

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD FEBRUARY 12, 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 – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Housing Program Coordinator Linda Cline – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Billing & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Fitch called the workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Update from Redmond School District Superintendent Charan Cline

Redmond School District Superintendent Charan Cline provided an overview of the School Board Bond development for the November 2024 election, highlighting projects under consideration and concerns about the Redmond High School facility.

Mayor Fitch recommended having the City's Engineering Department analyze the impacts of combining Ridgeview High School and Redmond High School into one school.

Councilor Nielsen disclosed a potential conflict of interest explaining his work was in negotiations for programming expansions in the future.

B. Republic Services Contract Update and Deschutes County's Role in Managing Franchise Agreement

Councilors Nielsen and Zwicker presented an overview of their meeting with Republic Services regarding their contract.

Deschutes County Solid Waste Director Tim Brownell provided an overview of Deschutes County's franchise agreement development which will be provided to the cities in Deschutes County. Staff was provided with an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for consideration, which addresses the Deschutes County's assistance in the administration of the franchise agreement.

Councilor Colvin recommended aligning the IGA at six years and still giving notice. Councilors Nielsen, Osborne, and Zwicker were in favor of leaving the notice in place and continuing the work on the agreement.

Mayor Fitch recommended City staff work with Councilors Osborne and Nielsen on the IGA and bring it to the March 26, 2024, City Council meeting.

C. Discussion of a Short- and Long-Term Resource Development for Transportation Projects

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan and Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff discussed updating and modernizing Systems Development Charges (SDC) associated with transportation funding.

Councilors Nielsen and Zwicker would like to see where Redmond was in 2008 in comparison to other cities and see where they are now. Councilor Zwicker would also like information on other areas in Oregon that had rapid growth of like size and what their choices were.

Mayor Fitch discussed special area districts and the future of transportation funding through the Oregon Department of Transportation between now and 2030. He has asked ODOT to be more flexible on their standards if they are not planning to give money to the City.

Councilor Zwicker asked for a priority of projects by gradient and Councilor Colvin would like to see a list of what the City can get for the money.

D. Eastside Homeless Campus Update

Mountain View Development Executive Director Rick Russell provided an update on the Eastside Homeless Campus and reiterated the need for the project, highlighting the background of the project, getting support from the region, funding, insurance, and the conversation with Deschutes County about ownership of the property.

Council expressed concerns about Deschutes County deeding the land to Mountain View Development and recommended that the land be deeded to the City and then the City would enter into a long-term lease with Mountain View Development. Councilors Osborne, Wedding, and Nielsen wanted to ensure that the lease language would be agreeable for all parties involved.

Mayor Fitch suggested the Council and Mountain View Development reconnect after March 5, 2024, to review what the legislature decided with the project's \$6 million funding request.

Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp commented on the managed camp and Department of State Lands land exchange.

E. Redmond Landing Property Tax Exemption Item Update

Deputy City Manager John Roberts provided an update on the Redmond Landing Property Tax Exemption, explaining that the project meets criteria and staff is comfortable bringing forward a resolution for the Council's approval.

Mayor Fitch stated that if it is possible, the City should require Redmond Landing to have a capital reserve for maintenance, repairs, and improvement over time.

The Council was in favor of the tax abatement, assuming the answers would be positive. Mr. Roberts confirmed this item will come back to the Council on February 27, 2024.

F. Water Conservation and City Pilot Project Update

Mayor Fitch provided an update on the City's application before the Water Resources Department water conservation, water conservation efforts and the City pilot project. The plan is to first see what the Water Resources Department will say, placing Redmond's application on hold for six months, and then having a concurrent application for surface to groundwater. He explained that the City is hoping to get another six-month extension and in the interim show that Redmond was making strides with conservation.

Ms. MacClanahan announced that staff is developing a 12- to 24-month plan which included a more robust education campaign and a tiered rate structure or study. She shared that the City is currently in the process of the water-wise demonstration project.

Councilor Osborne suggested working with partner agencies to help with the messaging to spread the word of water conservation, sharing an Oregon State University Cascade Campus example.

City Manager Keith Witcosky discussed moving the City Council meetings to an earlier time in the day. The Council proposed keeping the meetings at 6:00 p.m. and starting Executive Sessions at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Witcosky provided an overview of the February 13, 2024, Urban Renewal Agency meeting where Council will review and discuss the NW 5th Street/NW Fir Avenue Housing Project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder