

**Redmond City Council
Special Meeting Minutes**

July 22, 2024

Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing

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

Excused: None

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Interim CDD Director Kyle Roberts, City Recorder Kelly Morse, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding, Finance Director James Wood, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez

Media Present: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 3:00 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 Executive Session at 3:11 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Mountain View Community Development Update - Safe Parking & Eastside Campus

Mayor Fitch reported that Rick Russell was now back with Mountain View Community Development (Mountain View), and they want to proceed with transitional housing. He explained that Deschutes County could deed the property to the City, then Mountain View would lease the property from the City for a period of 65 years.

Councilor Zwicker added details about the Coordinated Houseless Response Office's Requests for Qualification/Requests for Proposal process and wanting to consider the Mountain View project. She clarified there was no provider yet for a supported/managed camp on 10 of the 45 acres.

B. Emergency / Extreme Heat - Water Access for Houseless

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Neff reported that the Redmond Collective Action received a donated tank. It was initially thought the City would fill the tank with water; however, the tank needs to be placed somewhere making it more permanent situation. After researching how Deschutes County handles their tanks, staff proposed working with Outreach Coordinator Natalie Lantz to buy a trailer and create procedures to take the tank out, likely east of Antler Avenue, during extreme heat. Staff would return the tank back to City property at the end of each day.

Councilor Nielsen concurred with **Councilor Osborne's** suggestion to have a mutual aid team watch the trailer during extreme heat while Ms. Lantz is working. **Councilors Colvin, Nielsen, and Zwicker** were against exorbitant expenses for the tank.

Staff would report at the next Council meeting as to the progress on the tank.

C. Landscaping & Water Conservation - State statute allowing cities to supersede CC&Rs

Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Ramirez reported on Staff's finding of an Oregon Revised Statute allowing for City Code to take precedence over individual homeowner associations' (HOAs) covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs).

Mayor Fitch explained there are two aspects to the statute. The first provides that the City can adopt an ordinance removing the CC&R restriction as compelling to allow for a lack of irrigating the area or allow xeriscaping. The second allows a HOA to waive its turf and irrigation requirements.

Questions from the Council were addressed with input from **Public Works Director/City Engineer MacClanahan**.

Mayor Fitch reported on a recent discussion on water conservation and sidewalks. He opined the Council should consider whether there should be planter strips, which use a great deal of water, or move toward curb-tight sidewalks on local streets.

D. Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) Update

Mayor Fitch reported that Governor Tina Kotek wants the Water Resources Department to adopt new rules which will probably be a continuing discussion post-September.

E. Patriot Month - September 2024

Mayor Fitch explained that the Patriot Month proclamation requestors have approved the addition of language regarding 9/11. If the Council was amenable as well, the situation could be resolved.

City Attorney Leitz clarified the matter was not a First Amendment issue, as proclamations are made by the City.

The Council discussed revisiting its previous decision that September was federally identified as Patriot Month.

Councilors Nielsen and Evelyn said the Council should proclaim September as Patriot Month.

Mayor Fitch regretted the Patriot Month proclamation proposers not knowing about the Council's revisions until the evening of the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 27th day of August 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder