

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JUNE 22, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

Pastor Mike Darby from Redmond Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Frank Oulman's Written Comments

There were no additional comments from citizens at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of December 15, 2020, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of January 5, 2021, Council Workshop**
- C. Minutes of January 12, 2021, Council Meeting**
- D. Annual Service Contract for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with Redmond Economic Development, Inc: \$143,000**
- E. Convention Visitors Bureau Tourism Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Contract: Not to Exceed \$315,890**

Councilor Patrick requested that the Convention Visitors Bureau's (CVB) contract be removed from the Consent Agenda. City Manager Keith Witcosky explained the methodology for the not to exceed amount of \$315,890. Councilor Patrick opposed the contract as written and opined the City is not being a good partner to the CVB because using the methodology limits the additional Transient Lodging Tax the CVB could receive. Councilor Evelyn requested clarification on the annual approval process. Councilor Fitch was supportive of marketing but thinks more emphasis needs to be on the product.

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve the Convention Visitor's Bureau annual contract, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-no, Wedding-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Downtown Redmond Library Discussion

Deschutes County Library Director Todd Dunkelberg, Project Architect Greg Holcomb, and Library Board Member Cynthia Claridge updated the Council on the proposed library project. Mr. Dunkelberg described the wants and needs expressed by library users adding that the new facility will be 40,000 square feet which will be larger than the current Bend Library. Mr. Holcomb reviewed the master schedule with construction anticipated to begin in spring 2023 and an opening occurring in July 2024. A temporary

library in Redmond will be established. In response to a question from Mayor Endicott, Mr. Holcomb stated the current library will be demolished. Ms. Claridge commented she would like to see the new library compliment the City Hall building in terms of honoring its past. The Council's questions focused on the use of a Construction Manager/General Contractor and potential temporary library sights.

ORDINANCES

A. Continued: Ordinance #2021-04 – An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 2, changing Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places to Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places, and Chapter 7, Sections 7.400 through 7.420, adding a Mural Code.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts requested approval of Ordinance #2021-04 which changes the Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places to a Commission as well as establishes Sections 7.400 through 7.420 creating mural code. Mr. Roberts explained the following issues which were raised at the May 11, 2021, Council meeting:

1. Committee to Commission
2. Mural Agreement versus Mural Easement (Section 7.410)
3. Removal (Section 7.415(4) Violation, Notice and Enforcement)
4. Maintenance (Section 7.420(2) Ownership and Maintaining Aesthetics)
5. Dimensions (Section 7.420(3) Dimensions)
6. Review Criteria Context (Section 7.420(7)(B) Context)
7. Appeals (Section 7.420(10) Appeals)

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2021-04 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ord. #2021-04 by title only.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve Ord. #2021-04, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-no, Wedding-yes)

Mr. Leitz said that because the ordinance did not pass unanimously, it will be brought back to the Council at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Transportation System Plan: Approval of Alternative Mobility Standards at US 97 Intersections.

City Engineer Mike Caccavano provided a brief overview and stated that the Alternative Mobility Targets (AMTs) being proposed will require City Council action. He explained that the Oregon Highway Plan sets the target of utilizing "no more than 80 percent" capacity at state highway intersections. He said that this can be difficult to accomplish which is why AMTs need to be adopted. Mr. Caccavano stated that modifying the targets to match reality is a necessary precursor to them being adopted so that improvements can receive funding. He referred to 8 intersections of Highway 97 that will exceed the 80 percent capacity target over the 20-year planning horizon. These intersections will require AMTs and the Council's approval before it can be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 Principal Planner Rick Williams explained it is necessary to adopt AMTs if a jurisdiction realizes that it cannot meet the 80 percent goal. Analysis of the existing 5 intersections and three more planned for US 97 in south Redmond will exceed the recommended 80 percent capacity due to increased growth expected over the next two decades. Mr. Williams commented the proposed AMTs will be for full 100 percent capacity use. He pointed out that this is a procedural issue that needs to be addressed but it will not lessen traffic or congestion in that area.

Councilor Patrick expressed appreciation for ODOT addressing the traffic through that portion of Highway 97 in south Redmond. Councilor Wedding asked for clarification on how the City benefits if AMTs are changed to indicate 100 percent capacity at intersections that already have existing traffic issues. Mr. Williams explained that projects in the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the South Redmond Corridor Facility Plan will improve the traffic in that area but traffic flow is also expected to increase in that area that during the next four years. He stated that getting those intersections back down to 80 percent capacity (for example, with a six-lane road) would be extremely costly. Traffic Engineer Matt Kittelson stated that this proposal is an effort to balance the needs of the community with right of way needs, impact, cost, and feasibility. Councilor Wedding asked further about whether going from 80 percent to 100 percent would provide the City additional funding from the State. ODOT Region 4 Manager Gary Farnsworth replied changing the AMTs will have no effect on ODOT's ability to get funding for the corridor projects. Mr. Farnsworth addressed the issue of capacity, stating that 100 percent capacity will be reached for one hour per day in twenty years and that all the other hours of the day will be under capacity.

Councilor Fitch commented on the Council's adoption of the TSP in 2020, opining it was done under pressure in order to get additional funding in spring 2021 and asked if the City received that money. Mr. Farnsworth said that ODOT always works with a sense of urgency and if that was perceived as undue pressure, he is not sure where it came from. Councilor Fitch stated the adopted TSP did not include the Phase 2 Reroute that had been in the plan for many years noting it was removed without any public discussion. He added the TSP only provides for at grade railroad crossings within the City. Councilor Fitch stated the current TSP and the South Highway 97 Plan will not be successful and opined that section of Highway 97 will not function in ten to fifteen years. In response to comments from Councilor Fitch regarding declining to adopt AMTs, Mr. Williams explained that the adoption is necessary the South Highway 97 Corridor Facility Plan can be submitted to the Oregon Transportation Commission for approval. If the OTC does not approve the South Highway 97 Corridor Facility Plan, it will not be eligible for funding.

In response to Mr. Farnsworth on City standards for volume capacity, Mr. Caccavano explained the City uses a level of service metric which is basically the same as full capacity. Mr. Farnsworth stated that, given what the City uses, this recommendation from ODOT represents a move for ODOT and the City to use the same standard (full capacity) during the peak hours of the day.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the use of alternative mobility targets at intersections in the US 97 South Redmond Corridor Facility Plan and City's Transportation System Plan, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-no, Fitch-no, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Mr. Caccavano provided an additional presentation on Investment Strategies for Improving Circulation and Movement in Redmond. He stated that in the near and mid-term, the eastside arterial will provide an alternate route, and the US 97 South Redmond project will improve the corridor. Mr. Caccavano indicated that long term projects in the TSP include additional overpasses, grade separations, and highway interchanges, all of which are costly projects. He noted these projects did not appear to be the most pressing priorities when the last TSP was created, but they can be discussed further now. Mr. Caccavano did caution that current projects, like the eastside arterial and the Highway 97 corridor, are major projects requiring a lot of time, effort, and money. Mayor Endicott asked about Helmholtz Way and a possible westside arterial and whether that is in the TSP. Mr. Caccavano confirmed it is included in the current TSP and described where it will eventually connect.

Councilor Fitch proposed a potential beltway in Redmond similar to the one in Eugene as well as other ideas for east/west connectivity. He acknowledged that these improvements will be in the future but advocated for planning for them now and preserving that capability.

Mayor Endicott asked about the north end near O'Neil Junction and Cinder Butte and the current plan for an overpass with no connections. Mr. Farnsworth responded that ODOT is open to looking at connections there and indicated a few connections have been discussed. Mr. Caccavano stated that a

possible interchange at that location can be considered but listed safety as one of several concerns that would need to be addressed. In response to questions about using Antler Avenue as a major east/west connector, Mr. Caccavano explained that some portions are local streets while other portions collectors. Discussion followed about how to proceed. Mr. Witcosky proposed a series of work sessions for Council centered around “Growth Planning” and stated that the overarching issue, given that Redmond is growing and will continue to grow, is how do we manage that growth so that Redmond continues to be a city we can be proud of? At the request of Mr. Witcosky, Mr. Williams outlined the timeline regarding the AMTs and moving forward with OTC.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott announced a casual dress policy for Council meetings during the summer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Councilor Fitch’s Written Comments

Councilor Bullock reported on the recent homeless strategy meeting; the next meeting will take place next week with the goal of looking at short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions. He said they are looking to identify potential funding requests from providers so that the effort to address needs is focused and coordinated.

Councilor Clark-Endicott reported that she met with Airport Director Zachary Bass to brainstorm ideas regarding the active military banner program. Mr. Bass gave her a tour and showed her the new de-icing equipment which is 40-60 percent more efficient than the old equipment. Mr. Bass also shared with her that Avelo Airlines has been very successful in Redmond, with two to three flights per week to Burbank, California. Councilor Clark-Endicott reported on the recent Redmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) luncheon.

Councilor Evelyn shared that he has received a call about the Fourth of July and illegal fireworks. He stated that the citizen who called him about this issue expressed concerns about how hot and dry it is and the potential fire hazards from the fireworks.

Councilor Patrick clarified he is glad the City is funding the CVB but he does not agree with the way the contract is written. He is not in agreement with the assumption that the City can use tourism dollars like the CVB so this is one reason he disagreed with taking dollars away from the CVB. Councilor Patrick shared that a relative’s dog was being attacked by another dog at the dog park and, while intervening, his relative was bitten by the attacking dog. Councilor Patrick asked what can be done about this issue. Councilor Patrick voiced appreciation to Councilor Fitch for submitting the comments on South Highway 97 and grade separated crossings noting he is glad Council is going to talk about these topics.

Councilor Wedding also attended the REDI luncheon adding the state and local economic forecasts were favorable for Redmond. She voiced support for the conversations about the TSP and reiterated how critical it is to proactively address South Highway 97 traffic issues. Councilor Wedding provided an update on the Historic Landmarks Commission’s contests and lecture series for Historic Preservation Month. The Council was encouraged to visit the Commission’s Facebook page and vote for their favorite drawing of City Hall in the children’s coloring contest.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky spoke to the return on investment the City receives from REDI. Mr. Witcosky explained the state legislature session will be coming to a close but Redmond has several bills and potential funding items that are awaiting action. Upcoming Council meeting and workshop topics were shared.

Police Chief Dave Tarbet announced his retirement on December 31, 2021. Council members expressed gratitude to Chief Tarbet for his many years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

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 8:03 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 31st day of August 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder