

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

September 10, 2024

Council Chambers & Remote Video Conferencing
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Present: Tobias Colvin, Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch (virtual), John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Cat Zwicker

Excused: Shannon Wedding

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Croomsigt, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe, Finance Director James Wood, Planning Director Kyle Roberts, Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline, Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding, Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez

Media Present: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Exempt Public Records – ORS 192.660(2)(f) authorizes executive sessions "to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection."

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) which authorizes executive sessions "to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection."

Mayor Fitch adjourned the Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BLESSING

Pastor Rick Russell with Mountain View Fellowship led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Osborne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Constitution Week Proclamation

B. Honor Flight of Central Oregon Welcome Home Day 2024 Proclamation

Councilor Colvin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Zwicker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilor Osborne read the Constitution Week Proclamation.

Rachel Nordenhok thanked the Council for approving the proclamation and provided details about Constitution Week.

Councilor Evelyn read the Honor Flight of Central Oregon Welcome Home Day 2024 Proclamation.

Honor Flight of Central Oregon volunteer Don DeLand thanked Council for approving the proclamation and described Honor Flight's mission.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Guest Presentation: North Unit Micro Grid/Resiliency Project

City Manager Keith Witcosky described the project noting that by partnering with the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) and the state, this is an opportunity to add resiliency to the east side of Redmond in the event of a power shut-off.

NUID Executive Manager Mike Britton, Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) Energy Development Director Keith Kueny, and Black Rock Consulting District Engineer of Record Kevin Crew presented an overview of the NUID Hydroelectric Resilience Project and Microgrid and described NUID and the FCA. The work completed to date and project benefits were highlighted and a map of the project layout and next steps were shared.

Mayor Fitch noted the project would be valuable in the summer when Pacific Power cuts off power during wildfires.

B. Guest Presentation: Charan Cline, Redmond School Bond

Redmond School District Superintendent Charan Cline presented information on the \$97.7 million Redmond School District bond measure going before voters in November.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Contract with Green Thumb Industries, Inc. for the WaterWise Gateway Conversion Project (PK2401): \$225,076.06

Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez requested approval of a contract award to Green Thumb Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$225,076.06 for the WaterWise Gateway Conversion Project. The City's estimate was \$225,000.00, and one bid was received.

Councilor Zwicker moved to award the Redmond WaterWise Gateway Conservation [sic] Project construction contract to Green Thumb Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$225,076.06 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. Councilor Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. The 2023 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance Review and Evaluation Report

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline presented the 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Community Development Block Grant program.

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2024-24 - A resolution of the City of Redmond to make Budget Adjustments. (Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to General, Transportation and Community Development Funds: \$1.1 million)

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff briefly described the requested adjustments to the budget in the amount of \$1.1 million.

Councilor Nielsen moved to adopt Resolution #2024-24 adjusting the City's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget. Councilor Colvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Redmond resident Kayla Bee discussed psilocybin treatment centers and cannabis sales in the City.
- Deschutes Public Library Representative Liz Goodrich discussed the Annual Festival of Voices.
- Redmond resident Donna Abelein commented on Council's actions.
- Scott Stuart spoke of government corruption and his distrust of the Council.
- Redmond resident Sally Griffin commented on being a teacher and showed support for the Council.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Witcosky commended city staff and the Police Department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker reported on the Coordinated Houseless Response Office, transportation issues, and complimented the Council.

Councilor Osborne reported on the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and Downtown Redmond's upcoming events.

Councilor Colvin reported on the Council's main goals and the Tourism and Lodging Committee.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on the City's water bill, a rural investment conference presentation on CORE3, political signs, and the managed camp program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Fitch adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.
Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 22nd day of October 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder