

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

August 13, 2024

Council Chambers & 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: City Manager Keith Witcosky, 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, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Network Administrator Christian Armatas, Finance Director James Wood, Network Administrator Dan Schroedl, Associate Planner Sarah Vowell, Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

Pastor Luke Cobray from Journey Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Witcosky reported that formal communication was sent today to the home occupied auto shop business regarding the nature of their potential infractions. The City had a conversation with the owner, and they were aware of the appeal processes that could follow.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of July 1, 2024, Council Workshop
- B. Minutes of July 9, 2024, Council Meeting

Councilor Zwicker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Wedding seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Civil Air Patrol Presentation

Bruce McLellan, Mission Pilot and Health Services Officer, High Desert Squadron, presented an overview of the Civil Air Patrol and what they do for the community, highlighting emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.

- B. 4th Quarter Financial Report

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Neff presented the preliminary, unaudited 4th Quarter Financial Report. The audit will be finished in October.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Ordinance #2024-14: An Ordinance amending Sections 8.520 and 8.530 of the Redmond City Code, Chapter 8 (Redmond Development Code).

Mayor Fitch read the Statement of Land Use Hearing into the record and opened the public hearing.

Interim Community Development Director Kyle Roberts and Associate Planner Sarah Vowell presented the staff report on a minor modification to the Development Code's landscaping standards. The Urban Area Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval, and no public comments were received.

Mayor Fitch called for public comments. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Colvin moved to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-14 by title only. Councilor Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

City Attorney Leitz provided the first and second reading of Ordinance #2024-14 by title only.

Councilor Nielsen moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-14. Councilor Evelyn seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Colvin, Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Wedding, Zwicker

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Knox Investments, LLC Annexation Agreement

Mr. Roberts presented the annexation request for the Knox property located at 900 NW Pershall Way to develop a master-planned townhouse subdivision. He reviewed the next steps for this planning process and answered clarifying questions from the Council. Staff responded to concerns about increased density, the lack of services in the area, and the impact of increased traffic on traffic safety. Staff also addressed a question about the future expansion of NW Pershall Way.

Ryan Johnston, Woodhill Homes, stated the project team would do everything in its power to adhere to City Code and develop a safe neighborhood.

Jeannie Cote-Lashonse, Redmond resident, requested that Planning Division staff accompany people to the area and explain the proposed plans.

The Council discussed the City's plans to add housing, ensuring good developments through the upcoming Good Neighborhood Code amendments, the fact that the Council is compelled to approve the annexation, and changes to the legislative process that are necessary for the City to respond to current growth and development.

Councilor Colvin moved to approve the annexation agreement with Knox Investments, LLC for the property located on 900 NW Pershall Way, Tax Lot #1413330001804 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Councilor Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with Councilors Osborne and Zwicker opposed.

B. Public Safety Facility Storage Equipment Supply and Install Contract with Spacesaver Specialists, Project # PD2201: \$751,705

Police Chief Lewis requested approval of a contract award to Spacesaver Specialists in the amount of \$751,705 for the installation of storage equipment at the new public safety facility and provided a brief update on the facility.

Councilor Zwicker moved to award a contract to Spacesaver Specialists for the supply and installation of storage equipment for the new public safety facility in the amount of \$751,705 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Councilors Evelyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Trevor Johnson, Redmond resident, expressed support for cannabis dispensaries in Redmond.
- Donna Abelein, Redmond resident, cited concerns about the Council's reasons for removing one of the public comment periods during meetings and the effect on free speech.
- Kayla Bee, Redmond resident, spoke about the increase in living expenses and homelessness, and proposed the City build solutions and dedicate resources to help people keep their housing.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Witcosky reported on the National Night Out event, thanking City Staff who staffed some of the tents to talk about issues like water conservation and bike and pedestrian safety.

Chief Lewis presented highlights of National Night Out, commending all involved in the event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Osborne provided updates from the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee regarding housing development at the 5th and Fir property, the former Village Squire Hotel, the success of the farmers market under new vendor operation, the no-cost student breakfasts and lunches to be provided by the Redmond School District, advocating for additional funding for rural firefighting efforts, access to housing, health care access, and increased training resources for local firefighters during a legislative tour related to the CORE3 project.

Councilor Zwicker commended the Police Department for a great time at National Night Out and reported on volunteering at the Deschutes County Fair. She announced the City would consider the future of the 45 acres with the County and that the Coordinated Houseless Response Office was considering policies to create future Requests for Proposals with service providers.

Councilor Nielsen complimented the Deschutes County Fair on traffic mitigation and commended the Police Department on the National Night Out event. He congratulated the Department on its surprise traffic enforcement on August 8th.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch encouraged people, in the words of Bob Marley, "to emancipate your mind from mental slavery." He reported on attending and volunteering at the Deschutes County Fair and on meeting with state legislators about water policy. He noted that progress was being made on the City's water application which could be ready to share in a couple weeks. He recommended watching the YouTube video tour of Redmond's new library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 24th day of September 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder