SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 19, 2021, VIA GOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Bullock – Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – Shannon Wedding

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jay Patrick

MEDIA PRESENT: None

Mayor Endicott called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSTIONS / PRESENTATIONS

A. Current Events

Redmond Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Ken Kehmna provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. The cooperative effort involves Deschutes County Health Services and St Charles Medical Center. The clinic will take place Wednesday, January 20 through Thursday, January 21. The current category of vaccinations is for 1A (health care responders, law enforcement, first responders, and medically fragile children). Deschutes County currently ranks #1 in Oregon for the highest number of vaccines per capita.

Police Captain Devin Lewis discussed the local outlook on the nation's civil unrest. Police staff have been in constant contact with local offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is currently no direct information affecting Redmond or Deschutes County. Police Chief Dave Tarbet also commented on the department's assistance at the vaccine clinic. Police Officer Bob Duff is retiring after 30 years with the department.

Bethlehem Inn Executive Director Gwynn Wysling provided an update on Bethlehem Inn and a potential shelter in Redmond. She stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic they were able to apply for a grant through the Oregon Community Foundation called “Project Turnkey” with the hope of establishing a shelter in Redmond through the purchase of a motel. Ms. Wysling elaborated on the Bethlehem Inn’s business model, their dedication to work with neighboring businesses, the goal setting and accountability that are required of residents, and the clean and sober environment they maintain. She requested the Council's support in any way possible; at present, this could entail a “stamp of approval” and future support could be in cooking and serving a meal. Ms. Wysling addressed questions from the Council.

B. Online Meeting Management

Mayor Endicott shared the following tips and tricks on how to have successful online meetings:

- Arrive 10 minutes early
- Add your name to GoToMeeting
- Silence your phone
- Use wired internet connection if at all possible
- Use a headset (the City will provide one if needed)
- Have adequate lighting so that your face can be seen
- Ask if you need help in setting up your space
- Raise your hand and wait to be recognized then turn on your microphone to speak.

Mayor Endicott added he needs to follow rules regarding when people speak and will rotate among all members before anyone can speak a second time.

C. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Discussion led by Erika McCalpine, OSU-Cascades

Mayor Endicott shared Oregon State University-Cascades Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Laboratory Director Erika McCalpine's background. Ms. McCalpine provided the Council with an introduction to DEI which included understanding vocabulary terms such as bias, cultural appropriation, privilege and social justice; identifying the strength of various climates; and honoring history and progression. Ms. McCalpine explained how to examine inclusive climates and understanding the dynamics.

D. Organization Staffing/Needs in the Context of the 2021/2022 Budget

This item was postponed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 29th day of June 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder