

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JULY 14, 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 5:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

Pastor Mike Ferry from Cornerstone Christian Fellowship led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Endicott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments on 4th of July Parade

Adam DuQuette addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the Confederate flag being flown in the 4th of July parade. He addressed comments by Mayor Endicott quoted in the Central Oregon Daily News article and urged Mayor Endicott and the City Council to take an unequivocal stand against the Confederate flag.

Lena Berry, Denise Holley, Jordan Portier, Bob Bohac, and Stephanie Hunter addressed the Council on the topic of homelessness and the need for changes to zoning laws to allow safe parking, sanitation services and waived fees, the need for more recreational vehicle spaces, affordable housing, City run cooling shelters, fire extinguishers for homeless camps, city land for tiny home villages, and business involvement in homeless solutions.

Toni Oliver addressed the Confederate flag in the 4th of July parade opining the man who flew it has a right to do so.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of February 23, 2021, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of March 2, 2021 Council Workshop**
- C. Minutes of March 23, 2021, Council Meeting**
- D. Minutes of April 6, 2021, Council Meeting**
- E. Minutes of May 11, 2021, Joint Meeting with Deschutes County**
- F. Authorization to enter into a five-year lease with Synnex Financial Services for the purchase of Panasonic Laptops, and associated equipment, for the Redmond Police Department: \$150,840.40.**

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Portland General Electric: Pelton Dam Presentation

Portland General Electric (PGE) National Resources Manager Megan Hill and Warm Springs Power Enterprises General Manager Jim Manion provided a presentation on the PGE Pelton Round Butte Dam and the Deschutes River. The facility generates approximately 500 megawatts of electricity, serves 150,000 homes and employs 46 people. The project has created 13 different recreational opportunities

including four campgrounds, two overlooks, five day-use areas, and two trails. Ms. Hill discussed the acclimation of fish in streams, water quality, and improving fish habitats through the Pelton Fund. Mr. Manion said that PGE and the Confederated Tribes have invested more than \$150 million over the past decade to address priority concerns for resources in the Deschutes basin. He added that the purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the Deschutes basin and show that even though Redmond gets its water from deep wells, things that happen in the Crooked River, impact that deep water and vice versa.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Special Event Street Closure of 5th Street from Black Butte Boulevard to Forest Avenue for the Cascade Car Show: August 21, 2021

Community Development Department Programs Coordinator Jackie Abslag requested approval of a public assembly permit and street closure for the Cascade Car Show. The permit would allow for the closure of SW 5th Street from Black Butte Boulevard to Forest Avenue from 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on August 21, 2021. Fees for the request are as follows:

Permit Fee: Street Closure	\$200.00
Public Works Fee – Traffic Control	\$342.00
Deposit (Deposit is refundable after the event)	\$250.00
TOTAL:	\$792.00

Ms. Abslag and event sponsor Dan Mooney addressed questions throughout the presentation.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Bullock, to approve the Public Assembly Permit for the Cascade Car Show, maintaining the fee schedule as shown, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

B. Redmond Wetlands Complex:

- i. Redmond Wetlands Complex Action Item #1: Resolution #2021-19 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Redmond, Oregon, to sign a Bureau of Land Management "Application for Land for Recreation or Public Purposes" allowing the City to lease, with the option to purchase, up to 935 acres for wastewater treatment/disposal facilities and recreational amenities.**

Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner requested approval of Resolution #2021-19 which authorizes the submission of an application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) allowing the City to lease, with an option to buy, up to 935-acres of property for the relocation and expansion of the Water Pollution Control Facility also known as the Redmond Wetlands Complex. The acreage, which is adjacent to the City's 610-acre hay field property, is necessary for the City's preferred lagoon/wetland treatment alternative. BLM is open to the "lease with an option to buy" approach since it is expected to take 18 to 24 months to receive the land patent and another 5-10 years to complete the acquisition. Once the deed is in place, the City may begin using the property. Mr. Kirchner reviewed the project background, proposed timeline, and preliminary site layout.

In response to questions from Councilor Bullock, Mr. Kirchner indicated the City's volume of flow is nearly 2-3 times that of the facility in Crook County. Mr. Kirchner shared details on the timeline for community outreach. Councilor Fitch recommended involving the congressional delegation in the process.

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve Resolution #2021-19 authorizing the City Manager to sign a Bureau of Land Management Application for Land for Recreation or Public Purposes, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

- ii. Redmond Wetlands Complex Action Item #2: Resolution #2021-17 – A resolution of the City of Redmond, Oregon, authorizing the execution and delivery of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement Number R76074; \$6.4 million.**

Mr. Kirchner requested approval of Resolution #2021-17 which authorizes the execution and delivery of an Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan agreement in the amount of \$6.4 million for design of the Redmond Wetlands Complex. The 20-year term loan agreement has an interest rate of 1.24 percent and can be amended to cover construction costs; DEQ will extend the 1.24 percent interest rate or adjust to the current interest rate, whichever is lower. Mr. Kirchner noted that the City was awarded a Green Service Project Loan Agreement by DEQ, which will forgive \$500,000 of the loan principal after construction is complete. He also reviewed the City's financial feasibility for the project.

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve Resolution #2021-17 authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver loan agreement number R76074 between the State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$6,400,000, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

C. Public Safety Facility Land Acquisition:

- i. Public Safety Facility Action Item #1: Authorization of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for a new Public Safety Facility; \$2,265,000**

Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff explained the purpose of the two action items. His presentation described the current facility, overview of the proposed 8-acre property located at 2983 NW Canal Boulevard, funding options, due diligence and project timeline.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to authorize the City Manager to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement and to execute all necessary subsequent actions to complete the conveyance of real property located at 2983 NW Canal Boulevard, in the amount of \$2,265,000 plus closing costs; and pursue necessary due diligence, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

- ii. Public Safety Facility Land Acquisition Action Item #2: Resolution #2021-14 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Oregon, declaring official intent to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of tax-exempt obligations, and related matters.**

Mr. Neff stated that Resolution #2021-14 gives the City that option to finance the land acquisition, but does not obligate the City to borrow money.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to adopt Resolution #2021-14, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Res. #2021-18 – A resolution of the City of Redmond to make Budget Adjustments in Fiscal Year 2021/22.**

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Mr. Neff requested approval of Resolution #2021-18 which makes budget adjustments to General Fund Reserve for Future Expenditures by transferring \$2.3 million to Capital Outlay in the Capital Project Fund. The action is tied to the approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Public Safety Facility.

There being no testimony, Mayor Endicott closed the public hearing.

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, adopt Resolution #2021-18 adjusting the City's FY 2021/22 budget, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

B. Resolution #2021-16 – A resolution adopting the Community Development Block Grant 2021 Annual Action Plan and authorizing the submission of the Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Housing Programs Analyst Rebecca Batzell requested approval of Resolution #2021-16 which authorizes the City to submit the 2021 Annual Action Plan and approves funding recommendations. The City received a 2021 allocation of \$235,509. With a program income and carryover of \$133,467, there is a total of \$368,976 in available funding. The proposed distribution is as follows:

- Public Service: Thrive Central Oregon, \$30,000
- Public Service: Senior Center Meals on Wheels, \$30,000
- City ADA Upgrades and Public Facilities Contingencies, \$261,876
- Program Administration, \$47,100

There being no further testimony, Mayor Endicott closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, adopt Resolution #2021-16 approving the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott announced the first in-person Council meeting will take place on August 10.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Councilor Evelyn's Comments

B. Councilor Fitch's Comments

Councilor Fitch met with the Chamber of Commerce Board where a "spirited" discussion took place on the 4th of July parade. They will be looking at the Macy's Parade and the Rose Parade as examples on how to control the content. Because Redmond's parades are intended to be family- and community-oriented, there needs to be something in place to ensure that symbols of hate such as the Confederate flag and the Nazi symbol are not allowed. Councilor Fitch stated that he supports any efforts made by the Chamber to eliminate such symbols and that he will also support efforts if any action is needed by City Council.

Councilor Evelyn read the written comments he submitted for the meeting packet regarding the Confederate flag and the 4th of July parade. He stated he is optimistic about the City of Redmond and the way that Council is better at working together, adding he is confident that this situation will be resolved.

Councilor Bullock expressed his best wishes and sympathy to those who are being affected by the wildfires and gratitude to those who are working to fight the fires. He urged citizens to respond promptly to evacuation notices in order to stay safe. Councilor Bullock publicly commended Ms. Berry for selflessly organizing efforts to provide daily outreach, ice water, food, energy drinks, and hot weather supplies to our unhoused neighbors during the recent heat wave. He recognized Ms. Berry and the dozens of other citizens who have been reaching out to these vulnerable citizens. Councilor Bullock addressed the issue of the Confederate flag in the 4th of July parade. While he was out of town and did not attend, he has received numerous emails from citizens expressing concern about what happened. He summarized their responses as indicating pain, hurt, and fear then gave a summary of actions taken by various states over

the past 4 to 5 years to remove the Confederate flag. Councilor Bullock supports the steps the Chamber is taking to address the issue adding that he finds the Confederate flag abhorrent and does not appreciate seeing it in the City.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky announced the Council will meet with the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners on July 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Deschutes County has invested \$450,000 in Bethlehem Inn.

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 6:50 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