REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2020, VIA GOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Bullock – 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 McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no comments from citizens at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Minutes of December 3, 2019
B. Minutes of December 10, 2019
C. Minutes of May 5, 2020
D. Minutes of May 12, 2020
E. Minutes of May 19, 2020
F. Minutes of May 26, 2020
G. Minutes of June 23, 2020
H. Minutes of June 30, 2020

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

PRESENTATIONS
A. Current Events

Deschutes County Health Services Director Dr. George Conway provided the Council with a COVID-19 update. As of today, Deschutes County has had 1,998 cases and 14 deaths. The current rate of positivity has increased to 9 percent while the number of tests has decreased slightly. Dr. Conway answered questions regarding the hospital system's capacity and in the Intensive Care Unit, the implications for non-COVID patients who need hospital care and/or procedures, the rate of change in total cases and the implications regarding that rate, death rates in the fall of 2020 in comparison with the fall of 2019, whether there is the potential for organ damage in persons who have COVID-19 but are asymptomatic, and trends that can be identified by examining waste in municipal sewage treatment plants.

Redmond Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Ken Kehmna provided an update on call volume noting COVID-19 calls represent 10 percent of the total calls.

Police Chief Dave Tarbet provided an update on off leash dog enforcement, COVID-19 related calls a hit and run fatality, and shooting incident.

City Engineer Mike Caccavano addressed traffic safety, starting with the recent fatality on 6th Street near Kingwood Avenue, noting there appears to be multiple contributing factors. He stated that incorporating a cross walk in that area would be challenging and not likely to improve pedestrian safety. Mr. Caccavano shared that the 5-year Transportation System Plan (TSP) includes the addition of sidewalks from Jackpine Avenue to Maple Avenue in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026 and that there is a traffic light planned at Kingwood Avenue and 6th Street when it is warranted.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ord #2020-18 – An ordinance updating and amending the Redmond Transportation System Plan and Redmond Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts explained that the TSP consists of seven other plans and is required to be a component of the Comprehensive Plan. The TSP update process has been ongoing for the past three years and consisted of 1,600 hours of work and 34 different project meetings.

Mr. Caccavano explained the various considerations raised by Ed Fitch's letter noting that the next phase of the reroute is a material change to the TSP and would cause a yearlong delay to go back through the public hearings and planning process. He commented that a delay in the process could have major ramifications on obtaining funding for the South 97 Corridor adding the reroute extension is complicated by multiple factors, the grade separated railroad crossings, and concerns about 9th Street which are already addressed in the TSP. The City has the ability to pursue TSP updates in the next five years.

Based on a recommendation by staff, Mayor Endicott continued the public hearing to December 8, 2020

ORDINANCES

A. Ord. #2020-21 – An ordinance declaring a State of Emergency due to Coronavirus (COVID19), to resume the state of emergency from the 24th day of November 2020 through the 30th day of December 2020.

City Manager Keith Witcosky explained that there will be Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding to spend by December 30, 2020, and approving Ord. #2020-21 allows him to provide authority to expend the funds after the Council's last meeting on December 8, 2020.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to have a first and second reading of Ord. #2020-21 by title only, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ord. #2020-21 by title only.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve Ord. #2020-21, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Change Order #3 to City Contract #2020-33 with McKenzie Cascade Heavy Excavation for the NW Hemlock Avenue Improvements Project: $54,732.70 (WA1901)

Mr. Caccavano explained the purpose of Change Order #3 is to complete a section of sidewalk on Hemlock Avenue. While the bulk of work on Hemlock Avenue between NW 19th Street and NW 35th Street was done during the summer, this particular portion could not be completed because the irrigation canal was in operation. Mr. Caccavano stated that without this sidewalk, the Waverly subdivision remains isolated. He explained that due to the canal, the project included an extension of the irrigation pipe, construction of a new headwall and a fence relocation in addition to the actual construction of the sidewalk. The bulk of the work will be done in January 2021 while the canal is out of operation

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to authorize the City Manager to sign Change Order #3 to the NW Hemlock Avenue Improvements Project in the amount of $54,732.70, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Patrick-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS
Mayor Endicott noted the orientation process has started with the Councilor Elects and will occur weekly over the next month. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Councilor King wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Councilor McPherson concurred with Councilor King's comments.

Councilor Bullock stated it is important for our citizens to listen to the experts regarding COVID-19 noting that Dr. Conway spent 28 years with the Centers for Disease Control. In addition to being a medical doctor, Dr. Conway also has a Master's degree in Public Health. He asked people to be good neighbors and do their part to keep everyone safe. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Clark-Endicott shared that the Police Department is conducting their Click-it or Tick-it seatbelt safety campaign November 16 through 29. She urged everyone to wear their seatbelts and be safe. Councilor Clark-Endicott provided an update on the National League of Cities City Summit she attended recently.

Councilor Patrick voiced appreciation for information provided by Dr. Conway. He wished everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving and urged everyone to be careful. Councilor Patrick thanked everyone he saw throughout the week who complied with wearing masks and stated that he thinks the coronavirus will continue to be a problem until the vaccinations are available.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS
City Manager Keith Witcosky reported the State is looking at extending the moratorium for renters. Multnomah County passed an action indicating that renters are to begin paying rent again in January including 10 percent of back rent. Mr. Witcosky said that they would continue to monitor what is happening at the state level, but voiced concerns about the City getting into a "referee" position regarding the issue. Project Turnkey has made $35 million available to cities to help buy and refurbish hotels and motels for use as long-term homeless shelters. He said that Bethlehem Inn in Bend has indicated interest in opening a shelter in Redmond, but Mr. Witcosky thinks the funds have already been designated. Nevertheless, he said, the City will put an application together for Council's approval on December 8. The Chamber of Commerce will not be hosting the Startlight Parade this year nor will there be a formal tree lighting ceremony although the tree will be lit. The weekly press conferences with Mayor Endicott and Bend Mayor Sally Russell will start again; they will be joined by Deschutes County Commissioner Tony Debone and Dr. Conway. He wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving within the current limitations due to COVID-19.

Mayor Endicott reported that despite rumors in the community, he has not endorsed a parade by a controversial group and will not be attending.

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 7:45 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