

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MARCH 12, 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 Sergeant April Huey – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Network Administrator Christian Armatas – Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Chuck Gustafson, Desert Song, led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fitch stated the announcements from the City would be made during Council Comments.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from Steve Carchidi

Redmond resident Donna Abelein spoke about diversity, equity, inclusiveness (DEI) and her belief that an interruption during public comment at the March 28, 2023, Council meeting and the raccoon incident were set-ups.

Redmond resident Kayla Boyd advocated for cannabis sales in Redmond and spoke about the working poor and keeping Measure 110 intact.

Redmond resident Sarah Long urged regulation and standardization of housing and building numbers for new buildings and developments.

Redmond resident Stephen Schaffer encouraged everyone to keep streets safe by obeying traffic laws, asking about more traffic cameras and radar enforcement.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. American Red Cross Month

American Red Cross' Central and Eastern Oregon Chapter Executive Director Morgan Schmidt read the proclamation declaring March 2024 as American Red Cross Month.

American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) member Jerry Fletcher shared how proud he is of the Council for how they've handled Redmond's growth. In addition, he thanked the Council for giving people a place to park their trailers. Mr. Fletcher announced that the DAT participates in a home fire campaign and will install fire alarms for free. DAT member John Grassley spoke about how rewarding it is to be able to provide emergency services to those who are experiencing the worst day of their lives.

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citywide Camera System Upgrade Project Update

Network Administrator Christian Armatas presented an update of the citywide security camera project by highlighting the need for the system, the fiscal impact, and future locations of interest.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Northpoint Vista Mixed-Income Neighborhood: Authorize the disposition and development of two initial parcels for affordable housing.

Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline and Deputy City Manager John Roberts provided an update on the Northpoint Vista mixed-income neighborhood project and requested authorization of the disposition and development of two initial parcels for the site.

Questions from the Council were addressed with input from deChase Miksis Partner Mark Miksis.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary agreements for the disposition and development of two affordable housing parcels at Northpoint Vista with deChase Miksis and Edlen & Co and their nonprofit partners, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

RootedHomes' Deputy Director Karl Dinkelspiel addressed the layers of funding, including public subsidy, needed for the ownership project and the rental project with Housing Works.

B. Resolution #2024-08: A resolution modifying the Greater Redmond Area Enterprise Zone Agreement to Incorporate the statutorily required School Support Fee.

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Director Steve Curley requested approval of Resolution #2024-08 which modifies the Greater Redmond Area Enterprise Zone to include a school fee on extended abatements in Years Four and Five of an enterprise zone exemption.

Questions from the Council were addressed.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to adopt Resolution #2024-08, 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 reported that Central Oregon Cities Organization Lobbyist Doug Riggs will attend the Council meeting on March 26 to give a recap of the recently concluded legislative session. One of the two houses recently purchased by the City for the Yew Avenue roundabout expansion will be use on March 13, 2024, for law enforcement training.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Nielsen provided a follow-up on Republic Services' January and February service reports. He reported on the Airport's Connect Oregon application for a \$10 million grant and shared data on the Airport's continued growth.

Councilor Zwicker thanked staff and the development team for their work on Northpoint Vista. She spoke of her excitement about the work of Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden and Representative Lori Chavez-Deremer in helping obtain \$1.25 million for the Wetlands Complex. Councilor Zwicker noted Republic Services is making strides even if she was still not 100 percent satisfied with their service.

Councilor Evelyn read a statement regarding the hateful commentary the citizens of Redmond and the Council have endured on a monthly basis for the past 14 half months. He opined these comments have done nothing to address the real-life challenges of Redmond's citizens.

Councilor Wedding thanked Councilor Evelyn for his statement. She spoke regarding the annual \$1,000 Anderson Perry scholarship which is awarded to any Redmond high school seniors looking to be an engineer.

Councilor Osborne reported the Redmond Panthers girls' basketball team placed fifth at the state tournament noting it was their highest finish for girls in school history; the boys' team placed sixth. She congratulated all the elementary school participants at the recent Battle of the Books and thanked the staff and volunteers from the Red Cross.

Councilor Colvin thanked Councilor Evelyn for his comments. He expressed appreciation for all the Council, Mayor Fitch, and staff, noting the amount of funds the City has received during this legislative session and the last session is amazing. The Request for Proposal for the City's tourism funds was posted.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- A. Budget Committee - Appointment of Kayelyn Simms as the Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2024**
- B. Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places - Appointment of Ann Lindsey, term expiring December 31, 2025.**

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to appoint Kayelyn Simms as the Budget Committee's Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2024.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to appoint Ann Lindsey to the Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places, term expiring December 31, 2025.

Motions passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch stated the \$1.8 million request for construction of 21st Street for CORE3 did not pass the special legislative session. He explained that rather than focusing on conspiracy theories, the Council spends 99 percent of their time focusing on major projects around town and water challenges with Water Resources Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 7th day of May 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder