

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Ed Fitch (Virtual) – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Clifford Evelyn

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 – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Utilities Manager Joshua Wedding – Network Administrator Christian Armatas

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Council President Zwicker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Osborne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this point in the meeting, Council President Zwicker accepted comments regarding the proclamations on the Consent Agenda from Redmond residents Liz Goodrich, Monica Huey, and Don Deland, Latino Community Association Interim Director Daniel Hernandez, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Deschutes Post 4108.

Hilda Leon read the Welcoming City Proclamation. Councilor Wedding read the Honor Flight of Central Oregon Welcome Home Day Proclamation. Council President Zwicker read the POW-MIA Awareness Day Proclamation. Councilor Nielsen read the Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation.

At this point in the meeting, Council President Zwicker moved to Comments from Citizens at the Meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from Council.

At this point in the meeting, Council President Zwicker moved to the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from Eastern Oregon Concerned Communities

Powell Butte resident Trish Davis addressed the Council regarding her concerns with the proposed location of Oasis Village.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke about the American Revolutionary War.

Central Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council's President David Burger and Secretary/Treasurer Mike Alldritt shared information on Community Benefits Agreements.

At this point in the meeting, Council President Zwicker moved to City Council Announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of August 1, 2023, City Council Joint Workshop**
- B. Welcoming City Proclamation**
- C. Honor Flight of Central Oregon Welcome Home Day Proclamation**
- D. POW-MIA Awareness Day Proclamation**
- E. Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation**

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Redmond Water Permit Application to Oregon Water Resources Department Update

GSI Water Solutions' Principal Water Resources Consultant Adam Sussman and Water Resources Consultant Owen McMurtrey, and Central Oregon Cities Organization Lobbyist Doug Riggs provided an update on the status of Redmond's ground water permit application with the Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD). Questions from the Council were addressed throughout the presentation.

B. Fiscal Year 2022/23 - 4th Quarter / Year-End Financial Report

Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented the 4th Quarter year-end financial report, noting that overall the City is in a good, stable financial position.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Transcription Services Contract with ABC Transcription Services, LLC; Not to exceed \$100,000

Deputy City Manager John Roberts requested approval to renew the contract for transcription services with ABC Transcriptions Service, LLC, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to award a five-year contract for transcription services to ABC Transcription Services, LLC, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-absent, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident and business owner Joe Strong expressed concerns about Redmond's homeless situation.

Redmond resident Lena Barry spoke regarding Oasis Village and the various proclamations approved at the meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky recognized the Transportation Division crew for their night work performing street maintenance. He also recognized the women in Redmond's Police Department because September 12, 2023, is designated as National Policewoman Day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin announced that applications were now being taken for the newly formed Tourism Committee.

Councilor Osborne thanked Redmond's first female Council President, Cat Zwicker, for successfully leading the meeting.

Councilor Wedding shared that the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District is seeking applicants for a bond oversight committee.

Councilor Nielsen announced that Sunday, October 1, 2023, is the Heaven Can Wait 5K which is a nonprofit cancer awareness walk benefiting Sara's Project.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch thanked Council President Zwicker for running the meeting, addressed editorials about the prayer at Council meetings, and commented on Oasis Village.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services, LLC
Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 24th day of October 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder