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BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 6, 2021

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MEETING AGENDA

6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- A. Other Funds
 - i. Engineering
 - ii. Capital Projects
 - iii. LID Debt Service

III. DISCUSSIONS & MOTIONS

- A. Discussion of Budget Committee Member Proposals from April 28 and May 5.
 - i. Ed Fitch's Memo
 - ii. Jay Patrick's Memo
- B. Identification of any Trade Offs Required and Determine Support/Lack of Support for Proposals
- C. Other Recommendations (outside of the Proposed Budget)
- D. Motions

IV. ADJOURN

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To: Budget Committee
From: Ed Fitch
Re: REROUTE FUNDING

As noted in our first leg of the budget hearing I am recommending we have a budget line item to provide for some preliminary engineering on a proposed reroute / freight route from O'Neil junction to 9th street to airport way via the old juniper golf course then to a link with the proposed 19th street to Quarry interchange . The reason for this is to take a fair amount of the through traffic (especially freight) off of south 97 which, despite a healthy investment, could turn into a parking lot with the increase in population not only in Redmond but all of Central Oregon. Staff will be providing a map. The engineering should examine the feasibility of a four lane route and a future corridor north of Maple avenue to O'Neil. Staff may have a better number but I suggested \$50,000.

To: The Budget Committee
From : Councilor Fitch
Re: History of Redmond/ Redmond City Hall/ Diversity and inclusion

It is clear we need a better history written for our community. We should also reflect that history in the political center of our community - city hall. In addition to that we need to show those who come to city hall where we have been, who we are now and where our community is going in the future. The current city hall interior does not do that.

The city hall did serve as a high school, middle school and elementary school in the past. Only one small slice of that history is represented. If it was still a school some of those pictures which currently dominate the interior would be appropriate. But the building is not a school nor is it even part of the school system. While that past has its place it is not the main reason the building was preserved (instead of being torn down). The main reason was its architectural significance particularly as it faces Centennial Park. Now, however, when one enters city hall the overall message in the interior hall is that of a community transfixed on its 1950's heritage which does not embrace any diversity in color or any advancement of women over the intervening decades. What I hear from our citizens today is a description of a community which is far removed from that of the 1950's . Women are leaders in business and in politics - not confined to the home economic roles portrayed in city hall. We have a distinct, vibrant and growing hispanic community none of which is portrayed in city hall. The list can go on and on but the message is clear. We need to have city hall that represents not only its past historical roots (broader than just the school)but also the vibrant progressive community it is today and where we are going in the future.

We should earmark some funds to work with the historical society and some with interior design (artistic) ability to look at city hall to update the interior corridors by embracing all three (past, present and future) parts of our community and have city hall reflect the common values and aspirations of all of its citizens.

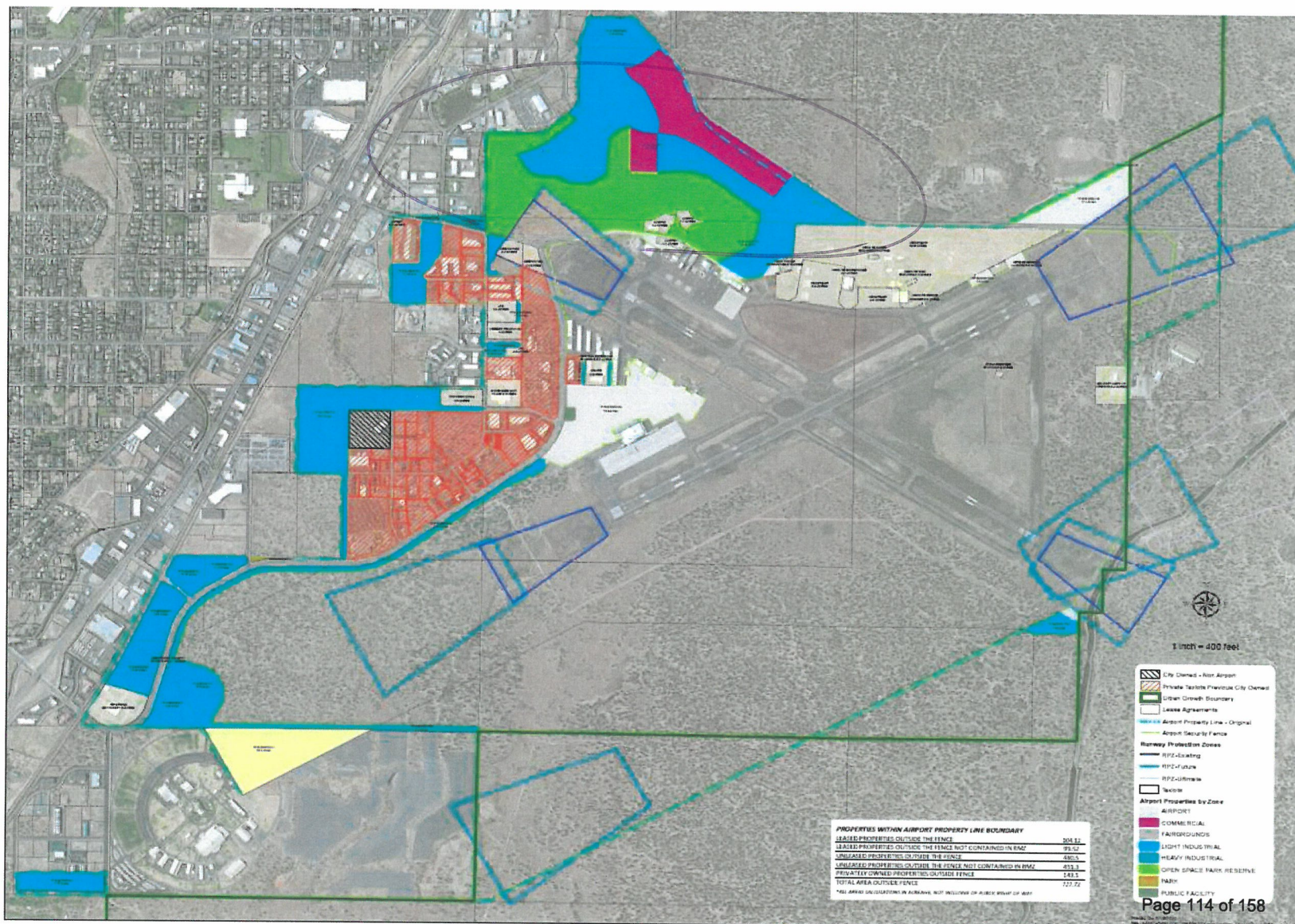
To: Redmond Budget Committee
From Ed Fitch
Re: Old Juniper Golf course

The old Juniper golf course site which is depicted on the attached map has been vacant for about 15 years. In talking with Jon Stark there is a need for a quality business park with lower acreage sites available. There is also an opportunity of a mixed use development with a hotel as well as commercial uses to serve the east side of our community. The site comprises around 200 acres. Any development has to take into consideration that except for a couple of acres the city rec'd from John Hodecker the land is subject to a patent in favor of the FAA. Development in the near future will aid in getting the connection of Airport Way and NE 9th street implemented. I propose that the city earmark \$50,000 in the airport fund to pursue a master plan/rfp process for this property. All of this of course will be subject to further council review.

YOUR AIRPORT

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Here are 3 items I would like to be brought up tonight as I cannot make it to the meeting. There will be the chance to bring up items so these are mine.

- 1) The City claims 72% of the lodging tax monies. Even with the terrible year of COVID, there are extra monies above their contract that we are projected to collect (within that pot, it is the sub fund we talked of last night) I believe that could/should be given to the Chamber for them capture more visitors to Redmond. I would ask the Budget Committee make that suggestion to Council, when that decision gets made. I realize we don't have an accurate number of what those dollars will be, but the Chamber/Visitors Bureau has done a darn good job bringing visitors to Redmond over the years. They do not have desires from other departments that would pull heart strings to fund things that may not produce the visitors/dollars back into Redmond. Visits to Redmond is what creates income for the small businesses and the City.
- 2) I would like to see some funds marked for the planning/investigating the future 2nd phase of the bypass.
- 3) We need to make sure we are continuing to replace "old" steel pipe. Robbing a fund like this to fund another project is like taking money from Medicare and or Social Security to fund another project, we have seen this example, that doesn't play out well, this is not good policy. I don't necessarily believe we are approaching danger I just want to make sure the pipe replacement doesn't disappear. I would rather have programs and or positions wait their turn to start when we can afford to start them. This is explained on page 40 of the budget. I am not saying the water project should've been postponed, the City has many projects every year. The 15 to 20 year pipe replacement project needs to get completed before emergency issues arise with the old pipe.
- 4) A plan of hiring 15.5 employees is aggressive. The argument of need is there as Redmond grows I don't discount that. But it is a larger percentage of overall growth. Personnel is a forever addition (layoffs are never a plan), I just ask we are careful/thoughtful.