

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 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 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

No blessing was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Fitch 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 November 21, 2017, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of December 12, 2017, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of November 27, 2018, Council Meeting**
- D. Minutes of December 18, 2018, Council Meeting**
- E. Minutes of February 5, 2019, Joint Workshop with Juniper Golf Committee and Parks Committee**
- F. Minutes of October 27, 2020, Council Meeting**
- G. Minutes of November 24, 2020, Council Meeting**
- H. Minutes of August 31, 2021, Council Meeting**
- I. Amendment #3 to City Contract #2020-45 with DOWL LLC for the Maple Avenue Staircase Project (PK 2101): \$9,000**

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A. Constitution Week

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve the proclamation for Constitution Week, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Mayor Endicott read the proclamation.

B. National Manufacturing Day

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Senior Manager Jon Stark briefly described the 9th Annual Made in Redmond Tour, scheduled for October 1. The tour will highlight i3D Manufacturing, Rhino Skin Solutions, and VocalBooth and feature a video tour of their facilities.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the proclamation declaring the first Friday in October as National Manufacturing Day, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Councilor Fitch read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Councilor Fitch presented his proposed topic on water rights for the future. This would include reviewing the citywide conservation program, development code amendments allowing low water maintenance landscaping, and encouraging citizens to install low maintenance water landscaping. Public Works Director Bill Duerden explained the City has enough mitigation credits to mitigate ground water out to the projected population growth through 2050. He said they are in the process of gathering additional mitigation credits that will take the City beyond the 2050 timeframe. Mr. Duerden said that the topics raised by Councilor Fitch are important and a presentation by staff could address some of those issues.

The majority of the Council was open to a work session on the topic.

BID AWARDS/BID REJECTIONS

A. Contract Award to Sunlight Solar Energy, Inc for the Senior Center Solar Project (SC2101): \$119,800

PFC Operations and Maintenance Manager Dusty Hood requested approval of a bid award to Sunlight Solar Energy, Inc. for the Senior Center solar project. Staff received one proposal in response to a formal Invitation to Bid. After reviewing the bid, Sunlight Solar Energy, Inc was deemed a responsible bidder with a bid of \$119,800; the Engineer's estimate of costs was \$150,000. A Blue Sky grant from Pacific Power will cover \$100,000 of the costs. The project will begin in the fall with completion in spring 2022.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to award the Senior Center Solar Project to Sunlight Solar Energy, Inc in the amount of \$119,800.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolutions of the City of Redmond to make Budget Adjustments in Fiscal Year 2021/22 for the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resources: \$2,631,535.

Mayor Endicott explained that at the last meeting, the Council requested: 1) additional presentations on how the requested funding for the homeless initiatives will be spent and 2) the Mayor and City Manager Keith Witcosky meet with Deschutes County staff to discuss having them funding all of these projects.

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff stated this is a continuation of deliberations regarding the use of ARPA funds. He said that the requests before the Council amount to \$2.6 million, leaving \$300,000 to be discussed at a future date. Mr. Neff explained the budget adjustment for Resolution #2021-25 would direct \$2 million of ARPA funds to the Public Safety Facility, Resolution #2021-26 would direct \$450,000 to Bethlehem Inn as a contribution to the creation of a commercial kitchen for their new Redmond site, and Resolution #2021-27 would direct \$182,000 to Oasis Village.

Bethlehem Inn Executive Director Gwenn Wysling provided the Council with a presentation in which she addressed the 13 percent increase in homelessness since 2020, the services provided by Bethlehem Inn, the project budget including revenue and expenses, renderings of the new facility, and floorplan of the proposed renovations. She stated that winter is coming soon and time is of the essence so that they can be prepared to open. Ms. Wysling asked for the Council's support for this project.

Leanne Latteral spoke in support of Bethlehem Inn by telling the story of how they partnered with Mountain Star Relief Nursery and other agencies to provide services to a vulnerable family in need of temporary housing. Because of these combined efforts, this family was ultimately able to move to long term housing which provided stable housing for the parents and their two young children.

Oasis Village representative Bob Bohac provided a presentation describing Oasis Village which is planned to be a low barrier, temporary, village-style shelter. The 10-12 tiny bedrooms will be 90-120 square feet (sf). Portable restrooms, showers, kitchen, dining areas, internet, and mailboxes will be provided, and the site will be fenced and gated for security and privacy purposes. Residents will be allowed to bring their pets, park their recreational vehicles (RV) if they are unwilling to leave them behind, and will be required to work on a plan to move toward stable housing. The time limit for a resident will be 6 months to 2 years, depending upon their progress toward their goals. Alcohol and drugs will be prohibited on site. Initially, no children will be allowed, and each bedroom will house one adult or an adult couple. Social services and case management will also be provided. The expectation is that the Village will open in summer or fall of 2022. Mr. Bohac presented a pro forma budget overview and listed various community partners already on board with this project.

In response to questions from Councilor Fitch, Mr. Bohac stated they have been in conversation with the County about possible location sites, and there are two County-owned properties within the City limits that are currently under discussion.

Rogue Retreat Development Director Matt Vorderstrasse introduced City of Medford Deputy City Manager Kelly Madding, Medford Police Officer Randy Jewell, Medford City Councilor Kevin Stine, and Rogue Retreat Community Education and Training Manager Susan Szczesniak. Mr. Vorderstrasse described the work of Rogue Retreat which is located in Medford, Oregon. Rogue Retreat provides a tiered system of shelter and housing beginning with an urban campground and providing services all the way up the continuum to affordable housing. Annual operating costs, revenue, and sustainability were addressed. Collaboration is key to Rogue Retreat, and various groups in Medford and Southern Oregon have banded together to support this project. Ms. Madding commented that while the City of Medford was initially skeptical, there have been virtually no significant problems or issues at Hope Village. She referenced the partnership that the City of Medford has with Rogue Retreat and the multiple service providers involved in the project. Councilor Stine opined that Rogue Retreat works and that the Medford City Council are getting no negative calls or emails about Hope Village. Officer Jewell has been with the Livability Team in Medford for 2.5 years and confirmed the Police Department has had minimal calls to Hope Village and only a handful were regarding things of a criminal nature.

Oasis Village Fund Developer Don Senecal explained the 6-year budget he submitted to the Council in response to their questions about the sustainability of Oasis Village and elaborated on various funding sources and supporters.

In response to questions from Councilor Clark-Endicott Mr. Vorderstrasse said that the City of Medford provided the land for Hope Village and Ms. Madding explained the particulars of the lease. Mayor Endicott asked whether Rogue Retreat has RV storage like that proposed for Oasis Village. Mr. Vorderstrasse indicated they do not have experience managing RVs but are getting more into it. Mayor Endicott asked how many people in the Medford area choose not to stay at Rogue Retreat. Mr. Vorderstrasse said that the people who live at Rogue Retreat tend to be ready to move from their previous situations to more stable housing with the security of having a locking door. Mayor Endicott inquired why Oasis Village plans to allow the RV storage but not allow anyone to live in them. In response, Mr. Bohac explained that, based on experience, people who have lived in RVs are hesitant to give them up completely until they are sure they have somewhere else to live. In addition, the RVs contain the last of owner's valuable possessions, and they want their possessions there with them.

Pastor Rick Russell addressed the Council regarding a joint letter of support for the Oasis Village project which was signed by nine clergy members and their congregations. He noted that these nine congregations agree that this is worthy of City investment. Pastor Russell explained how someone

becomes homeless in Redmond by describing a woman whose rental caught fire and who must now move. This woman cannot find another rental at the current rate she is paying, and her plan is to live in an RV so that her child can continue in the same school. Pastor Russell pointed out that there are a lot of partners coming to the table to make the Oasis Project happen, and he requested the City partner with the rest of them by providing ARPA funds. He said they are not asking the City to do everything, but they are asking the City to do something.

Richard Lance voiced support of Bethlehem Inn as well as Oasis Village and Shepherd's House. He pointed out the area on NE 17th Street where the RVs are currently parked and commented on the City's desire to move forward with developing that area for businesses. Mr. Lance spoke to the value of Oasis Village a low barrier option, adding that it provides personal space for residents as well as storage for their RVs. He said the Council has a unique opportunity to provide some start-up funding to Oasis Village, and requested that the Council do so.

Mayor Endicott introduced Teresa Hogue, speaking on behalf of the Redmond Senior Center, in regard to the Budget Adjustment and use of ARPA funds. Ms. Hogue introduced Senior Center Board Directors Jo Anne Sutherland and Paul Rodby who requested \$250,000 in ARPA funds for a commercial kitchen. Mr. Rodby described the need for updating the kitchen and equipment and explained they have had no funds for maintenance. Mayor Endicott asked if some of the homeless persons are eligible for Meals on Wheels, to which Ms. Hogue stated that some are already receiving meals.

Jordan Portier requested the Council designate ARPA funds to support the homeless initiatives and discussed the benefit of these projects to vulnerable citizens of Redmond.

Liz Goodrich expressed concern that the subject seems to be pitting the needs of seniors against the needs of the homeless population and said is discouraged by that. She spoke about personally assisting in serving meals to houseless persons every Sunday for many months but stated that this does not meet the many needs of those camping there. Ms. Goodrich asked the Council to fund the Bethlehem Inn and Oasis Village projects to better meet the needs of houseless neighbors.

Stephanie Hunter stated that she has also been a part of the group addressing needs of those camping at NE 17th Street. She addressed the sustainability of the Bethlehem Inn and Oasis Village projects and urged the Council to designate ARPA funds in support of those initiatives.

Gloria Olson requested that the Council designate ARPA funds for the homeless initiatives and said that her value is "people first" and urged Council to take action to help these vulnerable citizens.

Jon Riggs referenced his previous work in Redmond as a drug and alcohol counselor and how he saw houseless clients go back into traumatic living situations which made recovery challenging. He opined there is "no hope for change" unless houseless persons have a place to live, a guarantee of meals, and the assurance that their property will not be stolen when they go to work. Mr. Riggs urged the Council to use ARPA funds to support the homeless initiatives.

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

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to adopt Res. #2021-25 deploying ARPA funds by investing \$2 million in the Public Safety Facility project.

Councilor Fitch addressed whether it would be appropriate to defer action on these resolutions to see if the County will contribute funding to any or all of them.

Mayor Endicott shared that he and Mr. Witcosky met with Deschutes County on September 10. While the discussion did not include funding for the Public Safety Facility it did include funding for the two homeless initiatives which he will recommend they be deferred pending their decision.

Councilor Fitch stated he does not see the purpose of deferring the two resolutions and spoke to the urgency of having Bethlehem up and running prior to winter weather.

Councilor Clark-Endicott stated that Resolution #2021-25 addresses the expenditure of funds for the Public Safety Facility and staff have indicated that the money is needed now for the land purchase. She called the question.

Motion passed. (Bullock-no, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-no, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Mayor Endicott addressed Resolution #2021-26 and again reported on the meeting with the County about their contribution of additional funds to Bethlehem Inn. He said that Deschutes County Commission Chair Tony DeBone indicated he would take the matter to the other Commissioners in the near future. Mayor Endicott asked the Council to defer this Resolution until the County has made a decision.

Councilor Fitch expressed concern and reminded the Council that Ms. Wysling stated Bethlehem Inn is in need of a commitment now. He spoke against deferring Resolution #2021-26 but if that is the outcome, he recommended having a special Council meeting next week and asking the County to make a decision made by that time.

Councilor Bullock spoke in opposition of a postponement adding the Council has the information needed to support Bethlehem Inn.

Councilor Clark-Endicott supported postponing action based on the presentations made tonight. She heard the presentation by the Senior Center at the recent Redmond Executive Association meeting and based on the presentation, she does not think Council has fully investigated all the needs of those negatively impacted by the pandemic.

Councilor Evelyn voiced opposition to deferring action on Resolution #2021-26 adding that the homeless are Redmond citizens.

Mr. Witcosky opined Deschutes County should have a decision by the end of September.

In response to questions from Councilor Bullock on the ARPA recommendation process, Mayor Endicott stated he thinks the process worked and that initially all three members (Councilor Clark-Endicott, Councilor Fitch, and Councilor Wedding) recommended using the entire \$3 million for the Public Safety Facility; however, Councilor Fitch changed his mind.

Councilor Fitch disagreed with Mayor Endicott's statement noting he was always in favor of including the homeless projects. He asked Captain Devin Lewis whether the homeless projects will help the police be more effective in their work. Councilor Fitch addressed Councilor Clark-Endicott's previous statements that providing services for the homeless is not a City responsibility and opined that by not addressing and funding the two homeless projects there will be consequences that affect the community.

Captain Lewis explained the Police Department does receive calls regarding houseless persons. He also alluded to his years working at the Bend Police Department and their partnership with Bethlehem Inn.

Councilor Clark-Endicott clarified that there was not agreement among the subcommittee to recommend the use of \$2 million for the Public Safety Facility and the rest for homeless projects. She said that only Councilor Fitch favored using ARPA funds for homeless projects and that she and Councilor Wedding both supported using all the funds in this allotment for the Public Safety Facility.

Mayor Endicott recommended deferring action on this Resolution.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Bullock, to approve the Resolution #2021-26 for the allocation of the budget investment for \$450,000 to the Bethlehem Inn. (No vote was taken)

Mayor Endicott stated again that he recommends deferring action on this Resolution.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to table Res. #2021-26, motion passed. (Bullock-no, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-no, Fitch-no, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve Resolution #2021-27. (No vote was taken)

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to table Res. #2021-27, motion passed. (Bullock-no, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-no, Fitch-no, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Mayor Endicott reported that during the meeting with Deschutes County, Chair DeBone expressed concern about the Oasis Village project's need for funding which has not yet been secured.

Councilor Fitch recommended a joint meeting between the Council and the Deschutes County Commissioners take place by the end of September. Mayor Endicott said he requested a meeting but Chair DeBone did not think it was necessary because the Commissioners would discuss the issue and vote. They will notify the Council after their decision has been made.

B. Ordinance #2021-08: An ordinance approving a Master Development Plan, Tentative Subdivision, and a Minor Variance compliant with the 2040 Greater Redmond Area Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map. (Korbin Meadows)

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Senior Planner Kyle Roberts provided the Council with a presentation on Ordinance #2021-08 which would approve a Master Plan of 9.47 acres located at 3648 SW Helmholtz Way. The proposal is for 31 single family lots zoned R-2, more than 20,000 sf of open space with benches and landscaping and a multi-use canal trail. Mr. Roberts described the purpose of a Master Development Plan, the review criteria including the Great Neighborhood Principles, the integrated design elements, canal trails, and trail identification signs. Mr. Roberts reviewed the request for a minor variance allowing 14 lots to be less than the minimum lot size of 9,000 sf in the R-2 zone. This equates to a 22 percent variance which is under the maximum of 25 percent. This variance would also allow the developer to meet the density requirement of 4 dwelling units per net acre. The Urban Area Planning Commission (UAPC) held a public hearing and recommend approving the master plan and minor variance. Mr. Roberts address public comments received then reviewed the conditions of approval. Questions from the Council centered on whether any missing middle housing would be required, the process of annexation, any decisions regarding 48th Street, visibility at the Zenith Avenue intersection, any differences in this proposed Master Plan and that of nearby Josie Meadows or other surrounding developments, whether the developer could have asked for a variance on the required dwelling units per acre instead of a variance on the minimum lot size, and why one person on the UAPC voted against this request.

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

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2021-08 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 Ordinance #2021-08 by title only.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve Ordinance #2021-08, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Res. #2021-21 - A resolution declaring certain territory as being annexed to and incorporated within the City of Redmond.

Mr. Roberts referred to Council's previous action to approve Ordinance #2021-08 and the condition set forth that the land be annexed into the City. He explained that this Resolution represents the formal approval of the annexation of that property. Mr. Roberts requested approval of Resolution #2021-21.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to approve Res. #2021-21, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

B. Investment Policy Re-Approval

Mr. Neff explained that this action item calls for the Council to re-approve the investment policy, which is required to be done on an annual basis. He explained that approximately ten years ago the City took this policy to the Oregon Short-term Investment Board based on the City's desire to invest for periods longer than 18 months. The Board approved the policy, but ORS requires that it be re-approved each year by the Council. Mr. Neff said that the policy has been reviewed but no changes are requested this year.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to re-approve the City of Redmond investment policy FIN 111 - Investments, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott stated that the next Council meeting will be on September 28, and he will anxiously await any comments back from the County Commissioners. He said that he will do his best to recognize Councilors who have their microphones turned on and asked the Council to wait to be recognized before speaking.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Clark-Endicott shared that UAPC member Mike Kusinska attended his last meeting because he is moving out of state. She acknowledged him and thanked him for his work on the UAPC.

Councilor Evelyn thanked everyone who give presentations again on the homeless initiatives. He opined the City needs to address this important issue. He reiterated that homeless persons are citizens of Redmond.

Councilor Fitch recommended allocating \$250,000 of the ARPA funds at the next Council meeting for capital improvements at the Senior Center. He recommended using the remaining \$31,000 for the REACH program to help with the Safe Parking project.

In response to Mayor Endicott, Mr. Leitz stated these resolutions can be brought back at the next meeting. Councilor Clark-Endicott asked for each item to be in a separate resolution. Mr. Witcosky asked for clarification on the amount of money for the REACH project; Councilor Fitch indicated \$50,000. Councilor Clark-Endicott opined it is premature to go forward with any homeless funding until Council hears from Deschutes County. She spoke in favor of funding the requests for the Senior Center because it is City property and therefore it is the City's responsibility. Mayor Endicott stated that Council has formally approved supporting REACH unlike the other homeless projects. Councilor Bullock asked for a full break-down of expected expenses at the Senior Center as a pre-requisite to consider allocating funds for the project such as was required of the homeless initiatives. Councilor Fitch advocated for proceeding with the rough estimate of \$250,000 because determining more precise dollar amounts will be an involved process that has not yet started. Mayor Endicott directed staff to prepare a resolution for the Senior Center kitchen needs and to reach out to the Safe Parking project to get an accurate number from them.

Councilor Patrick referred to newspaper and television news accounts that the Council reversed course in allocating ARPA funds. He opined the accounts are false because the Council has not reversed anything. He addressed vaccination mandates and elaborated on his opposition to these mandates as he envisions them negatively impacting the health system and public education.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky stated that air travel is starting to be impacted again by the pandemic and that Redmond, like other airports, will be seeing fewer flights and fewer destinations through the end of 2021. The ice rink will be opened this winter with limited capacity. Mr. Witcosky reported that news will be forthcoming at the end of the week regarding the Police Chief recruitment. He said that there will be an online meet-and-greet next Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the finalist.

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 9:33 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 28th day of September 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder