

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2021, VIA GOTOMEETING.

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

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

Mayor Endicott explained the difference between regular meetings, workshops, and joint workshops. He said the Council will plan to meet every week for the foreseeable future and asked for feedback to determine if that schedule presents an undue burden on anyone.

Councilor Fitch raised the issue of the Council communicating with each other and suggested if a Councilor has a topic to introduce, that they send a memo or letter to the others that will be included in the meeting packet. Mayor Endicott stated he inquired about this process and it does meet ethics requirements. City Manager Witcosky asked that any potential memos or letters be submitted no later than midnight on Wednesdays in advance of packets being sent out on Thursdays.

Mr. Witcosky shared that citizens can make comments to the Council either verbally at a public meeting or in writing. Citizens should make their request to comment by contacting City Recorder Kelly Morse to get on the schedule or submit their written comments for the packet. Citizens can also send written comments directly to the Council. Councilor Clark-Endicott clarified that if an email is directed to the entire Council and a Councilor responds with "Reply All," doing so creates a meeting of the Council. She said the Council is welcome to respond as an individual.

CURRENT EVENTS

There was no update given.

GOALSETTING PART 2

A. Review Policy Topics for 2021/2022

Mr. Witcosky presented a list of Policy Issues along with the timing of when those would be brought to Council, and whether these issues will require multiple sessions to discuss. He explained the importance of spreading out the issues throughout the year due to the work load they require of staff and coordination of panelists.

B. Council Operations/Protocols

In order of their priority, Mayor Endicott listed the three ways protocols are memorialized: the Charter, germane parts of the City Ordinances, and the Council Rules. Councilor Fitch opined the Council should be given the opportunity to voice their interests and recommend items for the agenda. Councilor Clark-Endicott spoke to agenda items only being those that are supported by the majority of Council members. Mayor Endicott stated that he thinks the flexibility already exists for the Council to raise agenda items.

C. Committees/Commissions/Liaisons

Mayor Endicott provided information about these groups, stating that the Committees and Commissions work for the Council, not staff. He has received feedback that it is helpful for a Councilor to be present at meetings in order to bring any necessary comments back to the Council. Mayor Endicott reiterated that at least once per year the chair of each Committee and Commission is asked to provide the Council with a report on their work. Councilor Fitch noted the work of the Urban Area Planning Commission (UAPC) is very important, and he is concerned that the UAPC might work on ideas independent of the Council such that when those ideas are brought to the Council, the Council does not approve of their proposals. He

recommended two or three joint meetings of the Council and Planning Commission and perhaps a few other key Commissions. In response to a request for clarification from Councilor Evelyn on the process Commissions and Committees appoints, Mayor Endicott referred to the specific direction of the Charter which says that the Mayor appoints, and the Council approves. He elaborated by describing the process for interviewing applicants adding that at times he does it alone if there is short notice or time constraints, but oftentimes a staff person and/or the Council liaison is involved. His preference is when a staff person and the Council liaison are both involved. Councilor Fitch suggested asking for the Council's recommendations for any potential candidates. Councilor Patrick suggested that the Council packet include the applications of everyone who applied for a committee/commission. Councilor Fitch recommended having several joint meetings with committees/commissions each year, so the entire Council is involved rather than having only the liaisons attend. Mayor Endicott asked Mr. Witcosky to work with him to reach out to the committee/commission chairs to get their input on these ideas.

WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Councilor Fitch

Councilor Fitch commented he will be submitting a memo for the next packet regarding his concerns with St Charles and its reduction in trauma level status in Redmond. He said it is time to decide whether to step up and take action regarding Redmond's needs or let St Charles continue doing what they want with the local hospital.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 6:56 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