

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 23, 2024, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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 – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Planning Director Kyle Roberts – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Client System Administrator Tyler Roppe – Principal Engineer Jake Sherman – Associate Planner Megan Peninger – Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

Father Saji Thomas from St. Thomas Catholic Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Osborne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Council.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Karin Stauder requested the City to ask Republic Services to close garbage/recycle lids so that rain and snow do not go inside the cans.

Redmond resident Stephen Schaffer asked for the status of the raccoon hate crime incident, saying the community needs closure.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein commented on the firing of a California Community College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness (DEI) Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of November 21, 2023, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of December 4, 2023, Council Workshop**

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-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proposed Changes to the City Charter for Consideration on the May 21, 2024, Ballot**

City Attorney Keith Leitz presented an overview of proposed changes to the City Charter which includes adding term limits to the Council, making the Mayor's term four years, adding consecutive term limits, and nepotism.

Ms. Stauder expressed opposition to the nepotism language.

Redmond Resident Jay Patrick said he will speak at the February meeting.

B. 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Review

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan presented an overview of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program, addressing planned projects by fund, resources by type, and highlighting the funding gap for transportation projects.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2024-03: An ordinance of the City of Redmond implementing a Rental Car Tax. (To serve as a resource for transportation infrastructure projects.)

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented an overview of the proposed Rental Car Tax, explaining that this would be a partial solution to some of the transportation funding challenges. He shared that staff placed a proposed 12.5 percent in the fee schedule which would yield about \$2 million in annual revenue.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-03 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 and second reading of Ordinance #2024-03 by title only.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve (Ordinance #2024-03), motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

i. Resolution #2024-03: A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by the City of Redmond.

Mr. Neff explained that Resolution #2024-03 adds the 12.5 percent Rental Car Tax and a fee in-lieu related to trees in development, to the Fee Schedule.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Resolution #2024-03, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Ordinance #2024-01: An ordinance approving a Comprehensive Plan & Zone Map Amendment, Master Development Plan, and Tentative Subdivision compliant with the 2040 Greater Redmond Area Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map.

Mayor Fitch re-opened the public hearing previously closed on January 9, 2024.

Mayor Fitch disclosed ex parte contact where he, Councilor Zwicker and Planning staff met with the developer, Hayden Homes, to review the conditions of approval.

Councilor Zwicker disclosed the same ex parte contact, noting the content of the meeting was only the conditions the Council had questions about from the January 9, 2024, meeting.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts explained the modifications made to the eleven conditions of approval, which included requiring notice if the project was going to increase in density, making sure the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions do not prohibit childcare, clarity on the provision of a Cascade East Transit stop, clarity regarding infrastructure at NW Spruce Avenue, additional clarity on street widths, and opportunities for curb tight sidewalks versus property tight sidewalks.

Hayden Homes Forward Planning Manager Megan Norris addressed the comments heard at the January 9, 2024, public hearing for Spruce Northwest regarding home pricing and parking. Ms. Norris confirmed that Hayden Homes concurs with the City in terms of conditions.

Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-01 by title only.

Councilor Zwicker withdrew the motion that Councilor Colvin seconded.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to replace the existing conditions of approval in Exhibit A with the modified conditions of approval as submitted and presented in Exhibit B and have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-01 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 #2024-01 by title only.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2024-01 by roll call vote, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes, Colvin-yes)

At this point in the meeting the Council moved to Action Items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance #2024-02: An ordinance to amend the Redmond Historic Landmarks Inventory in the City of Redmond Historic Preservation Plan. (525 SW 10th Street and 1114 SW Evergreen Avenue)

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Megan Peninger presented an overview of the amendment to the Redmond Historic Landmarks Inventory in the City of Redmond Historic Preservation Plan. The amendment includes two houses to be listed on the Local Landmark Register, located at 525 SW 10th Street and 1114 SW Evergreen Avenue.

Seeing no public comment, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-02 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 #2024-02 by title only.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve Ordinance #2024-02, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes, Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes)

At this point in the meeting the Council proceeded to Item C. under Action Items.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2024-01: A resolution declaring certain territory as being annexed to and incorporated within the City of Redmond.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve Resolution #2024-01, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Resolution #2024-02: A resolution of the City of Redmond requesting the transfer of certain County rights-of-way from Deschutes County.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, (to approve Resolution #2024-02), motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

At this point in the meeting, the Council moved to Public Hearings.

C. Purchase of real property for future transportation project.

Ms. MacClanahan requested the City purchase property at 2639 SW Yew Avenue, which would allow the City to expand the Yew Avenue roundabout as a capital project in the future.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the purchase of real property located at 2639 SW Yew Avenue, Redmond, for the sum of \$425,000 and direct the City Manager to execute all documents required to complete the purchase, 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 Lisa Young suggested signage be posted about the historic Spudbowl and asked the Council to include a land acknowledgment statement at the City Council meetings.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky commended staff for their work on the Spruce Northwest Annexation and the Rental Car Tax. In addition, she commended the Public Works Department and the Airport for their work during the snow and ice storm.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin thanked City staff for all of their hard work. He shared that today was his late father's birthday and encouraged everyone to hug their loved ones.

Councilor Osborne thanked City staff.

Councilor Wedding gave thanks to City staff for their work and keeping residents safe during the ice storms.

Councilor Evelyn acknowledged all the City workers and thanked the citizens for supporting the Council.

Councilor Zwicker thanked all City workers and shared the planning by the Public Works Department and Airport during the winter storms was appreciated. She reported on the legislative meeting she and Mayor Fitch had with the Central Oregon delegation last week.

Councilor Nielsen echoed the gratitude to City Staff and reported on the recent meeting with Republic Services.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Urban Area Planning Commission - Appointment of Tom Kuhn, term expiring December 31, 2026.

Mayor Fitch reported on the road conditions Sunday morning, the Ordinance process to get them approved, meeting with the Department of State Lands, and interviewing for the Planning Commission appointment along with Mr. Kyle Roberts and Councilor Colvin.

Mayor Fitch recommended appointing Tom Kuhn to the Urban Area Planning Commission.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the appointment of Tom Kuhn to the Urban Area Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2026, 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 7:24 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 27th day of February 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder