

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD AUGUST 25, 2020, VIA GOTOMEETING.

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.

BLESSING

Pastor Barry Campbell from Highland Baptist Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Patrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Skipper Lay addressed the Council regarding the process used in the appointment of Councilor Calderon.

Deschutes County Commissioner candidate Phil Chang spoke to the Council regarding his support of Skyline Village and desire to be a partner in this affordable housing project if elected.

Redmond residents Richard Lance, Leanne Latterell, Gloria Olson, Tom McEneany, Diego Rose, Stephanie Hunter, and Anne Polak spoke in support of the Council's statement against racism, the proclamation condemning racism, and the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) task force.

Redmond residents Michael Kusinska and Greg Wales spoke in opposition of the formation of a DEI task force.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Endicott reviewed and clarified the debate portion of the Council rules.

A. Current Affairs

Deschutes County Director of Public Health Nahad Sadr-Azodi provided a COVID update for Deschutes County, noting that this week saw a drop of 9 percent in positive cases. Mr. Sadr-Azodi addressed questions regarding schools, percentage of school age of children contracting the flu, and hospitalizations for those under the age of 18 years old. Councilor Patrick stated he is opposed to any mandated flu vaccines for school aged children.

B. Redmond School District Update, Dr. Charan Cline, Superintendent

i. Res. #2020-17 - A resolution supporting the passage of the Redmond School District 2J General Obligation Bond.

Redmond School District (RSD) Superintendent Dr. Charan Cline provided a presentation on the RSD bond measure coming before voters at the November ballot and requested the Council's formal support. Dr. Cline noted that current interest rates allowed for the refinancing of the current bond resulting in a savings of \$7.4 million. A matching grant from the State of Oregon would provide another \$7.6 million which would result in no increase to the current tax rate of \$2.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve Res. #2020-17, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

C. Tourism Update - Redmond CVB

Redmond Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) Executive Director Eric Sande provided the Council with a tourism update for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021. Highlights included details of the Welcome Back Central Oregon campaign, occupancy and room rate statistics, COVID impacts on the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, passenger statistics at Roberts Field, Chamber website statistics, Visit Redmond rebranding, and a budget review.

D. Statement Against Racism

Councilor Calderon read the statement against racism he prepared with Councilor Bullock. Councilor Patrick commented that while the statement is well written he would recommend defining or striking the word "systemic" and replacing "people of color" with "all people" in the first sentence of paragraph three.

Councilor King opposed the changes and opined the point of making the statement is to reach out to those of color, various sexual orientations, abilities, etc. within the community to take a stance against racism. He also recommended keeping the word "systemic" because the statement acknowledges its existence.

Councilor Bullock stated that while systemic racism is not always recognizable, we are committed to acknowledging its existence so that a better system can be created and all people in our community, particularly those of color, have a voice in the process. Councilor Bullock commented it was an honor to work with Councilor Calderon on statement and thanked him for the opportunity to learn about his lived experiences. Councilor Patrick shared that while he does not agree with the word "systemic", he can work with the language.

Clark-Endicott opined that "systemic" is a loaded term and may create barriers for people wanting to engage. She recommended adding specific language indicating the City would work conjunction with the RSD's task force rather than create a standalone task force and removing the statement indicating the adoption of a DEI policy so the task force can begin work with the community to identify needs to move forward.

Councilor McPherson spoke to the number of people who have testified on the issue adding that the City's constituents are not indicating the City's effort needs to be done in conjunction with RSD. Councilor McPherson opined that a standalone task force would not cost a lot of money. Mayor Endicott stated a majority of the Council voted to work in conjunction with RSD's task force. Councilor King suggested revisiting the discussion because two Councilor have put forth the statement against racism that indicates a desire to have a standalone task force. Councilor Clark-Endicott called a point of order and requested hearing from Councilor Calderon before hearing from those Councilors who have already spoken on the issue. In response, Councilor Calderon explained he did vote to start the task force with RSD and still believes that is the right direction and the intent of the statement. Councilor King explained he is not opposed to working with RSD, but believes the City needs to do its own work as the issues and needs are different than RSD's. Councilor Clark-Endicott reiterated the need for adding language clarifying the DEI task force would be done with the RSD. Councilor Bullock called a point of order as to whether Councilor Clark-Endicott's comments regarding Councilor King were germane to the topic being discussed. Mayor Endicott indicated personal attacks were not permitted and allowed Councilor Clark-Endicott to finish her comments.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to amend the second sentence in the sixth paragraph of the statement of racism to read: "A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force in conjunction with the Redmond School District..." and the eighth paragraph to read: "To

guide this work, City Council will proceed with the Redmond School District with the adoption of...".

Councilor Bullock expressed concern that adding the amendments dilutes the power of the statement and shifts the responsibility away from the City Council and onto another organization. Councilor Patrick expressed he is saddened that anyone would be in opposition to the statement based on a couple word changes. Councilor King noted this is a difficult situation because he agrees with the statement as written but is opposed to language that does not allow the City to create its own task force.

Motion passed. (Bullock-no, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-no, McPherson-no, Patrick-yes)

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the statement as amended.

Councilor Bullock explained he will be voting no on this statement despite creating it with Councilor Calderon because the language amendments put in place fundamentally alter the focus and take the responsibility away from the City and puts it onto a third party. Dr. Cline suggested that the wording be changed to collaboration rather than conjunction.

The motion was not voted on.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to re-amend the second sentence in the sixth paragraph of the statement of racism to read: "A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force in collaboration with the Redmond School District..."

Councilor Bullock reiterated that by not forming a separate task force, the City risks placing our responsibility on the School District. He stated he is supportive of collaboration as long as it means the City will form its own task force if necessary. Mayor Endicott indicated that is the intent. Councilor McPherson stated she is supportive of collaboration with the ability to divert when needed. Councilor King encouraged staff to develop policy that can be brought into discussions with the School District.

Motion passed. (Bullock-no, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the re-amended letter.

Councilor Bullock read a statement and added that while he believes the amended statement does not meet what he envisions, he recognizes the importance of making a statement going forward and taking action. He reiterated he is opposed to the amended statement; however, he is strongly supportive of the statement he and Councilor Calderon created.

Motion passed. (Bullock-no, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

i. Proclamation Condemning Racism

Mayor Endicott recommended tabling the proclamation until such time as City diverges from the School District on the collaborative task force.

ii. Communications to Council (REVISED)

This item was not discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Investment Policy Re-Approval**
- B. Res. #2020-16 - A resolution of the City of Redmond declaring certain City property to be surplus.**
- C. Amendment #1 to Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant 3-41-0052-045-2020 (AP4500)**
- D. Amendment #1 to the Oregon Department of Aviation Critical Oregon Airport Relief Grant No. COAR-2019-RDM-00010. (AP4400)**

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 Contract to Collins & Sons for the SW 43rd Street Waterline Project in the Amount of \$639,225 (WA1902)**

City Engineer Mike Caccavano requested awarding the bid for the SW 43rd Street Waterline project to Collins & Sons in the amount of \$639,225. The project is one component of the South Redmond Water Facility (SRWF) project. The waterline will convey water from the SRWF to SW 43rd Street. Eleven bids were received in response to a formal bidding process. Mr. Caccavano provided an update of the SRWF project.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to award the SW 43rd Street Waterline Project to Collins & Sons in the amount of \$639,225.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

- B. Airport Engineer Services RFP: Morrison-Maierle, Inc. (Contract No. 2020-59)**

Airport Director Zachary Bass requested award of a Request for Proposal for Airport Engineering Services to Morrison-Maierle, Inc. Three proposals were received with two firms selected for interviews by a panel consisting of the Mr. Caccavano, Airport staff and a member of the Airport Committee.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to award the Airport Engineer Service RFP to Morrison-Maierle, Inc., motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Ord. #2020-13 - An ordinance renaming certain streets within the City of Redmond.**

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Mr. Caccavano requested approval of Ord. #2020-13 which renames a section of SW Badger Avenue to SW 34th Street as the street turns north at the Bonneville Power Administration right-of-way just before SW Antelope Court. While the naming was originally platted this way, Redmond Fire & Rescue has requested the name change for ease in safety response since Redmond's street naming convention uses numbers for north-south streets and names for east-west.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Endicott closed the public hearing.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2020-13 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. #2020-13 by title only.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve Ord. #2020-13, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

ORDINANCES

A. Ord. #2020-04 – An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapters 2, 5, 7, and 9, making technical changes, enabling an appeal of Code Enforcement decisions, creating short term rentals provisions, allowing the processing of hemp in the Light Industrial M-1 Zone, and making possible the enforcement and abatement of dangerous or abandoned buildings and structures.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts requested approval of Ord. #2020-04 which amends Chapters 2, 5, 7, and 9 of the Redmond City Code. Amendments consist of technical changes to create consistency, modifications to enable appeals of decisions or actions by the Code Enforcement Officer through an appeals process, creation of new standards and a process to issue business licenses for short term rentals, allows for the processing of hemp in the Light Industrial M-1 zone, and makes possible the enforcement and abatement of dangerous and abandoned buildings and structures. Mr. Roberts addressed questions regarding the Council's role in the appeals process, hemp's legality on a federal level, and location of the M-1 zone.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2020-04 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. #2020-04 by title only.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve Ord. #2020-04, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes, Bullock-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Res. #2020-15 - A resolution of the City of Redmond approving a property tax exemption for Bridge Meadows Redmond Limited Partnership as authorized by Oregon Revised Statute 307.515 to 307.537 and City Code Section 2.800 to 2.805.

Mr. Roberts requested approval of Res. #2020-15 which approves a property tax exemption for Bridge Meadows Redmond Limited Partnership. Bridge Meadows is an inter-generational community where children currently/formerly in foster care, the families adopting children in foster care, and elders live intentionally in separate living units with shared communal space. The project proposes a 36-unit rental complex located within Maple Meadows on the corner of NW Kingwood Avenue and NW 25th Street consisting of those earning no more than 60 percent Area Median Income.

Bridge Meadows Associate Director Renee Moseley provided an overview of the organization which creates an intentional intergenerational community with the social purpose of supporting youth in foster care to gain permanency. The foundation of their model is community is the source of intervention. Shared experiences such as family meals, elders agreeing to babysit, walk kids to school or read to them, parents connecting to one another creates relationships which ultimately leads to increased well-being.

Green Light Development Representative Briana Murtaugh described the project financing for development costs and ongoing operations, and property tax exemption details.

Ms. Moseley and Ms. Murtaugh addressed questions on deed restricted affordability, evaluation of tenant required participation, and annual income certification.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor McPherson, to approve Res. #2020-15 granting an exemption from City property taxes for qualified rental housing to Bridge Meadows Redmond LP, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

B. Authorize a Five-Year Service Agreement for Information Technology Services for Network Detection & Response - Darktrace: \$210,000

Acting IT Manager Matt Hayes requested approval to purchase a Network Detection and Response (NDR) appliance for a five-year service period from Darktrace. A NDR analyzes the City's network traffic for anomalies and threats, it neutralizes the attacks, and provides a targeted response. Tillamook County recently paid a ransom of \$300,000 in January 2020 while the City of Keizer paid \$48,000. As of July 2020, cybersecurity trends indicate networks experience 375 threats per minute on average, targeted attacks have increased by 60 percent in the first quarter of 2020, and public sector attacks have increased 73 percent in the first quarter of 2020 as compared to the fourth quarter 2019. This software will satisfy some requirements of the City's cybersecurity policy. Staff researched and compared five vendors specializing in network detection. Darktrace was the only vendor that included an Endpoint Detection and Response System in their bid. The other four vendors would require a third-party provider. Mr. Hayes addressed questions from the Council.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to accept the Darktrace Product Order Form terms and authorize the City Manager to proceed with a five-year contract in a not to exceed amount of \$210,000.00 for a Network Detection and Response system, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Calderon-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott shared information from his call with Governor Kate Brown on the impacts of COVID-19 on Oregon. Her priority is to get K-12 schools open; however certain criteria must be met and asked cities to be adhere to a standard level of enforcement. Each city looks at the situation differently, so things will likely be enforced differently. Mayor Endicott shared photos of the Key to the City and Life Saving Medal to Bailey Vardanega.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor King apologized for his comments regarding Councilor Clark-Endicott's marital status. He appreciated the robust discussion and community input on the statement on racism. He encouraged people to be supportive and kind to each other and to wear a mask and wash their hands.

Councilor McPherson concurred with Councilor King's comments.

Councilor Calderon commented on Ms. Vardanega's awards and for doing the right thing.

Councilor Bullock requested that people practice grace when it comes to school staff, our children and one another. Comprehensive Distance Learning is difficult, and parent and teachers are doing the best they can. He encouraged people to wear a mask and wash their hands.

Councilor Patrick reiterated he would like to see tiny houses as part of the Skyline Village project since it is an affordable option for people who may not be able to afford to purchase a home. He thanked Mr. Caccavano for the Canal Boulevard roundabout adding it is a great way to keep traffic moving. Given what is going on in the country, Councilor Patrick suggested having the Police Department look at ways to keep Redmond safe if the outcome of the election in November differs from what some citizens would like.

Councilor Clark-Endicott thanked Councilor King and accepts his apology. Regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, Mr. Witcosky and Mayor Endicott provided an update on the amount of funds received by Redmond.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky explained that results of a staff survey are being assessed to determine ways the City can relieve the stress for staff members facing the burden of teaching their children or providing childcare. Central Oregon traffic counts are down 15 percent over summer 2019 and hotel occupancy is down 35 percent during weekdays and 20 percent on weekends. Traded sector development and the demand for space continues to grow.

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 9:57 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 11th day of May 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder