

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 8, 2024, IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.**

**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 – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Planning Director Kyle Roberts – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Associate Planner Sarah Vowell – Economic Development/Urban Renewal Programs Manager Chuck Arnold – 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 2:00 pm.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Update on Council Priorities: City Charter**

City Attorney Keith Leitz presented the draft language for three Charter amendments being proposed to voters: term limits for the Mayor and Council, four-year terms for the Mayor, and nepotism. The Council discussed the nepotism language in terms of relationships and whether to add "business partner." The consensus of the Council was to word the amendment so that domestic partner, spouse, or child/parent cannot be on the Council simultaneously. City Manager Keith Witcosky stated the Council will take public comments at the January 23, 2024, Council meeting and another meeting in February if needed.

**B. Update on Various Land Use Issues**

Economic Development/Urban Renewal Programs Manager Chuck Arnold reported that Hayden Homes has the Village Squire under contract and are considering creating housing on the site at 80-120 percent of area median income. Mayor Fitch noted that rather than using the Oregon Department of Transportation's right-of-way, Hayden Homes is willing to grade or gravel the path on their property from Oasis Village into town.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts addressed recent emails sent to the Council regarding land use concerns.

Mayor Fitch recommended that future developments should be conditioned as first proposed/approved and in line with the Great Neighborhood principles. Staff and the Council discussed how Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) changes would not be valid unless they received sign off from the City. Councilor Nielsen added the same could be done with CC&Rs regarding water conservation. Mr. Witcosky suggested that as a master plan moves towards CC&Rs, changes to any requirements could require City approval with a notice component built in.

**C. Resource Development Discussion**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan previewed the upcoming five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), focusing on transportation. The CIP will formally be brought to the Council on January 23, 2024.

For the Spruce Northwest project, Mayor Fitch suggested including right-of-way, as a condition, for a roundabout at Spruce Avenue and Northwest Way. Councilor Nielsen asked about including more commercial in the area in order to not tax the transportation system further.

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented an overview of transportation funding through a rental car tax. Staff will need to further discuss with the Council a rental car tax and adjusting the transportation System Development Charges.

Mr. Witcosky and Mr. Roberts addressed the property tax abatement presentation for a proposed development on Canal Boulevard near Odem Medo. Property tax exemptions would be for the development to move forward. A formal request will come before the Council at a later date.

Mayor Fitch requested an opportunity for informal dialogue between the City and the Redmond School District to discuss issues such as temporary versus permanent relocation of Redmond High School. Staff will schedule the discussion for a workshop in February.

Mayor Fitch provided an update on the City's meeting with the Latino Community Association (LCA). The general theme was silence is not an option and a process needs to be formulated for dealing with racial incidents as a community.

Councilor Nielsen reported on his meeting with Redmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) Director Steve Curley regarding a construction excise tax.

Councilor Zwicker stated it is important for the City to address the income of the people who need housing and not just focus on the different types of structures that are built.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

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

/s/ Ed Fitch  
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse  
Kelly Morse, City Recorder