

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD DECEMBER 4, 2023, IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Fitch – Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt – Associate Planner Sarah Vowell – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Urban Renewal Analyst Meghan Gassner – Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez – Water Utilities Supervisor Joshua Wedding – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – City Recorder Kelly Morse

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Fitch called the workshop to order at 2:30 pm.

DISCUSSIONS

A. Sign Code Discussion

The Council and City Attorney Keith Leitz discussed prohibited signs in light of the *Gilbert* decision, intimidating language, applying time limits, and the possibility of doing Time, Place, and Manner (TPM).

Mayor Fitch commented the City would have to rely on people's sense of decency. Staff noted they do distribute information on being a good neighbor, but they could craft better language.

B. Water Permit Update

Mayor Fitch spoke of Redmond's water permit matter adding that he and Water Utilities Supervisor Joshua Wedding are working to set up a meeting with the Governor's Office. The City would seek to have its permit adopted with conditions to separate Redmond from Thornburgh or similar.

C. Department of State Lands/Large Lot Industrial Land Discussion

Mayor Fitch provided an update on a contentious meeting with the Department of State Lands (DSL) whereby DSL faults the City for a large company pulling out on the purchase of 200 acres. Mayor Fitch noted the end user is still interested in the property; however, communication from DSL is often non-existent. He is looking for a diplomatic way to bring the issue up with Governor Kotek, who along with the Secretary of State and the Treasurer form the board that oversees the DSL Director.

Mayor Fitch added it will be up to DSL to engage the City regarding a master plan. He noted after meeting with the County Commissioners, he believes there would be a stronger approach towards a managed camp on the 40 acres.

D. CourseCo Update

Councilor Colvin reported on an informal meeting last week with Mike Sharp from CourseCo about trying to move the date of their contract.

E. Timing of Ballot Items: Charter, etc. Discussion

Mr. Witcosky reported that Mr. Leitz is working on language for the Charter amendments regarding nepotism and terms limits. The items will come before the Council at public hearings in January so that approvals can be made prior to the deadline for the May 2024 ballot. The Council agreed with Mayor

Fitch that it was premature to do the marijuana TPMs now if the specific matter would not go on the ballot until November.

Councilor Nielsen supported the nepotism restriction in spirit, but it did not need to be codified. Councilor Osborne said examples of nepotism restrictions in other city codes would be helpful.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts provided an update on the Urban Area Planning Commission's public hearing on the Development Code amendments. Airport Director Zachary Bass addressed the Code amendment regarding specialized aviation services operators which the Council supported.

Mr. Witcosky reported fuel was siphoned from rental cars at the airport over the weekend, and the airport security group is working with the police on the matter.

Mr. Leitz provided an update on a parcel within the Kingwood Local Improvement District that is significantly in default. The City received a \$500 check; Finance will send back another agreement to the property owners.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 23rd day of January 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder