

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND AND DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD MAY 11, 2021, VIA GOTOMEETING.

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Patty Adair – Phil Chang – Tony DeBone

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

UPDATE ON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

Deschutes County Public Works Director Chris Doty provided the Council and Board with an update on the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP). He described multiple aspects of the TSP, including roads maintained by other agencies and accommodations for biking and walking. Mr. Doty addressed the Quarry Interchange noting that since the interchange is within the County's jurisdiction it is included in the their TSP. He spoke of the benefits of having that interchange, including having a grade separated rail crossing.

Councilor Fitch discussed the potential for South Highway 97 to be a significant issue by 2040 and thus, the importance of the Quarry Interchange. He suggested the Old Bend/Redmond Highway is likely to increased traffic as people seek alternate routes to/from Redmond and Bend. Councilor Fitch recommended including a northern connection from Maple Avenue to the O'Neil Junction for the future. Councilor Fitch addressed Highway 97 in Terrebonne.

Mayor Endicott expressed appreciation to the County for making the Quarry Interchange a priority in their TSP. In response to questions on traffic congestion in Alfalfa, Terrebonne, and Tumalo, Mr. Doty describing projects proposed for Tumalo and Terrebonne, but noted Alfalfa has not yet become an area of concern.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LONG-TERM RURAL OREGON ENTERPRISE ZONE EXEMPTION ON TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR S.A. PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES LLC AND GRAND DESIGN, LLC.

City Attorney Keith Leitz explained the City and County approved a Long-Term Rural Oregon Enterprise Zone Exemption Agreement with S.A. Piazza & Associates in March which would have provided up to 15 years of property tax exemption. He said the state of Oregon requested a formal resolution specifically acknowledging the property tax exemption of up to 15 years. Mr. Leitz said that the request is for Council to approve Resolution #2021-06.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve Resolution #2021-06, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

HOMELESSNESS: INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON SCOPE OF THE SITUATION; PORTFOLIO OF SERVICES AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY DESCHUTES COUNTY; ROLE PLAYES BY NON-PROFITS; AND NEXT STEPS.

Chair DeBone introduced the panel discussion on homelessness. Deschutes County Behavioral Health Director Janice Garceau provided the Council and Board with various statistics on the Point in Time Count which indicated contact was made with approximately 150 homeless individuals living on Bureau of Land Management property in Redmond. The Redmond Behavioral Health Clinic identified 123 clients (12 percent of all served) as homeless. Deschutes County Community Health Specialist Katie De Vito described the services she provides to the homeless community through the Homeless Outreach Program. Ms. Garceau emphasized there are many reasons people may be homeless so a "one size fits all" approach does not work. Challenges include no year-round shelter in Redmond, transportation,

remote location, limited detox/treatment beds for the region, and COVID-19. Ms. De Vito shared the success story of a couple that had been homeless for nearly 30 years.

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Executive Director Tammy Baney, Homeless Leadership Coalition vice Chair Lindsey Stailing, Bethlehem Inn Executive Director Gwenn Wysling, NeighborImpact Executive Director Scott Cooper, and Shepherd's House Representatives Dr. Randy Jacobs, Mike Yunker, and John Lodise provided the Council and Board with information on the services they offer to the homelessness and rent burdened community, their efforts toward ending homelessness, and advocacy. Mr. Witcosky suggested that COIC could take the panel's ideas and recommend ways to address them. Efforts will be made to convene in June with COIC facilitating the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of July 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder