

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD OCTOBER 10, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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 – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Finance Director James Wood – Network Administrator Christian Armatas

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Pastor Thomas Bengel from Redmond Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wedding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from Council.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke regarding the controversy surrounding her comments at the last meeting regarding the play *Hamilton*, gender assignments from birth, and black actors portraying white people.

Redmond resident Karen Stauder commended the Parks Committee, Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, and Water Utilities Manager Joshua Wedding for the great work they are doing.

Redmond resident Stephen Schaffer spoke about gun violence and proposals by the City Council of San Jose, California, to stop it.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of August 28, 2023, Council Workshop**
- B. Amendment #2 to the Public Transportation Services Agreement with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, Project #TR2401: \$625,148**
- C. Oasis Village Memorandum of Understanding**

Mayor Fitch removed Item C-Oasis Village Memorandum of Understanding from the Consent Agenda.

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

City Attorney Keith Leitz requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding which memorializes the terms, expectations, and obligations between Redmond Oasis Village Project and the City of Redmond.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Redmond Oasis Village Project to develop and operate Oasis Village, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Resolution #2023-18 - A resolution of the City of Redmond, Oregon, establishing the SW Glacier Avenue Reimbursement District.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Ms. MacClanahan provided a brief overview of reimbursement districts and requested approval of the SW Glacier Avenue Reimbursement District for sewer improvements that have the potential to benefit five properties.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2023-18 establishing the SW Glacier Avenue Reimbursement District and authorize the City Manager to execute the reimbursement agreement, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2023-19 - A resolution of the City of Redmond, Oregon, extending the Dove Meadows Reimbursement District.

Ms. MacClanahan requested approval of the final five-year extension for the Dove Meadows Reimbursement District. Currently only one parcel remains that could potentially benefit from the improvements.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to adopt Resolution #2023-19 extending the Dove Meadows Reimbursement District an additional and final five years, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the upcoming joint meeting with the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, the modernization work on Reservoir Drive which is scheduled to begin over the next month, and the upcoming League of Oregon Cities conference.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin encouraged his fellow Councilors to review the Code amendments under discussion by the Urban Area Planning Commission.

Councilor Osborne reported on the Redmond School Board joined a lawsuit regarding social media effects on children., the Let Freedom Read event, and the Oasis Village groundbreaking. She announced a series of "Conversations with a Councilor" starting October 15, 2023, and shared information about the drug and alcohol outpatient treatment known as Ideal Option.

Councilor Evelyn announced Bethlehem Inn is currently hiring and had recent job fairs. He also attended the Let Freedom Read event and the Oasis Village groundbreaking.

Councilor Zwicker reported on meeting with different elected local and state officials to discuss the need for more options for affordable housing and on the Coordinated Homeless Response Office's continued efforts.

Councilor Nielsen commended Redmond Economic Development Inc. Board, Steve Curley, and Chuck Arnold for their assistance in bringing some chips funding to Redmond.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Tourism and Lodging Committee - Appointment of Aaron Switzer, Eric Groom, and LoriAnn Kuhn for terms expiring December 31, 2025, and JoAnne Eisler, Janice Bell, Timothy Park, and Geoff Hinds (or his designee) for terms expiring December 31, 2027.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the appointments of Aaron Switzer, Eric Groom, and LoriAnn Kuhn for terms expiring December 31, 2025, and JoAnne Eisler, Janice Bell, Timothy Park, and Geoff Hinds or his designee for terms expiring December 31, 2027, to the Tourism and Lodging Committee, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch reported that after speaking with the Water Resources Commission, they indicated they wanted to work out a resolution so that cities have a certainty of getting water into the future, particularly groundwater in the Deschutes Basin. He was optimistic Redmond's groundwater application would be approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) which authorizes executive sessions to review and evaluate, pursuant to standards, criteria and policy directives adopted by the governing body, the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body.

Mayor Fitch closed the Executive Session portion of the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

MOTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the following change to the contract with Keith Witcosky: effective July 1, 2023, changing the monthly pay rate in Section 3-A to \$17,023; changing Section 4-A to read "the City Council shall review and evaluate the performance of employee at least once annually;" and effective July 1, 2023, changing the monthly contribution in Section 8-B to \$2250, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of November 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder