

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021, VIAGOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Bullock (arrived at 6:40 p.m.) – Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Police Chief Dave Tarbet – Police Captain Devin Lewis – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist Nam Ly – Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Police Lieutenant Jesse Petersen

MEDIA PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Amendment to City Contract #2020-71 with Resource Consultants for Community Development Block Grant Professional Consulting in the amount of \$80,000**

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. LED Streetlight Conversion Presentation by Ameresco

Public Works Director Bill Duerden highlighted portions of the Staff report, noting that most city streetlights are owned by utility providers and the City pays a flat fee for their operation and maintenance. In early 2021, Pacific Power introduced a new and lower rate to incentivize customer-funded LED streetlight conversion projects. Staff is seeking general direction from Council on whether to pursue a conversion project. If directed to move forward, the next step will be to conduct an audit and feasibility study estimated to cost approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Ameresco Business Development Executive Joe Mankiewicz presented the Council with a PowerPoint highlighting their work experience in Redmond and throughout the Northwest, their unique benefits, and specific considerations for the City of Redmond's streetlight conversion and ongoing maintenance program. Mr. Mankiewicz noted that Central Electric Cooperative owns some of the streetlights in Redmond, so Ameresco would work with them as well, if the project moves forward. Currently, the City spends approximately \$200,000 for streetlights. After the conversion, Ameresco estimates a savings of approximately \$70,000 annual with an expected eight-year payback period. The financial arrangement would be between Ameresco and the City through an Energy as a Service (EaaS) contract that also addresses the technical delivery of services. He noted the differences between the EaaS and the energy savings performance contract the City had previously with Ameresco noting that because the City does not own its streetlights, a bank loan cannot be obtained. Due to Ameresco's unique relationship with Pacific Power, Ameresco is being permitted to front the capital to the City on a promise of key performance indicators.

Mr. Mankiewicz reviewed next steps adding that Ameresco could be selected from a list of prequalified energy service companies or the City could do Request for Qualifications; however, Ameresco is the only company qualified to respond specifically to a Pacific Power streetlight conversion. If selected, Ameresco will present a proposal for approximately \$26,000 for basic design and to audit all 1,100 streetlights.

Mr. Duerden and Mr. Mankiewicz addressed questions on why the City will be charged a higher rate if Pacific Power saves money by replacing a sodium vapor light with an LED, whether the City has reached the savings phase yet on the initial project with Ameresco, the life expectancy of LED lights. In response to questions sent via email about Dark Skies, Mr. Mankiewicz shared before and after photos of Renton, Washington, where Ameresco converted the streetlights. The photos demonstrated a significant reduction in the night sky glow using LEDs.

The consensus of the Council was to have Staff move forward with Ameresco on the streetlight conversion and see what the audit reveals. Mr. Mankiewicz noted Ameresco could address the color temperature of the lights during the design process.

B. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Update #1: Housing and Transit

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Executive Director Tammy Baney and COIC Community and Economic Development Director Scott Aycock presented an update and overview of their organization and described their five core service areas, as well as the projects and programs implemented within each core service area. Key projects specific to Redmond included:

- A deviated/flex route service that will launch in the summer of 2022, in addition to dial-a-ride services, and be implemented in northwest and southeast Redmond. The routes will begin and end at the transit hub by Fred Meyer and serve major destinations, including the Redmond Airport, COCC Campus, Redmond Proficiency Academy, Centennial Park, Bi-Mart, the Redmond Senior Center, St. Charles, Walmart, and Redmond High School.
- A phased approach to expand transit services in Redmond over the next 5 to 10 years with four deviated flex routes supplemented by micro-transit services. Buses would get smaller, and services would get nimbler in order to meet the community's needs in a more on-demand type of service. Eventually the hope is to have a full fixed-route system with the complementary ADA para-transit as well as dial-a-ride services.
- The Housing Needs Assessment completed a couple years ago revealed the need to strengthen the capacity around the Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC), which is the continuum of care for the region. COIC wants to support the Coalition by possibly being its fiscal sponsor alongside a strong partnership with NeighborImpact.
- A three-year pilot for a Regional Housing Council (RHC), funded by Central Oregon Health Council, to connect all housing service providers, developers, etc. with elected officials for broader thinking about housing rather than focusing on one community at a time. The RHC will provide a forum for all housing stakeholders and local governments in Central Oregon to share best practices, identify gaps in programs, etc. and when appropriate, act as one regional voice in Salem or Washington DC.

COIC would like to meet with an interested Councilor as well as a staff person to understand their interests and concerns. The intent is for the RHC to complement existing efforts and not serve as a regulatory body.

Councilor Clark-Endicott commented on a presentation from Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley from Arlington, Texas. Prior to COVID, Arlington created the Via transit service similar to Uber or Lyft, but operated as a public/private partnership. In response to Councilor Clark-Endicott, Ms. Baney confirmed this is the direction COIC wants to go, but since there is still a need for fixed routes and the ability to take larger groups of individuals throughout communities, it will not apply to all services. She predicts a hybrid-type of transit service would emerge in the future.

Mayor Endicott noted that anyone interested in volunteering to be the elected official on the RHC should contact City Manager Keith Witcosky.

C. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Update #2: Central Oregon Regional Training Complex

COIC Resilience Planner Shelby Knight presented an overview of the Central Oregon Regional

Emergency Services Training and Coordination Center (RESTCC) noting that Redmond and the Redmond Airport will serve as the primary incident support base for statewide rescue and recovery operations for the Pacific Northwest in the event of a natural disaster, wildfires or the anticipated Cascadia subduction zone event. She highlighted background of the project, needs, steering committee representation, and the short- and long-term vision of the proposed RESTCC. The Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, and Resilient (CORE3) facility was envisioned to meet the identified needs for a dedicated multi-disciplinary, multi-agency coordination center and backup 911 center for coordinating response and recovery efforts. CORE3 will also meet sustained and future mandatory training needs for public safety and emergency personnel. The flexible, multi-use space will house a multi-agency coordination center, a training facility for public safety personnel, and will support Central Oregon Community College's Wildland Structural Fire and other related programs. Phase 1 of the project addresses high priority needs and includes the emergency coordination center, flexible classrooms, and a few key priority training opportunities the team has identified. Phase 1 is currently scoped at approximately \$25 million, but the phase is scalable, depending on the needs and available funding.

Mr. Aycock displayed conceptual site plans for the entire project, noting the master plan is part of next steps. He noted the proposed 300-acre site is located just north of the Redmond Airport on property owned by Deschutes County and formerly used by the Rod and Gun Club. COIC will ask the Deschutes County Commissioners to consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) stipulating they reserve 300 acres of the County's property for this use. Once committed to by Deschutes County, COIC will begin the land use process and ask all partners to sign a MOU regarding the capital funding. COIC hopes to break ground on the project in 30 to 36 months. At this time, COIC is requesting that the Council consider signing the MOU and provide any guidance for an efficient land use process with the County.

Mayor Endicott noted the site was selected due to its close proximity to a current federal facility. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has indicated that if a Cascadia event were to occur, it will likely use the Forest Service Emergency Operations Center for FEMA's emergency operations center. Local counties and cities will need a facility to coordinate their activities along with the federal operations.

Councilor Clark-Endicott shared that the Tualatin Valley Fire District has a large training center in Tigard with an additional satellite office between Wilsonville and Sherwood. The training facility was designed for large natural disasters and can coordinate emergency efforts for the entire Portland metropolitan area. Oregon's national representatives throughout the Willamette Valley agree that because of the airport, Redmond will be the emergency center for the State of Oregon during a natural disaster.

The Council directed Mr. Witcosky to pursue an MOU with COIC.

Regarding housing in Item B above, Mr. Witcosky asked the Council to consider whether a regional forum, to discuss how to deal with the housing crisis, is needed and added that COIC could help with the forum.

D. Deschutes County Library Design Update: Todd Dunkelberg and Team

Deschutes County Library Director Todd Dunkelberg introduced their architect team, noting many project updates had been made since the team's last presentation to Council.

Miller Hull's Mat Albores indicated the conceptual design has been completed and is now entering the schematic design phase. Mr. Albores highlighted the project's anticipated timeline, noting construction is expected to begin in October with completion of the project in 2024.

Miller Hull's Ruth Baleiko stated the team built upon prior work from the bond measure campaign and the robust engagement process. Key elements used to achieve the project's design goals included accentuating the site and its surrounding features, creating elements such as an outdoor patio public/civic space for library events, and a drive-up service window. Ms. Baleiko shared various building perspectives, elevations, and floorplans and discussed the various types of materials that would be used to create an inviting look appropriate for Redmond's past and future.

Ms. Baleiko addressed questions on a southern entry and parking, while Mr. Dunkelberg focused on meetings with the Historic Landmarks Commission, and challenges with the existing structure. The owner's representative Greg Holcomb stated their general contractor and independent cost estimator are preparing cost estimates on the District's entire bond program, including the Redmond library. The process will continue throughout November with a full reconciliation of the bond budget in December. Regarding a temporary library, Mr. Holcomb shared they want to have a new location in place roughly two months prior to demolition; location of a site will start in January 2022 and be ready by the end of 2022.

Mr. Dunkelburg noted that proposed plans and videos can be found on the library's website and people can also provide comments there as well. Mayor Endicott asked Mr. Witcosky to add that link to the City's website.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2021-10 – An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 5 Sections 5.250 through 5.290 pertaining to animals.

Captain Lewis requested approval of Ordinance #2021-10 which modernizes and refines Sections 5.250-5.290 of the City Code. He reviewed the proposed changes noting there is no fiscal impact from the amendments.

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Clark Endicott, to have a first and second reading of Ordinance #2021-10 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 Ord. #2021-10 by title only.

Councilor Bullock moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve Ordinance #2021-10, motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2021-33 – A resolution of the City of Redmond to make budget adjustments.

Captain Lewis requested approval of Resolution #2021-33 which requests a net zero budget adjustment for two lateral Police officers. Due to COVID complications, the officers will start in January 2022, rather than in July 2022. He highlighted the number of current sworn officers compared to Redmond's population growth, as well as the typical call response durations for officers on routine shifts. Unlike a new officer, which requires 8 to 10 months of training, a lateral officer is already certified and only requires 8 to 10 weeks of training to become oriented to the department's operations. Two lateral officers have already been identified and can start by January. He noted the cost savings in the department's current budget would absorb the cost of the two officers, which is approximately \$148,000 for half a year.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2021-33, adding two additional police officer FTE positions to the Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget using cost savings within the existing budget, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

B. City Donation of a 1914 Colt 1911 to the Maryland Museum of Military History

Lieutenant Petersen requested approval to donate a 1914 Colt 1911 to the Maryland Museum of Military History. The firearm, which was reported stolen in 1994, was recovered in 2018 by the Redmond Police Department and placed into evidence. The owner of the firearm had since passed away, so the insurance company released interest of the firearm to the Police Department. Given the firearm's significant historical background, the Maryland Museum is interested in displaying it publicly in their Museum of Military History located in the 5th Regiment Armory where the firearm was originally shipped over a century ago.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the donation of the 1914 Colt 1911 bearing Serial Number 69593 to the Maryland Museum of Military History, motion passed. (Bullock-yes, Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes)

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

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

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder