

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MAY 14, 2024, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Acting Community Development Director Kyle Roberts – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Network Administrator Christian Armatas – PW Operations Manager-Water/Parks/Facilities Joshua Wedding – Finance Director James Wood – Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn

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."

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.

Mayor Fitch adjourned the Executive Session at 5:41 p.m.

Mayor Fitch called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established. There were no motions as a result of the Executive Session.

BLESSING

Deacon Jay Patrick led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Osborne reported on the Downtown parking study, the 2024 Central Oregon Fire Year briefing, the farmers market, First Friday, the Redmond Street Festival, and new vehicle charging stations being installed near Grocery Outlet.

Mayor Fitch encouraged everyone to attend the Greater Redmond Historical Society's annual meeting on Saturday. He reported on inaccuracies with a former mayor's letter to the editor and last year's raccoon incident.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond residents Donna Abelein, Debbie Meadows, Karin Stauder, Eve Ponder, and Latino Community Association Interim Executive Director Daniel Allamirano Hernandez addressed the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of March 26, 2024, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of April 2, 2024, Joint Workshop w/Deschutes County Commissioners**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance #2024-09: An ordinance approving a Site & Design Review and an Amendment to the 2040 Greater Redmond Area Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map.

Mayor Fitch read the Statement for Land Use Hearing into the record for the Redmond Area Park and Recreation District's (RAPRD) Regional Recreation Center, File Numbers 711-23-000278-PLNG PA-1 and 711-23-000279-PLNG for a proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map Amendment and Site & Design Review at 3515 SW Lava Avenue (tax lot 1513180003100) in Redmond, Oregon.

No members of the Council had pre-hearing contacts, ex-parte observations, or conflicts of interest to disclose. Seeing no challenges to any member of the Council to hear the land use requests, Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Acting Community Development Director Kyle Roberts presented the Staff report of the proposed recreational center. Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the two land use applications subject to 12 conditions of approval. Redmond's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) submitted a letter recommending bike and ped enhancements to the project.

Mayor Fitch announced a five-minute break.

Mayor Fitch reconvened the meeting.

Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architecture & Planning's Principal Planner Colin McArthur presented RAPRD's application, confirmed the application proposed crossings on 35th Street at Lava and Juniper Avenues, moved some of the bike parking closer to the outdoor patio, and added more bike parking spaces to the north.

Mayor Fitch opened the public comment period.

Ms. Stauder expressed concerns about parking and traffic on 35th Street and asked when the second phase of the project will occur. BPAC member Trevor Johnson emphasized adding a pull-in bus area for safety. Urban Area Planning Commission Vice Chair Norm Schultz emphasized the need for safety and solving the intersection problem.

Mr. McArthur clarified Phase 2 was dependent on funding availability. In addition, the only on-street parking they considered to serve capacity was on Lava Avenue, and the proposed facility was compared to 22 other similar facilities of the same size in the U.S. regarding parking.

Questions from the Council were addressed with input from RAPRD Executive Director Katie Hammer.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-09 by title only, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided the first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-09 by title only.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to approve Ordinance #2024-09, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2024-12: A resolution declaring certain territory as being annexed to and incorporated within the City of Redmond.

Mr. Roberts requested approval of the resolution that would formally annex the RAPRD property into the city.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to adopt Resolution #2024-12, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Amendment to Consor Well 9 Design Contract in the amount of \$288,152 (WA2202)

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms requested approval of the amendment to the existing contract with Consor for the design of the Well 9 project for additional design scope as well as Engineer of Record services during construction.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve Amendment #1 to contract #2022-40 with Consor for additional design services of the Well 9 project in the amount of \$288,152 and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment, motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Annual Investment Update and Policy Approval

Finance Director James Wood requested approval of the City's investment policy. PFM Asset Management Director Annette Gaston provided a market update, while Mr. Wood addressed the goals of the investment policy and provided an update on the investments in the City's portfolio.

Councilor Colvin moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve the City of Redmond investment policy FIN111-Investments. The motion passed. (Colvin-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Ms. Abelein addressed the council.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky announce there would not be a Council meet ing next week due to the election. Election packets will be available the week of Memorial Day for those who want to run for Mayor or Council. Stakeholder outreach will begin next week for the Transportation System Development Charges with the item coming before the Council on June 11, for discussion. This will also be another opportunity for stakeholder input. After receiving calls expressing concern, Code Enforcement and Community Service Officers have been contacting vendors in City rights-of-way and other places that may not have business licenses. The suspect that assaulted the mariachi band had been charged with various crimes by the District Attorney and was due for a court appearance May 16.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Evelyn commented the City wants to move forward and urged people to stop talking about the past. The Council will not reply and buy into the nonsense.

Councilor Colvin reported the Tourism Committee received six Proposals for the Tourism Committee Master Plan and will be interviewing firms in the next two weeks. He encouraged everyone to watch the last Council meeting which contained information about water usage and free items that can help reduce consumption.

Councilor Wedding encouraged everyone to look at the City's website/social media and participate in the survey for the Parks Master Plan.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch announced a water summit will be held on Thursday at City Hall. The summit will focus particularly on groundwater and the ability of cities to access it for future growth. He addressed comments made by Ms. Abelein earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 9th day of July 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder