REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MARCH 26, 2024, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: **Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne (virtual) – 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 – Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy – Police Captain Aaron Wells – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe – Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Project Manager Chuck Arnold – Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez – Billing and Collections Manager Valerie Taylor – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Cromsigt – Finance Director James Wood**

MEDIA PRESENT: **None**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation – ORS 192.660(2)(h) authorizes executive session "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed."

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 5:30 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(h) authorizing executive sessions "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed" 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 the Executive Session ended at 5:42 p.m.

Mayor Fitch called the regular meeting to order at 5:59 pm. A quorum was established. There were no motions as a result of Executive Session.

BLESSING

Pastor Jason Reeves from Redmond Heights Pentecostals led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wedding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this point in the meeting, the Council proceeded to Comments from Citizens at the Meeting.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Doug Riggs: Review of 2024 Oregon Legislative Session

Central Oregon Cities Organization Lobbyist Doug Riggs reported on the legislative session highlighting the main session goals of housing, Ballot Measure 110 reform, and lessons learned from the recent session.

At this point in the meeting, the Council proceeded to Bid Awards.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from Jay Patrick

Redmond resident Eve Ponder asked how the City will manage the future preservation of significant trees and landscape features.

Redmond resident Donna Abelein discussed the Council's alleged verbal attack of a white man at the March 14, 2023, meeting, and opined the Councilors involved should resign.

Redmond resident Jay Patrick discussed Redmond's water problem.

Redmond residents Suzanne Michaels and Judy Fessler presented a proposal to give low-income seniors a rebate on their annual property taxes in Redmond.

Redmond resident Stephen Schaffer described the meaning of a "Karen" and associated behaviors. He called for Christian values, not Christian hypocrisy.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of January 29, 2024, Council Meeting
B. Minutes of February 13, 2024, Council Meeting
C. International Dark Sky Week Proclamation
D. Resolution #2024-09 - A resolution authorizing the City of Redmond to apply for the Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for rehabilitation of the Central Dry Canyon and delegating authority to the City Manager to sign the application and accept the grant if awarded. (up to $1 million)

Mayor Fitch moved Item C to the Proclamations section of the agenda.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

AmeriCorps' Resource Assistance for Rural Environments Carter Gudell, who is contracted with Visit Central Oregon on behalf of Dark Sky Oregon, provided information on International Dark Sky Week and requested a proclamation for International Dark Sky Week.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the International Dark Sky Week proclamation, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

A. Arbor Week Proclamation

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan highlighted the City's commitment to supporting Arbor Day and trees and announced upcoming Arbor Day activities.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to approve the proclamation for Arbor Week, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

At this point in the meeting, the Council proceeded to City Announcements.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Purchase of Replacement Playground Equipment at Fairhaven Park (PK2402): $425,000.

Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez requested approval of a contract with GameTime for the placement of play equipment for Fairhaven Park in the amount of

$425,000. The contract with GameTime will be made through an interstate cooperative procurement agreement. Staff requested proposals from three different playground designers and received eight alternatives. The Parks Committee reviewed the proposals and selected the proposal from GameTime.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment from GameTime in the amount of $425,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Special Event Street Closure Request for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show: April 20, 2024

Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold requested approval of a public assembly permit for the closure of 5th Street on April 20, 2024, for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show. The event organizer Shane Mayfield, his team, and City staff met with downtown businesses about the event and have made every effort to meet any special requests.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the public assembly permit and fee schedule for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show on April 20, 2024, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Resolution #2024-07 - A resolution of the City of Redmond declaring principal and interest, due and payable at once, on Tax Lot 15-13-10A0-01100 as authorized by Oregon Revised Statutes 223.370 and Redmond City Code Sections 3.005 - 3.095.

Finance Director James Wood requested City Council adopt Resolution #2024-07 declaring the amounts owing on Tax Lot 15-13-10A0-01100 (1051 NE 11th Street), in relation to the NE 11th Street and NE Kingwood Avenue Local Improvement District, as due and payable at once. He confirmed that the owner of the property has responded with encouraging information. Council would like the owner to deal with the matter appropriately and in a timely manner.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Colvin, to adopt Resolution #2024-07, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Resolution #2024-10 - A resolution adopting amendments to the City of Redmond Standards and Specifications.

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Cromsigt provided an overview and update on the changes made to the City of Redmond Standards and Specifications which would go into effect April 25, 2024.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Resolution #2024-10, 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 Eve Ponder wanted to ensure the City has the ability to distinguish old growth heritage trees from the invasive nature of young junipers.

Redmond resident Karen Stauder expressed disappointment that Mr. Gudell did not speak to safety and crime prevention regarding International Dark Sky Week.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky discussed the April 9, 2024, Senate Bill 1530 discussion with Ariel Nelson from the League of Oregon Cities, commended staffs work on updates to the City of Redmond Standards

and Specification, and previewed the Council's April 2, 2024, joint meeting with the Deschutes County Commissioners.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin discussed the lighting at his house.

Councilor Evelyn thanked the public for sharing their comments and for being stakeholders in the process.

Councilor Zwicker reported on dark sky lighting and the Council's responsibilities during the Council Comments and Public Comment sections of the City Council meetings.

Councilor Nielsen thanked citizens for their productive contributions to the community, was grateful to City Staff for their work, and encouraged senior homeowners to look into the state program that allows suspension of property taxes until their home is sold.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on the possibility of an Elkhorn Avenue interchange, the May 16, 2024, Water Summit, and the possible elimination of plastic water bottles in all departments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of May 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder