

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021, VIA GOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch (arrived at 6:21 p.m.) – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jon Bullock

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Pastor Chuck Gustafson from Desert Song Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wedding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Tony Oliver addressed comments made by Council Fitch in the Redmond Spokesman regarding Councilor Clark-Endicott and Mayor Endicott. She requested that Councilor Fitch apologize to Councilor Clark-Endicott and Mayor Endicott.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Transit Services Agreement Amendment #1 with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (TR2201); \$567,028

Public Works Director Bill Duerden explained this amendment represents the second of three possible two-year agreements with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) to provide transit services in Redmond. He said a federal grant in the amount of \$567,028 was received and was accepted by the Council in July. This amendment allows for use of the grant funds for the provision of transit services through COIC. Mr. Duerden explained the City provides maintenance for the COIC buses and contributes matching funds along with extra funds to offset operational costs.

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Growth Management – Redmond Parks System Growth Opportunities

City Manager Keith Witcosky discussed overall Growth Management Policy, and introduced the topic of the Acquisition and Development of Parks.

Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez provided the Council with a presentation on acquisition and development of parks. Highlights included an overview of the City's parks system and role, and potential future opportunities. The City currently has 26 developed parks consisting of community parks, special use facilities, neighborhood parks, natural/open space, mini parks and partner parks. In addition, the City has 285 acres of undeveloped open space and 20 acres of cemetery. Roles in the parks system are:

- City Parks System – Provides community driven parks, trails, natural areas, and recreation opportunities.

- Redmond Area Park and Recreation District – Provides recreational experiences and activities for everyone.
- Redmond School District – Coordinates the use of school grounds as available.

Ms. Ramirez described the Redmond Comprehensive Plan's vision of a network of trails and parks, level of service goals, the 2018 Parks Master Plan needs, and investments of \$8.3 million over the last 10 years. In terms of priority planning, the amount of resources collected through System Development Charges is not enough to meet project costs over the next five years, thus, there is a need to prioritize projects. Additional barriers include rapid population growth, competing interests, and limited resources.

Potential acquisition opportunities consist of the following:

Description	Opportunity	Size	Positives	Negatives
Erickson Property: (SW Elkhorn Avenue & SW Canal Boulevard)	Purchase	20 acres	• Expand access and amenities • Southwest Community Park	• Outside the Urban Growth Boundary • Zoning complications • Costs to develop
Cinder Pit: (SW 31 st Street & SW Xero Avenue)	Purchase	8.35 acres	• Helps area that is underserved with parks • Passive and active use	• Limited pedestrian access • 2.35 acres are undevelopable
Redmond Caves: (SW 31 st Street & SW Xero Avenue)	Lease	40 acres	• Supports Southeast Community Park • Enhance cultural/educational experiences • Passive use recreation	• Bureau of Land Management Lease Agreement • Limited use beyond just trails • Capital Improvement needs • Pattern of vandalism

Potential development opportunities consist of the following:

Description	Cost	Size	Positives	Negatives
Central Dry Canyon Improvement	\$3.2 million - \$7.5 million	23.43 acres	• Improve pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle safety and access • Improve entrance points • Phased implementation	• Competing interests • Max capacity and facility limits
North Dry Canyon: (Pershall Way & NW 19 th Street)	\$10.5 million - \$13.7 million	36 acres	• Lease complete December 2021 • NW Community Park • Phased construction	• Competing interests among stakeholders

Ms. Ramirez addressed questions from the Councilor Patrick regarding camping in parks, vomit in Hope Park, and urged caution with building more parks too fast because the City does not have adequate staff to maintain the ones already in place. Councilor Clark-Endicott addressed the Cinder Pit property and specifically the strong slope and suggested it could be used as a possible dog park. Councilor Fitch called attention to northeast Redmond where there is a plan for increased residential development; he advocated for this to be a priority over other areas. He also recommended a grade separated crossing at Black Butte for pedestrian/dog/bike safety and because it is a major east-west connector. Mayor Endicott concurred that northeast Redmond needs park development. Mayor Endicott explained the City has

been in discussion for a decade regarding the acquisition of the Erickson property and, at one point, the asking price was “a lot of money” which needs to be considered if the property is to be made into a park. Mayor Endicott stated that the cemetery is adjacent to the Cinder Pit, and used as a park by walkers. He proposed access to the Cinder Pit via the cemetery.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

A. Three-year extension to the City's ESRI GIS Software and Support Agreement in the amount of \$113,100.

Mayor Endicott convened the Contract Review Board at 6:40 p.m.

GIS Analyst Mark Chambers requested the Board approve a sole source selection and three-year contract extension with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) in the amount of \$113,100 for GIS software. The City has used ESRI's software on a per license basis since 1997. Because of the increased demand for staff access, the City is opting for a Small Government Enterprise License Agreement allowing for unlimited deployment of the software.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to adopt sole source findings and approve the three-year extension to the Small Government Enterprise License Agreement between the City of Redmond and Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc to provide GIS software and support in the amount of \$113,100 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

Mayor Endicott reconvened the Council at 6:44 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement for Pacific Coast Supply

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) Senior Director Jon Stark requested approval of an Enterprise Zone Extended Abatement Agreement with Pacific Coast Supply (Pacific Supply) for one additional year of qualifying property tax abatement based on capital investment, new job creation and wages. Pacific Supply is one of the largest building supply distribution companies in the west with 44 strategically placed locations throughout 12 states; they carry an inventory of over 22,000 products. The Redmond facility will be located in Desert Rise and will distribute roofing supplies, wall board, construction materials and supplies. The 30,000 square foot building will employ 15 people. The total project cost is estimated at \$4 million which includes equipment.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the Agreement for an Oregon Enterprise Zone Extended Abatement for Pacific Coast Supply, d.b.a. Pacific Supply, motion passed. (Bullock-absent, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Wedding reported on the recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilor Patrick stated he would like to have a discussion on what the next steps in Redmond will be in terms of a vaccine mandate at the City of Redmond. He addressed a Facebook post by Councilor Evelyn about the Council. Councilor Patrick took issue with the points made by Councilor Evelyn in the post.

Councilor Fitch raised his concern that Mayor Endicott and Councilor Clark-Endicott stated he and Councilor Bullock violated Council rules when they abstained from a vote on the allocation of ARPA funds last week. He stated he has not been able to find any such rule, and proposed referring issues to the City Attorney for an opinion before making accusations. Councilor Fitch advocated for mending the Council and moving forward together to make decisions in the best interest of the community.

Councilor Evelyn stated his comments were posted on his private Facebook account and he defended his right to state his opinions and perceptions. Since the vote on the ARPA funds, he has spoken with many people who were disappointed with the outcome. Councilor Evelyn addressed his concerns and expressed upset that the requests of many individuals, service providers, non-profits, churches, and health organizations were denied.

Councilor Clark-Endicott defended her statement about Councilors Bullock and Fitch abstaining adding that she was not attacking them. She asked City Attorney Keith Leitz for an opinion. He read City Code Section 2.108 and explained it does require Council members to vote. Councilor Clark-Endicott opined that Councilor Evelyn's statement contained a lot of inaccurate information and addressed multiple points he made. Councilor Clark-Endicott reported on the recent Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott corrected his statement from last week that mentioned abstentions in the Council rules and referred to Mr. Leitz's interpretation of City Code Section 2.108. In addition, Mayor Endicott expressed concern with Councilor Evelyn's comments on Facebook regarding him and two other Councilors noting the intent of the Council's rules is to insure everyone is treated with dignity and respect. He strongly urged the Council to act in a professional manner and treat each other with respect. Mayor Endicott stated he "will not be shamed by any Councilor for doing what I believe is best for Redmond."

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky read a thank you card that was received regarding the construction of ADA ramps and the inclusion of audible signals.

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 7:29 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 26th day of October 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder