

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD AUGUST 28, 2023, IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

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 – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – Water Utilities Manager Joshua Wedding – City Recorder Kelly Morse

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Fitch called the workshop to order at 3:30 pm.

CITY COUNCIL TOPICS OF INTEREST

The Council discussed the three eastside projects including Deschutes County's funding for the RV component, a supported camp model, and a potential advisory committee. Governor Kotek is supportive of initially providing additional funding for the infrastructure, with the legislature providing more funding for services. The plan for fences between each of the three project areas was confirmed.

City Manager Keith Witcosky reviewed the process and timeline for bringing marijuana Time, Place, and Manner code amendments to Council in order to have the issue ready for the May 2024 ballot. Mayor Fitch explained how next year the Council will need to reconsider the two-year band on psilocybin for treatment as well.

The Council discussed contacting the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the focus and funding spent on Bend and areas to the south when the preponderance of growth in the past two years has been in Redmond. Mayor Fitch addressed additional item in need of discussion with ODOT.

Mayor Fitch opined the City should pursue master planning 137 acres in the middle of the 100-plus acres the County will exchange with the Department of State Lands. The consensus of the Council was to pursue this with the State over the next year or so.

Discussion took place regarding the exchange of land at the Airport for land next to Central Oregon Community College.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts confirmed Cascades East Transit's (CET) routes have been created and perfected, but they have not been staffed enough to go out on a trial basis. Councilor Zwicker stated the City must work with CET to create routes for the Eastside Campus area because not everyone will have transportation.

Mayor Fitch and Mr. Witcosky provided an update on the Redmond Wetlands Complex appeal. The Council would like land use attorney Wendie Kellington and Mr. Witcosky to go over the matter in an executive session.

The Council discussed CourseCo's performance and announcing during the joint meeting with the Juniper Golf Committee on September 5, 2023, that the City intends to put the contract out for a Request for Proposal. If they have a great 2024, then CourseCo would be in consideration for contract renewal.

The Council was in agreement that once the Public Safety Facility is complete and occupied that a public process should take place to determine what should be done with the old facility. They discussed

possibilities for the old Evergreen gym. Staff confirmed the new library should be completed in December 2024.

Communications Director Heather Cassaro provided a progress update on the interior history project at City Hall.

Mayor Fitch and Mr. Witcosky described the City's efforts on water rights for the September 28 hearing before the Water Resources Commission.

In July 2023 after a request from Jeff Rola, the Council expressed support for an investment in the NeighborImpact food bank. Councilor Zwicker recommended the City's investment go to the purchase of food rather than construction of the warehouse itself; the Council concurred.

Mr. Witcosky will send out the Council initiatives list which was created using the Council's various conversations over the last six months.

The Council and staff discussed how to offer help to the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD) on building their recreation facility project. Based on the type of assistance RAPRD thinks they may need, the Council can see what types of support the City can commit to.

Mayor Fitch asked, as a courtesy to the rest of the Council, that Councilors wait until they are recognized before speaking during Council meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 10th day of October 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder