

VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JUNE 9, 2020, VIA GOTO MEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Bullock – Albert Calderon – Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Camden King – Ginny McPherson – Jay Patrick

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Endicott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no comments from citizens at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

A. COVID-19 Update

Mayor Endicott reported that Deschutes County entered Phase 2 of reopening. He encouraged everyone to maintain social distancing and to wear masks to minimize risk.

Redmond Fire and Rescue Chief Ken Kehmna urged the public to remain diligent in maintaining social distancing, wearing face masks and practicing good hygiene. The department is prepared for a fall surge in COVID-19 cases.

Police Chief Dave Tarbet and Captain Devin Lewis provided an overview of the department's use-of-force policies and how they jibe with the Eight Can't Wait list of police reforms that is being circulated nationwide. Department policies already incorporate about 75 percent of the reforms. The ultimate objective of the Redmond Police Department is to end incidents peacefully, with no injuries.

Chief Tarbet and Captain Lewis answered Council questions on police militarization, changing role of police, and officer training.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Change Order #3 to the SW Forest Avenue and SW 8th Street Stormwater Improvement Project; \$489.05 (SW1901)

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

BID AWARDS/BID REJECTIONS

A. Award 2020 Stormwater Projects to Bar 7A Companies; \$316,361 (SW1902)

City Engineer Mike Caccavano requested Council award the contract for construction of the 2020 Stormwater Projects to Bar Seven A Companies, the lowest of seven bidders.

The project will correct stormwater problems at three locations: SW Yew Avenue/Highway 97 underpass, SW 27th Street/SW Volcano Way, and SW 12th Street/SW Cascade Avenue.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor McPherson, to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Bar 7A Companies in the amount of \$316,361.00 for the 2020 Stormwater Project, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

ORDINANCES

A. Ord. #2020-11 – An ordinance granting a non-exclusive telecommunication franchise to Bend-Tel, Inc.

City Manager Keith Witcosky requested approval of Ord. #2020-11, which grants a five-year non-exclusive franchise agreement with Bend-Tel.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2020-11 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ord. #2020-11 by title only.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve Ord. #2020-11, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Purchase of Property located at 2386 SW Helmholtz Way

Deputy City Manager John Roberts requested Council approve the purchase of 1.46-acre parcel located at 2386 SW Helmholtz Way. The parcel is needed to complete important street, water, and sewer connections. After the infrastructure is completed and the right-of-way secured, the parcel will be sold, and the water fund reimbursed.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have the City Manager sign the sales agreement and to execute all necessary subsequent actions to complete conveyance of real property located at 2386 SW Helmholtz Way in the amount of \$182,500.00 plus closing costs, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

B. Res. #2020-06 – A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by the City of Redmond.

Mr. Roberts requested Council approve Res. #2020-06 which updates a number of Community Development Department, Public Works and Finance fees.

No comments were received from the public.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor King, to approve Res. #2020-06, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes; Calderon-absent)

C. South Redmond US 97 Urban Renewal District Feasibility Study

Urban Renewal Analyst Meghan Gassner requested Council accept the South Redmond US 97 Urban Renewal District Feasibility Study to proceed with the development of the South Redmond US 97 Urban Renewal Plan and Report. The Facility Plan identifies the need for \$50 million to \$80 million in improvements along the Highway 97 corridor from the Yew Avenue interchange to Veterans Way. The tax increment financing provided by an urban renewal district could provide matching funds for projects along the corridor as well as extending infrastructure to the Department of State Lands property south of the fairgrounds.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to accept the South Redmond US 97 Urban Renewal Area Feasibility Study, and proceed with the development of the South Redmond US 97 Urban Renewal Plan and Report, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott announced that he has filed to run for mayor again.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Patrick apologized to the city manager for comments made about an activity over the weekend noting he jumped the gun.

Councilor Clark-Endicott reported that Representative Peter DeFazio has introduced “Invest in America” legislation to the House Transportation Committee. She also recognized the seniors graduating this year amid COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings and requested Council consider issuing a proclamation recognizing these students.

Councilor McPherson thanked Redmond Police Department and Redmond Fire and Rescue for all they continue to do for Redmond. She asked if City Hall was going open next week to which Mr. Witcosky responded the City would start to bring employees back, but the building would not be open to the public yet.

Councilor King requested that Council work on a written policy which addresses the process of filling council and committee vacancies and that includes public announcements of the vacancies and a timeline for filling them.

Councilor Bullock recognized the tumultuous times the state and country are facing. He stands with those fighting against bigotry, injustice and racism and is in solidarity with those who are working to combat racism, violence and discrimination. Everyone needs to work together to end racism and discrimination.

Councilor Calderon appreciated the presentation on police procedures. The Northwest and Central Oregon seem to be ahead of the curve. He would like the public to be informed about the extent of training our officers receive.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported that City playgrounds would be opening soon. Park restrooms will open within the next 10-12 days, but because no staff are available to do the required twice a day cleaning, signs will be posted. Council is beginning its summer schedule so meetings will be held June 23 and 30, July 14 and August 25. The Mayors’ next press conference will discuss the airport, tourism and the importance of masks.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Prepared by Trish Pinkerton, Asst. to the City Recorder’s Office

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 13th day of October 2020.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder