

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JUNE 24, 2024, IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobias Colvin – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Cat Zwicker

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shannon Wedding

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Interim Community Development Department Director Kyle Roberts – Police Captain Jesse Petersen – Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Finance Director James Wood – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Associate Planner Sarah Vowell – Airport Finance and Analytics Manager Steve Juba

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

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 3:03 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 3:35 p.m.

Mayor Fitch called the special meeting to order at 3:38 pm. A quorum was established. There were no motions as a result of the Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Proclamation Process

The Council discussed a process for proclamations and the proposed Patriots Month proclamation. Suggestions offered included the creation of a yearly calendar outlining which proclamations the Council would consider, and a process similar to the City of Bend whereby a form must be submitted 14 days in advance so the Council can have time to discuss it before adding it to an agenda. No clear process going forward was identified or agreed upon.

Regarding the Patriots Month proclamation, the consensus of the Council was to proceed with Option 3, change the name to American Independence Month, and omitting "defend" from the second sentence.

B. Landscaping Code Modifications

Interim Community Development Director Kyle Roberts and Associate Planner Sarah Vowell presented four potential solutions to the implementation challenges of the landscaping standards adopted by Council in December 2023.

The consensus of the Council was to go with Staff's recommendation of Option 2, making a few minor changes to fix problem areas until a broader discussion of a complete fix can take place.

Mayor Fitch addressed correspondence sent to City Manager Keith Witcosky regarding the lack of sidewalks, spanning approximately 25 feet in front of a property on Forked Horn Butte. Staff explained that single-family dwellings do not require frontage improvements. Discussion took place on whether ADA compliance is the City's responsibility.

C. Code Enforcement Item

Mr. Witcosky explained that in April the City issued a home occupation code citation to an individual who had been running a commercial business in a residential neighborhood. The matter went before a hearings officer who sided with the City and directed the individual to come into compliance by July 17, 2024. The Council discussed the possibility of a daily penalty if not in compliance by the deadline or obtaining a mandatory injunction.

Mayor Fitch requested an executive session on the matter for the July 9 Council meeting.

D. Debrief on County Meetings from June 14

Mr. Witcosky and Councilor Zwicker reported on their meeting with Deschutes County to discuss the City's interest in having the County deed 13 acres of property to Redmond. Mountain View Development (MVD) Executive Director Rick Russell is still in conversations with Deschutes County about deeding 9 of the 13 acres directly to MVD rather than them having to sub-lease the land from the City.

After discussion, the consensus of the Council is to formally ask Deschutes County to deed the land to the City since we are already in a 10-year lease for the property. The City can then work out a sub-lease with MVD.

E. Transportation Prioritization: Prep for September 13 Legislative Roadshow

Mayor Fitch relayed the City's conversation with the Deschutes County Commissioners about transportation priorities that focus on the Highland Avenue corridor, specifically a roundabout at Helmholtz Way and a traffic light at 35th Street and Highland Avenue, and support of CORE3 with a left-turn lane on 21st Street. The general feeling was it is not the right time to pursue the southern interchange.

The Council agreed the Highland Avenue corridor needed the two improvements.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Witcosky clarified that the increase to the Council stipends will occur in January 2025. It was clarified that Redmond's Charter identifies a Council President instead of a Council Pro-tem.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

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

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder