

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD OCTOBER 27, 2020,
VIA GOTOMEETING.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Bullock (left at 7:15 p.m.) – Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Camden King – Ginny McPherson – Jay Patrick

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

No blessing was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Andrew Fitch provided the Council with information regarding landlord/tenant legislation creating a moratorium on rent and mortgages. He expressed concerns that when rent becomes due tenants will not be able to make up those payments which will create a high eviction rate. Mr. Fitch asked the Council to consider a local ordinance creating a plan for the repayment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of March 17, 2020**
- B. Minutes of April 14, 2020**
- C. Res. #2020-19 – A resolution of the City of Redmond declaring certain City property to be surplus.**
- D. ODOT Agreement #33640; All Roads Transportation Safety Program for Improvements to US Highway 97**

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the Consent Agenda, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Current Events

Oregon Employment Department's Regional Economist Damon Runberg provided a COVID-19 economic update highlighting job changes during the pandemic as compared to the Great Recession. Other highlights included payroll trends, job loss per industry, and permanent job losses.

Republic Services Municipal Manager Susan Baker shared information on their new expanded program for food waste. Free food waste pails will be available at their Redmond office.

B. Construction Update

City Engineer Mike Caccavano provided the Council with a construction update on the South Redmond Water Facility, SW 43rd Street Waterline, S Canal Boulevard Waterline, Quartz Park, 2019-2020 Curb Ramp Replacement, NW Hemlock Avenue Improvements, and the S Canal Boulevard-SW Pumice Roundabout projects.

C. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Chief Executive Officer Jason Neff provided the 1st quarter financial report. Key financial highlights from the dashboard included:

- Financial impacts from COVID are generally less than assumed during the 1st quarter, but a "v shape recovery" expected in the fiscal year (FY) 2020/2021 budget.
- Year-to-date operating expenses at 24 percent. Year-end projection is at 98 percent.
- Assessed value for property taxes at 8.5 percent; budget assumed 6.2 percent.
- Lodging taxes are trending at 86 percent over prior year levels.
- Three vacant police officer positions will be hired in the 2nd quarter.
- Development Revenues were strong in the 1st quarter despite COVID
- The Airport's financial position is stable with CARES funding, but parking lot use is lagging.
- PERS rate increase in FY 2021/2022 is 14 percent versus 29 percent which was estimated in the 5-year forecast.

Mr. Neff reviewed the department operating financial performance, key statistics, and the investment summary.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ord. #2020-15 – An ordinance amending various sections of the Redmond City Code Chapter 8 (Development Code) and making technical changes for the purpose of clarity, improved process and administration.

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts requested approval of Ord. #2020-15 and provided a brief overview. Planning Manager Deborah McMahon stated technical changes were done for the following reasons:

- Responding to HB 2001 ("Missing Middle" housing)
- Implementing 2019 Housing Needs Analysis
- Creating clear and objective standards
- Reducing barriers to childcare/daycare
- Improving "Cottage Code"
- Clarifying solar regulations and requirements
- Creating more flexibility
- Housing affordability

Public comments were received from the Fair Housing Council (Goal 10 Housing Findings), Hayes McCoy (would require policy changes and will be addressed by the Planning Commission), and Hayden Homes (Cottage Development Standards).

Ms. McMahon answered questions regarding commercial and industrial zones, Residential Care Facilities, and Residential Care Homes.

Councilor Bullock left at this point in the meeting.

Due to the volume of changes being proposed, the consensus of the Council was to allow for additional time for review.

Mayor Endicott continued the public hearing to the November 10, 2020, Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

A. Ord. #2020-16 – An ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Redmond City Code, Section 4.332 related to Local Limits, Oil & Grease Limit.

Environmental Programs Supervisor Corissa Holmes presented Ord. #2020-16 which amends Section 4.332 of the City Code relating to local limits on oil and grease. Originally, the limit was set at 100 milligrams per liter (mg/l) with no distinction between polar and non-polar components. Staff proposes setting a limit for polar components at 300 mg/l and non-polar components at 100 mg/l. This change allows users more flexibility in meeting established limits while protecting the City's collection and treatment systems.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2020-16 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ord. #2020-16 by title only.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve Ord. #2020-16, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes, Bullock-absent)

B. Ord. #2020-17 – An ordinance permitting temporary administrative approval for recreational vehicles, self-contained travel trailers or similar vehicles (temporary emergency accommodations) on private property within the City of Redmond to protect the health and safety and welfare due to extreme wildfires and displacement of persons from their homes and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Witcosky explained this ordinance is specifically aimed at the evacuees who fled wildfires and will be in place for up to one year.

Mr. Leitz called attention to Section 4 which contains the rationale for putting this ordinance in place and the restrictions that are indicated. Mayor Endicott asked how this differs from Recreational Vehicles that are parked on the street and are occupied. Mr. Leitz stated this situation aims to assist those who were displaced by the wildfires, whereas in the other situation, there is not much the City can do.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor King, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2020-17 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ord. #2020-17 by title only.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor King, to approve Ord. #2020-17, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Bullock-absent)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Res. #2020-20 - A resolution adopting the City of Redmond Snow and Ice Control Plans for Public Works and Roberts Field - Redmond Municipal Airport.

Streets Operations Manager Brad Haynes and Airport Operations Supervisor Mike Wilcox requested approval of Res. #2020-20 which adopts the Public Works and Airport Snow and Ice Control Plans (Plans). The purpose of the Plans are to 1) provide Public Works and the Airport with clear goals, objectives, priorities, and operating procedures in response to snow and ice events, and 2) provide clear communication and set the response expectations to residents during weather events. The goals of the Plans are as follows:

1. Within available budget, staffing and equipment resources, respond in a cost-effective manner appropriate to the anticipated accumulation levels of snow and ice on City property and right-of-way necessary to facilitate safe travel;
2. Prioritize and define the level of service provided by Public Works and the Airport;
3. Allocate available resources (staffing, supplies, and equipment);
4. Arrange for supplemental resources during times of severe conditions through intergovernmental agreements and private service contracts; and
5. Provide Discretionary Immunity (ORS 30.265(6)(c)).

Mr. Haynes discussed response scenarios, priority routes, public engagement, and citizen preparation. Mr. Wilcox discussed new equipment, minimum standards for snow and ice control, the new Snow Removal Equipment building, and onsite fueling and deicing.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor McPherson, to adopt Res. #2020-20 approving the City's Snow and Ice Control Plans for FY 2020/2021, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

B. Purchase Authorization for 2020 Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader; \$65,513.76

Mr. Hayes requested approval to purchase a 2020 Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$65,513.76 from Peterson CAT. He stated key points including maneuverability and multi-function capabilities. In addition, the quoted figure is 21 percent below list price.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to authorize the City Manager to purchase the 2020 Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader from Peterson CAT in the amount of \$65,513.76, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Resignation of Councilor Calderon

Mayor Endicott stated that Councilor Calderon resigned effective October 26, 2020. In terms of a replacement, he plans to wait until the November election and then make a decision based on the election results, perhaps having the candidate who receives the most votes start early.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor King encouraged people to vote adding that it is likely too late to mail it in, but the ballot drop box at the library is open.

Councilor Clark-Endicott reported on her National League of Cities' Transportation Infrastructure committee meeting and podcast on voting which she participated in.

Councilor Patrick spoke to Mr. Fitch's comments and would like to research what the City can do. He also would like to see if a full day retreat for the Council can take place in person.

Councilor McPherson concurred with Councilor Patrick's retreat suggestion. She reminded Redmond citizens to be patient, be kind to each other, and follow the guidelines.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported that the Redmond Chamber of Commerce will be holding another golf tournament on October 30, 2020, as an indirect way to celebrate Halloween. Airport flights are at 58 percent of normal but increases to 70 percent during busy weekends. Mr. Witcosky explained this is well above the national average so ongoing conversations continue with air carriers that want to add flights to attractive locations. Mr. Witcosky announced there will be an upcoming budget adjustment in December based on the property tax repayment rate (typically 96 percent); recommendations are to repay the Public Works debt (\$1,000,000) and create a fund for a new police station (\$1,000,000).

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 8:16 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

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

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder