

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Planning Director Kyle Roberts – Associate Planner Sarah Vowell – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder – City Arborist Avery McChristian – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Billing & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor – Finance Director James Wood – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Water Utilities Supervisor Joshua Wedding – Network Administrator Tyler Roppe

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Judd Rook from the Redmond Baha'i Community led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of Heart of Oregon, Hayden Homes, and Redmond High School Student Contribution to Oasis Village

The Council recognized and thanked the Redmond High School students, Heart of Oregon Corps, and Hayden Homes for building several tiny shelters for Oasis Village.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke about being threatened during a Council meeting and equal rights versus equity.

Former Redmond resident Debra Slade urged the Council to enforce non-leashing laws in Redmond. Ms. Slade stated her dog Tucker was killed by an unleashed dog at American Legion Park in 2020 and opined she has suffered lingering damage.

Redmond resident Gloria Olson addressed the Council regarding the dangerous curve at the curve at Maple Avenue and Northwest Way.

Redmond resident Karin Stauder expressed support for the Charter amendments concerning Council nepotism and term limits.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of October 17, 2023, Joint Meeting with Deschutes County**
- B. Minutes of October 24, 2023, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of November 7, 2023, Council Meeting**

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Republic Services Solid Waste Services Update

Republic Services' General Manager Erica Lindberg, Finance Manager Urbanie Flores, and Municipal Manager Courtney Voss presented their mid-year performance update relating to service, customer experience, and financial outlook.

B. District Attorney Stephen Gunnels presentation of "A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing Oregon's Addiction and Community Livability Crisis".

Deschutes County District Attorney Stephen Gunnels presented a list of legislative proposals to address the state's public health and public safety crises related to drug use, possession, dealing, and mental illness.

At this point in the meeting the Council took a short break.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Amendment to the contract with Pence Contractors for the Early Work Scope Package in an amount not to exceed \$4 Million for the Public Safety Facility Project

Chief of Police Devin Lewis, Owner's Representative Wayne Powderly, and Pence Contractors John Williamson requested approval of the Early Work Scope Package amendment to the contract with Pence Contractors for the Public Safety Facility Project. The estimated cost associated with the early work is approximately \$3.8 million. Both the City and Mr. Powderly have reviewed the estimates.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the Early Work Amendment Scope Package with Pence Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$4 million for early procurement and early site development for the new Public Safety Facility Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance #2023-07: An Ordinance amending various sections of the Redmond City Code Chapters 3 (Public Improvements), 6 (Traffic), 8 (Redmond Development Code), and 10 (Airport Regulations) to modernize regulations and improve clarity and administration; creating Redmond City Code, Chapter 11 (Sign Code); and an amendment to the 2040 Greater Redmond Area Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map.

Mayor Fitch read the rules of order for the public hearing into the record, noting tonight would be a first reading of the Ordinance with the Council looking at adoption next week.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts and Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt presented an overview of the proposed Development Code amendments, addressing the schedule and process, exhibits and feedback received, tree preservation, transportation system analyses, and staff's findings and recommendation. Questions from the Council were addressed with input from Transight Consulting Traffic Engineer Joe Bessman.

Mayor Fitch opened public hearing.

Central Oregon Builders Association's (COBA) Vice President of Government Affairs Morgan Greenwood shared COBA's concerns regarding the "diameter at breast height" of significant trees, pocket park

requirements, western juniper and tree preservation standards, proportionate share projects, the completeness determination, and Code sections where clear and objective language could be added.

Ms. Stauder opposed disregarding juniper trees with a 10-inch diameter because someone believed they were invasive.

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

Councilor Colvin moved to take no action and request more information for review at a continued hearing. Motion failed for lack of a second.

The Council identified for further consideration the topics of tree diameter relating to tree preservation and whether the transportation impact analysis would violate clear and objective procedures. The consensus of the Council was to support of staff's recommendation for growth trips for the proportionate share methodology.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to have a first reading of Ordinance #2023-07 by title only, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided the first reading of Ordinance #2023-07 by title only.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky noted Deschutes County Solid Waste Director Tim Brownell will take the lead in addressing Republic Service's request for a fee increase. Mr. Witcosky shared information on the Shop with a Cop holiday event. He noted the City takes off-leash dog violations seriously. Upcoming discussions will take place with the Oregon Water Resources Department on the City's water permit and with the Department of State Lands and the Governor's Office regarding opportunities to develop the industrial lands south of the Fairgrounds.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Nielsen thanked staff for their hard work on the Code amendments.

Councilor Evelyn thanked those who attended the meeting or viewed online and on television.

Councilor Wedding thanked staff for their hard work. She opined it was great to see the involvement on Oasis Village and recognize the volunteers. Councilor Wedding opined the Starlight Parade was a success.

Councilor Osborne concurred with Councilor Wedding.

Councilor Colvin concurred his fellow Councilors' comments and wished everyone happy holidays.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- A. Appointment of Mayor Ed Fitch and Councilor Kathryn Osborne to CORE3 Board.**
- B. Appointment of Councilor John Nielsen as the Council Liaison to the Housing and Community Development Committee.**
- C. Airport Committee - Appointment of Penni Hunter, term expiring December 31, 2027, and appointment of Cooper Bollom as the Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2024.**

- D. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Appointment of Trevor Johnson, term expiring December 31, 2024.**
- E. Budget Committee - Reappointment of Janet McAdams and Lisa Young and appointment of Jay Patrick, terms expiring December 31, 2026.**
- F. Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee - Appointment of Lena Berry, term expiring December 31, 2026, and appointment of Isabella Oris as the Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2024.**
- G. Historic Landmarks Commission - Reappointment of Shannon Farnsworth Rose, term expiring December 31, 2027.**
- H. Housing and Community Development Committee - Appointment of Laura Garcia, term expiring December 31, 2024, and appointment of Alison McKinney, term expiring December 31, 2026.**
- I. Nuisance Appeals Board - Reappointment of Anne Graham and Karin Stauder as full members, terms expiring December 31, 2025.**
- J. Parks Committee - Reappointment of Richard Lance, term expiring December 31, 2025, appointment of Peter Gassner, term expiring December 31, 2027, and appointment of Sydney Quinton-Cox Forbes as an Ex-Officio member, term expiring December 31, 2024.**
- K. Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places - Reappointment of Joann Wheeler, Khrisma Carter, KC Snider, Jackie Petrovic, and Darlene Veenhuizen, terms expiring December 31, 2027, and appointment of Beverly Harrison Campbell, term expiring, December 31, 2025.**
- L. Urban Area Planning Commission - Ray Randall as the Youth Ex-Officio, term ending December 31, 2024.**

Mayor Fitch thanked staff for their patience, particularly with his concerns regarding land use issues. He spoke about attending the Redmond Community Choir seasonal concert at Redmond High School.

He noted the appointment of Trevor Johnson (item D) would be deferred since Mr. Johnson has not been interviewed yet.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the appointments listed as amended, 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 8:37 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 13th day of February 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder