

Redmond City Council
Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing
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July 1, 2024

Present: Tobias Colvin, Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Interim Community Development Director Kyle Roberts, City Recorder Kelly Morse, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Public Works Operations Director Joshua Wedding

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Water Permit Update

Mayor Fitch provided an update on next steps for the proposed final order, recent meetings with the Water Resources Department (WRD) on Redmond's water permit application, and the Central Oregon Cities Organization draft letter. He noted the Governor's Office was interested in getting the cities and WRD in sync.

B. Miscellaneous Issues

City Manager Witcosky reported that Deschutes County (County) asked for more clarity on why the City wants the entire 13 acres of County land deeded to them. In short, the Council wants to get a better sense of what Rick Russell's departure from Mountain View Community Development means for the organization's Safe Parking program.

City Attorney Leitz explained that the Supreme Court's overturning of *Martin v. Boise* means the City cannot be sued for enforcing its anti-camping ordinances when shelter beds are unavailable. He confirmed no adjustments would be needed to the City's Time, Place, and Manner restrictions on camping.

Mayor Fitch reported on the Chamber of Commerce's plan was to provide the City with the accounting records, for the tourism funds spent by the Convention Visitors Bureau, by the end of August. The Council agreed to let the situation unfold without further intervention from the City.

City Manager Witcosky stated Staff will update the Council work plan and likely bring it to the first meeting in August for discussion.

Mayor Fitch noted with he and Councilor Zwicker are both running for mayor, adding that anyone feels business is not being done in a transparent manner, then the Council and Administration need to be informed.

City Manager Witcosky explained that Staff will take a closer look at home occupation permits for a deeper discussion at an August workshop. **Interim Community Development Director Roberts** spoke to the case of an auto repair shop in a residential area which was brought up

during public comment at the last Council meeting. He noted no significant changes have been made to the home occupation provisions in the Development Code for several years.

The Council expressed concerns about home businesses bringing down other people's property values, the hazardous materials clause in Deeds of Trust, and a diesel tank being stored on a residential property.

City Manager Witcosky reported on meeting with the League of Oregon Cities' Executive Director Patty Mulvihill regarding public comment not aligning with the Council's values. Due to Oregon's broad free speech laws, the options for the Council were limited to leaving the room or moving public comment to the end of the meeting. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to have one public comment period during Council meetings, before City Manager Comments.

The Council discussed the request to reapprove the Patriot Month proclamation in its original form. In addition, they discussed having proposed proclamations evaluated by the Council and, when necessary, revised to reflect the proclamation was being made by the City, not those who submitted the request.

Mayor Fitch stated the Council will make two statements at the beginning of the July 9, 2024, meeting, on moving the public comment period and on the American Independence Month proclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 13th day of August 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder