone – Security Fencing project. The City received four bids and after review Taylor Northwest was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate was \$778,871.50. The project is budgeted for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Staff addressed questions from Council.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to award a contract to Taylor Northwest LLC in the amount of \$643,763.30 for the Runway Protection Zone Security Fencing Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2023-12 - A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by the City of Redmond. Public comment will be taken per ORS 294.160

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing for Action Items A and B.

Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner presented an overview of the City's Industrial Pretreatment Program fee increase and explained that these fees are specifically for Significant Industrial Users, of which there are only five located in Redmond. Staff addressed questions from Council.

There was no public comment regarding this fee resolution.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to adopt Resolution #2023-12, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

B. Resolution #2023-14 - A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by Republic Services through the City of Redmond. Public comment will be taken per ORS 294.160

Republic Services Municipal Manager Courtney Voss requested a rate increase of 12.5 percent which is a reduction from their initial request of 24 percent. She explained that for an average residential rate payer, the increase would equate to \$2 to \$3 per month. She acknowledged there have been service issues and apologized for those. Republic Services Director of Human Resources Jennifer Giordano discussed staffing challenges and explained they are trying to stay competitive. Ms. Voss and Ms. Giordano addressed questions from Council.

Redmond resident Charlotte Griffin stated that while she is opposed to the increase, the main problem is the lack of qualified workers across the nation.

Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing for Action Items A and B.

Mayor Fitch recommended Councilors Nielsen, Osborne and/or Zwicker and City staff work with Republic Services and report back to the Council with a plan moving forward that addresses the service issues.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2023-14, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-no, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

For clarification purposes Councilor Nielsen recapped the Council's expectations for audits of the financial end of Republic Services' service going forward as well as increased reporting on call volume with a granular breakdown of detail. City staff will do a quarterly community polling on Republic Services' performance.

C. Special Event Street Closure of SW 5th Street from Black Butte Boulevard to Evergreen Avenue for the Cascade Car Show on Saturday, August 19, 2023

Economic Development Manager Chuck Arnold requested approval of a public assembly permit for the August 19, 2023, Cascade Car Show. He confirmed that staff met with the owners of Local Paws and the event organizer, where they discussed issues surrounding businesses near SW 5th Street and SW Evergreen Avenue. As a result, the traffic control plan has been revised.

CDD Programs Assistant Michelle Hebert informed the Council that staff has approved insurance and an approved site plan from the Public Works Department.

Street Operations Manager Brad Haynes addressed the traffic control plan and layout of the event regarding the 5th Street closure.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve the public assembly permit and associated street closure for Saturday, August 19, 2023, Cascade Car Show and maintaining the fee schedule as presented, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Neff congratulated Lieutenant Jesse Petersen on his promotion to Police Captain. He reported that staff is working on a press release regarding fireworks, the Public Safety Facility project is about 30 percent designed adding that the Council can expect an update on the project in the first quarter of the fiscal year. In addition, staff will provide the Council with an end of fiscal year financial update in August.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Osborne thanked those first responders heading into a busy weekend and reminded everyone of wildfire safety. She also thanked the Council and staff for giving her and Councilor Zwicker the opportunity and tools to attend meetings in Salem and stated she was excited to attend the Redmond Pride Month activities.

Councilor Evelyn thanked those watching, adding it was a good meeting.

Councilor Zwicker appreciated the opportunity to go to Salem with the League of Oregon Cities and explained that a bill was passed to allow the Council to meet in executive session to discuss public safety and security. She and Mayor Fitch attended Senator Merkley's town hall.

Councilor Nielsen reported that flights to Las Vegas will return to the Airport in September, and the Northpoint Vista project is moving forward with productive conversations around the sewer interceptor at

Kingwood Avenue being a tenth of the original estimate. He wished everyone a safe Fourth of July holiday and encouraged people to use legal fireworks.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Oregon Legislature Update

Mayor Fitch reported on Thursday's Farmer's Market and explained that a portion of 8th Street will be closed so that it is safer to go from one side to the other.

There being no further business for open session and no motions as a result of Executive Session, Mayor Fitch adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(o) which authorizes executive session "to consider matters relating to the safety of the governing body and of public body staff and volunteers and to security of public body facilities and meeting spaces".

Mayor Fitch adjourned Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

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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