

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD APRIL 15, 2024, IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne (via Phone) – Cat Zwicker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Tobias Colvin – Shannon Wedding

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – Public Works Operations Manager Water/Parks/Facilities Joshua Wedding – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder – Public Works Operations Manager Wastewater/Transportation/ Fleet Ryan Kirchner – Special Projects & Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez – Public Works Business & Strategic Initiatives Manager Lorelei Williams – Project Engineer Evan Malone

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of new Redmond Fire Chief: Chief Ryan Herrera

Redmond Fire Chief Ryan Herrera introduced himself and provided a brief overview of his professional background.

B. Water Conservation Research: Project Timeline and Purpose

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan and Special Projects & Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez provided an update on the City's water conservation initiatives. Their presentation highlighted the key goals in education, engineering, enforcement; policy action items, Community Engagement Plan; Utility Rate Study; infrastructure projects and operational controls, and the enforcement mechanism.

The Council requested information on best practices in other areas such as Arizona, California, Nevada, and Colorado; data and metrics on what would be saved in the water offsets; working with Homeowner Associations and builders as part of education; and a narrative to explain the City's efforts with the state legislature.

Ms. MacClanahan reviewed future policy objectives, highlighting the Water Summit, strategic legislative asks which include a Recycled Water Master Plan, the Parks Master Plan, implementation of a new tiered rate structure, and Code amendments.

The Council requested a presentation on the City's water efforts in May 2024, as well as a written summary of the overall plan.

C. Large Lot Industrial Master Plan/Project Charter

Ms. MacClanahan provided an overview of the South Redmond Tract Large Lot Industrial Project Charter document which addresses how the City will engage as a key stakeholder, who the City will engage and when, how the City will make decisions, and an overall roadmap of how to fulfill the Master Plan. The key stakeholders include the City, Department of State Lands (DSL), Department of Administrative Services, engineering, and financial consultants, and possibly Deschutes County.

Mayor Fitch recommended having the City be a part of Deschutes County's Master Plan for the Fairgrounds, noting that it would be important for both parties to approve each step. He recommended replacing "regional" with "area" because the former sounds larger.

Mayor Fitch reported that the Central Oregon Cities Organization's perspective is to focus on projects already on the books, but not yet funded for the 2025 legislature infrastructure package. He encouraged the Council to consider South Highway 97, 35th Street, and Highland Avenue over a McVey Avenue interchange.

Ms. MacClanahan discussed next steps which include compiling feedback from Council, determining the right venue to share that information with key stakeholders, primarily DSL, and trying to get Deschutes County and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) ready and involved.

D. 21st Street/CORE3

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Community & Economic Development Director Scott Aycock presented the planned timeline for work on 21st Street, highlighting the Notice of Intent to Award to Cumming Group to serve as the Owner's Representative, an amendment to the SERA Architects' existing Land Use Entitlement Contract, and ODOT's project to create a left turn lane on the highway in coordination with the architects' work on 21st Street's utilities.

Mayor Fitch's noted the minor edits needed for the City and COIC agreement regarding the \$750,000.

Mr. Aycock continued his presentation focusing on CORE3, highlighting the complexity of the project, the Executive Council, the timeline to build, and the expectation of building in phases with Phase 1 estimated to cost \$40 million. He noted the project teams' concerns on how to afford the project.

Mayor Fitch stated that the left-turn lane would be a good item for the 2025 legislature to fund, clarifying the traffic signal at 35th Street and Highway 126 would be more important to the Council than a 21st Street left-turn lane. He stated that the requirement for the new multi-use path on the north side of the highway, which would include the portion on the Oasis Village site, is solvable.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 28th day of May 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder