

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD FEBRUARY 13, 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 – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Network Administrator Christian Armatas – Fleet Services Manager Scott Gibson – Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Steve Parnell from Redmond Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mayor Fitch

Mayor Fitch provided an update on a racist incident that occurred last June. While the perpetrator(s) have not been caught, the incident brings to light the fact that racist acts and verbal racist taunts continue to occur in Redmond. Mayor Fitch met with concerned citizens who indicated individuals, particularly children, continue to face racist and/or prejudice acts and taunts because of their minority status. He reiterated the Council's strong stance against any form of racism or prejudice in the community.

B. Legislative Update from Doug Riggs

Central Oregon Cities Organization Lobbyist Doug Riggs provided an update on last week's legislative hearings regarding a rewrite of Ballot Measure 110 as well as housing in general and homelessness. Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Riggs finished his update later in the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, the Council proceeded to Action Items.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from Catherine Caudle

B. Written Comments from George Endicott

C. Written Comments from Richard Williams

Bend Resident Judy Trego spoke to her candidacy for Deschutes County Commissioner.

Redmond resident Karin Stauder addressed the written comments from citizens and expressing her support for term limits and nepotism rules for the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of December 12, 2023, Council Meeting

B. Minutes of January 8, 2024, Council Workshop

C. Minutes of January 9, 2024, Council Meeting

D. Approval for Increased Purchase Authority of Heavy Equipment to \$232,674

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. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Deputy City Manager Jason Neff presented the 2nd Quarter financial report. Questions from the Council were addressed throughout the presentation.

At this point in the meeting the Council returned to City Announcements Item B. for the remainder of Mr. Riggs' update.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Purchase of real property at 3415 SW 26th Street for a future transportation project: \$380,000.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan requested approval for the purchase of property located at 3415 SW 26th Street in the amount of \$380,000 plus closing costs. The property will be used for a future expansion of the Yew Avenue roundabout.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the purchase of real property located at 3415 SW 26th Street in Redmond, Oregon 97756, for the sum of \$380,000 and any associated cost 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)

B. Proposed Changes to the City Charter for Consideration on the May 21, 2024, Ballot

City Attorney Keith Leitz requested approval of amendments to the City Charter for a referral measure on the May 21, 2024, ballot. The amendments consist of adding term limits to the Council, making the Mayor's term four years and adding term limits, and nepotism.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to direct the City Attorney to draft and submit to the County Election Office the proposed Charter amendments to Sections 8, 9, and 12 for placement on the May 21, 2024, ballot and to execute all documents to complete the Charter amendment referral.

Councilor Nielsen asked why each amendment was not being voted on individually. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to have two different ballot titles. Councilor Colvin then amended his original motion.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker to direct Staff to have two ballot measures, one for Sections 8 and 9 and one for [Section] 12, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky did not have any comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Nielsen commended the Airport staff for their service during the recent ice storm.

Councilor Colvin wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Historic Landmarks Commission - Appointment of Barry Branaugh, term ending December 31, 2027, and appointment of Claire Gray as the Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2024.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the appointments of Barry Branaugh, term ending December 31, 2027, and Claire Gray as the Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2024, to the Historic Landmarks Commission, 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 6:38 p.m. He noted the Urban Renewal Agency Board meeting would take place prior to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizes executive session "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions."**
- B. Labor Negotiations – ORS 192.660(2)(d) authorizes executive sessions "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations."**

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 7:10 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)(d) authorizing executive sessions to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Mayor Fitch adjourned Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 26th day of March 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder