

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD OCTOBER 24, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – John Neilson (virtual) – Kathryn Osborne – Cat Zwicker

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shannon Wedding

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 – Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold – Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner – Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner – Street Operations Manager Brad Haynes – Fleet Services Supervisor Scott Gibson – Principal Engineer Jake Sherman – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Finance Director James Wood – Network Administrator Christian Armatas

MEDIA PRESENT: KTVZ

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

BLESSING

Pastor Thomas Benge from Redmond Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from Council.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Sally Griffin expressed concerns about the treatment of winter roads by the Oregon Department of Transportation and the use of dividers.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of September 5, 2023, Council Workshop**
- B. Minutes of September 12, 2023, Council Meeting**
- C. Purchase of Two Used Cab & Chassis Trucks for the Public Works Transportation Division, in an amount not to exceed \$152,000.**

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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Evergreen Gym: Prioritization and Initial Considerations for Future Use**

Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (DURAC) Chair Monica Huey, and DURAC Co-Chair Brandon Cook-Bostick provided DURAC's feedback on the future use of the Evergreen Gym. DURAC did not find the gym to be a high priority project.

B. Initial Policy Discussion on determining the future use of the existing Redmond Police Department Building at 777 SW Deschutes Avenue

Ms. Huey and Mr. Cook-Bostick provided DURAC's feedback on the future use of the Redmond Police Department Building. DURAC saw this as a high priority project and would like the City to review the building for a potential DURAC project.

Mayor Fitch recommended that DURAC and the Council jointly hold a public process to obtain input from the community.

C. Closure of SW 8th Street to Connect Centennial Park: Timing, Purpose, and Prioritization

Ms. Huey and Mr. Cook-Bostick provided DURAC's feedback on the closure of SW 8th Street to connect Centennial Park. DURAC found that closing 8th Street is a low priority project. City Manager Keith Witcosky explained that the Police Department often uses 8th Street when responding to calls but noted they will move to their new facility in early 2025.

D. Major Capital Project Update: Public Safety Facility

Cumming Management Group Project Manager Wayne Powderly and FFA Architecture and Interiors Inc. Design Principal Ian Gelbrich presented an update on the Public Safety Facility Project, which included a project overview, process to date, budget, schedule, and next steps. Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff provided an update on funding, which is capped at \$49 million.

E. Major Capital Project Update: Airport Terminal Expansion

Airport Director Zachary Bass presented an update on Phase 1 of the Airport Terminal Expansion Project, which included the project funding of \$145 million and the design and construction timelines.

F. Major Capital Project Update: Redmond Wetlands Complex

Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner provided an update on the Redmond Wetlands Complex Project, which included the scope, schedule, and total funding cost of \$83 million.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

A. Resolution #2023-21 - A resolution adopting findings in support of an alternative contracting method for the Redmond Wetlands Complex.

Mayor Fitch convened the Contract Review Board.

Principal Engineer Jake Sherman presented findings and requested approval to utilize the Best Value Contracting Method for the construction of the Redmond Wetlands Complex.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Seeing no comments, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve Resolution #[20]23-21 adopting the findings authorizing the use of best value procurement and contracting method for the Redmond Wetlands Complex project, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

B. Resolution #2023-22 - A resolution adopting findings in support of an alternative contracting method for the Eastside Arterial Project.

Mr. Sherman presented findings and requested approval to utilize the Progressive Design-Build Contracting Method for the design and construction of the Eastside Arterial Project.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Seeing no comments, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to approve Resolution #2023-22 adopting the findings authorizing the use of Progressive Build Procurement and Contracting Method for the Eastside Arterial Plan, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch adjourned the Contract Review Board reconvened the Council meeting.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Donna Abelein shared concerns on the public comment period during Council meetings.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the Well 9 Project, the traffic signal at 9th Street and Maple Avenue, and shared that tonight's agenda included projects totaling \$350 million.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin reported on Visit Central Oregon's Tourism Summit, next week's Tourism and Lodging Committee's first meeting, and the Golf Committee's efforts to open the Juniper Golf Course to more users.

Councilor Osborne reported on the League of Oregon Cities conference and commended sports coaches and other community volunteers.

Councilor Evelyn thanked all City workers for their hard work and Redmond citizens who visit Council Chambers.

Councilor Zwicker reported on the Oasis Village's Development Center, League of Oregon Cities Conference, and expressed appreciation to everyone who came to speak at this meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on changes happening in Redmond and addressed the great strides being made on the homeless issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 12th day of December 2023.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder