

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MAY 19, 2020, VIA GOTOMEETING.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joe Centanni

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

DISCUSSIONS

A. 2020 State of Trash/Recycling Discussion: Republic Services

Republic Services General Manager Kristin Steiner introduced Finance Manager Randy Stutzman and Municipal Manager Susan Baker who provided a presentation on the state of garbage and recycling in Redmond. Current services offered to residents include the following:

- Curbside trash, commingle, glass and cardboard service
- Organics program (soon to expand to all food waste)
- Curbside bulk item pickup service
- Free residential spring cleanup

Rates were last increased in 2008 and since that time, the costs associated with the City's growth during that time have increased as have employee wages, health insurance, etc. Despite rate increases in 2012 and 2017 due to Deschutes County's tipping fee increases, Redmond's rates continue to be below well below average for their service area. Financials from 2019 and 2020 projections indicate a large increase to the net cost of recycling resulting in a 4 percent loss being absorbed every year by Republic Services.

Ms. Steiner, Ms. Baker, and Mr. Stutzman addressed questions from the Council regarding the delay in requesting a rate increase, change in net revenue despite a lower net cost of recycling, and tipping fee increases

Mayor Endicott asked if Republic Services would consider splitting the proposed 7 percent increase into two phases because of the economic situation currently facing citizens. Ms. Steiner stated they would be open to a 4 percent increase in September 2020 and a 4 percent increase in January 2021. Councilor Bullock commented he would like to see the increase broken out into three increases occurring in January 2021, July 2021, and January 2022. Councilor Clark-Endicott favored two increases spread amongst a wider time period. After additional discussion, the consensus of Council was to approve a 4 percent increase in November 2020, and a 3 percent in May 2021.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mayor Endicott explained the Phase 1 re-opening which started May 15 was met with varying degrees of success. He and Councilor Clark-Endicott toured 5th and 6th Street that day and encountered many happy people.

Urban Renewal/Economic Development Program Manager Chuck Arnold spoke regarding the Redmond Rallies team and the work they've been doing for businesses during COVID-19 in terms of response, reopen, recovery. Redmond Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Eric Sande shared comments regarding the Chamber's Welcome Back campaign and messaging to businesses. The Chamber will be working on distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) toolkits and 120 gallons of hand sanitizer.

Mr. Arnold stated Redmond Rallies has been holding listening sessions to understand business needs moving forward. Carolyn Eagan spoke to the importance of the listening sessions noting many of the ideas came from those contacts.

Police Chief Dave Tarbet, Police Captain Devin Lewis, and Redmond Fire & Rescue Chief Ken Kehmna provided updated COVID-19 and call statistics.

Airport Director Zachary Bass updated the Council on the impacts of COVID-10 on the Airport.

City Manager Keith Witcosky gave an update on the City's CARES eligible expenses to date noting that there will be approximately \$100,000 worth of COVID expenses eligible for the next round of funding.

PROCLAMATIONS

A. National Public Works Week

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor McPherson, to declare May 17-23, 2020, as National Public Works Week, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Centanni-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner read the proclamation.

ORDINANCES

A. Ord. #2020-10 – An ordinance temporarily amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 2, Section 2.102, for the 2020 General Election, to replace the signature gathering requirement to be nominated as a candidate for election to the position of either Mayor or City Councilor with a \$25.00 fee requirement to be nominated as a candidate for election to the position of either Mayor or City Councilor, and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Keith Leitz requested approval of Ord. #2020-10 which temporarily amends the City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2.102 to allow for a \$25 filing fee for the November 3, 2020, General Election versus collecting 127 signatures. Potential candidates can also request a waiver of the \$25 filing fee to eliminate any barriers to running for office. Councilor Patrick suggested in the future to consider allowing both options

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to have the first and second reading of Ord. #2020-10 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Centanni-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided the first and second reading of the ordinance by title only.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor McPherson, to approve Ord. #2020-10, motion passed. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Bullock-yes, Centanni-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 24th day of November 2020.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder