

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding (virtual) – 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 Captain Jesse Petersen – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold – Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner – Planning Manager Kyle Roberts – Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt – Airport Operations Supervisor Mike Wilcox – Street Operations Manager Brad Haynes – PFC Operations & Maintenance Manager Dusty Hood – Procurement and Payables Manager Scott Brang – City Arborist Avery McChristian – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn – Finance Director James Wood – Network Administrator Christian Armatas

MEDIA PRESENT: KTVZ

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

BLESSING

Reiki Practitioner Denise English from the Sacred Lotus led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Council.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke on her belief that equity promotes racism.

Redmond resident Trevor Johnson addressed the Council regarding bike and pedestrian safety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of September 25, 2023, Council Workshop**
- B. Minutes of September 26, 2023, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of October 10, 2023, Council Meeting**

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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proposed Amendments to Various Sections of the Redmond Development Code (City Code, Chapter 8) Focused on Engineering-Related Topics**

Deputy City Manager John Roberts introduced the topic and spoke about Staff's efforts in amending the code, the scope of the project, their methodology, the stakeholders involved, and the parallel update to the Public Works Standards and Specifications.

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms presented the proposed code amendments regarding street trees and tree preservation, grading and stormwater management, and transportation system analyses. Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder presented amendments focused on landscaping, of which the goal is water conservation. Questions and feedback from the Council were addressed with input from Transight Consulting Traffic Engineer Joe Bessman.

The Council supported the removal of juniper trees with the exception of those that are historically significant juniper trees or using a different replacement ratio. They expressed support for a one-to-one ratio for replacement of other trees varieties with a 10-inch diameter. The Council noted Redmond should have different tree standards from those in the Willamette valley. It was recommended that the City encourage existing HOAs to modify their Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions to be smarter with resources.

At this point in the meeting, the Council took a five-minute break.

B. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Financial Report

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff introduced new Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn and presented the First Quarter financial report.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2023-06: An ordinance of the City of Redmond amending the Redmond Municipal Code Sections relating to Public Contracting.

City Attorney Keith Leitz requested approval of Ordinance #2023-06 and described the changes to Section 2 of the City Code in Procurement and Public Contracting.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2023-06 by title only, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the first and second reading of Ordinance #2023-06 by title only.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve Ordinance #2023-06, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2023-20: A resolution adopting the City of Redmond Snow and Ice Control Plans for Public Works and Roberts Field - Redmond Municipal Airport.

Street Operations Manager Brad Haynes and Airfield Operations Supervisor Mike Wilcox presented an overview of the 2023/2024 Snow and Ice Control Plans, requesting adoption of the plans through resolution #2023-20.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2023-20, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Coordinated Houseless Response Office: Intergovernmental Agreement #2.

City Manager Keith Witcosky presented Intergovernmental Agreement # 2 which shifts the general administrative leadership of the Coordinated Houseless Response Office to Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council and adds a Board representative for the Homeless Leadership Coalition and NeighborImpact.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve the Coordinated Houseless Response Office Intergovernmental Agreement #2 in substantially the form as attached [in the meeting packet] and authorize the City Manager to make minor edits consistent with the

overall intent as approved, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Sub-Lease to Redmond Oasis Village Project of 3.23 acres as part of the Eastside Homeless Campus

Mr. Leitz presented the sub-lease which is a follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Council with the Oasis Village Project. It sets out the terms of the lease to Oasis Village for 3.23 acres of the 12 acres the City was currently leasing from the County.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the ground lease with the Redmond Oasis Village project to develop and operate Oasis Village and authorize the City Manager to sign the document, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

D. Collaboration Agreement on Housing and Homelessness with the Office of Governor Tina Kotek, Deschutes County and the Cities of Bend and Redmond

Mr. Witcosky addressed the agreement to memorialize the commitment of Governor Kotek of providing leadership and opportunities for state resources to go toward homelessness.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve entering into the Housing and Homelessness Collaboration Agreement, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

E. Resolution #2023-23 - A resolution of the City of Redmond to make Budget Adjustments. (Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Transportation and Capital Projects Funds: \$1.2 million)

Mr. Neff requested approval of Resolution #2023-23 which would move prior year street maintenance funds to the current budget for work that occurred from July to September 2023. In addition, the budget adjustment adds \$400,000 in state lottery funds into the budget for the Northpoint infrastructure master plan.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve Resolution #2023-23 adjusting the City Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Sally Griffin urged the Council to preserve all trees, including local junipers, and to value Redmond's old buildings.

Redmond resident Eve Ponder spoke about the juniper tree as an iconic tree of the west.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments from City Manager Keith Witcosky.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin clarified the Council was not against all juniper trees but they need to be thinned down. He commended the Chamber of Commerce for their downtown holiday decorations.

Councilor Osborne reported on the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee's work including two Electric Vehicle Connect units at the 4th Street/Evergreen Avenue parking lot. Oasis Village took delivery of the community building and the first group of shelter units, thanking all involved for building the units.

Councilor Evelyn attended the art show at Redmond High School and the Veterans Parade, noting both were great. He thanked City workers for doing a great job. He was rethinking his position on juniper trees.

Councilor Zwicker thanked those who helped with the Oasis project and commented on the Veterans Day parade. She clarified her comments on juniper trees and expressed excitement for both the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Coordinated Houseless Response Office and the Collaboration Agreement with the Governor's Office.

Councilor Nielsen thanked Staff for their work on the code amendments and all who participated in Veterans Day festivities.

Councilor Wedding commended Staff for their hard work and looked forward to returning to Redmond to see all the holiday lights and decorations.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- A. Appointment of Councilor Kathryn Osborne as the Council Liaison to CORE3.**
- B. Appointment of Mayor Ed Fitch as the Council Liaison to the Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Board.**

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to appoint Councilor Kathryn Osborne as the Council Liaison to CORE3 and Mayor Ed Fitch as the Council Liaison to the Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Board, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

There being no further business for open session and no motions expected as a result of Executive Session, Mayor Fitch adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizing executive sessions "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions." and ORS 192.660(2)(h) authorizing executive sessions "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed."

Mayor Fitch adjourned Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 9th day of January 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder