

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2022, VIA GOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Police Captain Devin Lewis – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Manager Matt Hayes – Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Communications Director Heather Cassaro

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 Zwicker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- A. Lena Berry's Written Comments**
- B. Monica Huey's Written Comments**
- C. Jordan Portier's Written Comments**

Nick Porta, Phillip Meagher, Jack Noble and Lynn Shofner addressed the Council regarding blasting taking place in the Dry Canyon North subdivision. They described the damage and asked that the Council remedy the situation.

Andrea Utz, Ally Fisher, Karen Sipes, Tori Maurer, Stephanie Hunter, Dr. Steven Cross, Robert (no last name provided), and Suzanne Maydahl addressed the Council regarding the People's Rights anti-mask protesters outside of Redmond High School (RHS). They expressed their concerns over protesters offering students gift cards for food in exchange for removing their masks and encouraging them to walk out of school in protest.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of December 14, 2021, Council Meeting**

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Black History Month**

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

Mayor Endicott read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Council Goalsetting

The Council reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 proposed by the Council and staff. City Manager Keith Witcosky will make edits as directed and present to Council for approval on February 15.

B. 2nd Quarter 2021/2022 Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff provided the Council with the second quarter financial report. Dashboard highlights included:

- Year-to-date expenses are at 44 percent with much of the savings coming for personnel turnover and Travel/Training.
- General Operating Funds projected to increase fund balance due to \$3.2 million in land sales and \$0.7 million in operating surplus.
- Property tax assessed value increasing 9.6 percent with collection projected at 93 percent.
- Development revenue has softened in the second quarter but projected to exceed budget.
- Airport passengers up 128 percent.
- The net cash flow for Juniper Golf Course was \$191,000 exceeding FY2020/2021 by \$70,000.

Key statistics covered were property tax collections, franchise fees, General Operating fund balance and balance change, utility sales, passenger facility charges, planning permit revenue, debt service coverage ratio, and assessed value growth. Mr. Neff reviewed the current and projected financial situation for various funds.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Appointment of David Kiefer, term expiring December 31, 2022, and Jim Montoya, term expiring December 31, 2024.**
- B. Housing and Community Development Committee - Appointment of Megan Zampko, term expiring December 31, 2024.**
- C. Nuisance Appeals Board - Appointment of Karin Stauder, as an Alternate Member, term expiring December 31, 2023.**
- D. Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places - Appointment of Scott Larson, term expiring December 31, 2025.**

Mayor Endicott recommended the appointment of David Kiefer and Jim Montoya to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee terms expiring December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2024, respectively; the appointment of Megan Zampko to the Housing and Community Development Committee, term expiring December 31, 2024; the appointment of Karin Stauder to the Nuisance Appeals Board as an Alternate Member, term expiring December 31, 2023; and the appointment of Scott Larson, to the Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places, term expiring December 31, 2025. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Endicott reported on the lifesaving efforts of several police officers during a recent medical emergency at Anytime Fitness. Governor Kate Brown has announced the end of the mask mandate will take place on March 31. In-person Council meetings will resume April 5. Regarding the protests that took place at RHS, Mayor Endicott stated that while he supports citizens' First Amendment rights to protest peacefully, having adults use intimidation tactics to approach kids is disturbing. Mayor Endicott noted that blasting in the Dry Canyon North subdivision has been suspended until the issues can be reviewed more thoroughly.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker commented on the RHS protests nothing that she supports the First Amendment but would be upset if adults were luring her child away from school. She suggested considering a permit

zone round schools and dedicating American Legion Park as a free speech location. In addition, if a protest is deemed to be contentious, then the City could work with the Redmond School District to close the campus for safety reasons. Councilor Zwicker feels for the residents affected by blasting and is going to suggest that the historical record of a home is the walk through and inspection done at close of escrow by the home builders.

Councilor Wedding welcomed the newly appointed committee members. Regarding the RHS protests, she stated that while she supports the First Amendment, she believes that the Council needs to be aware of both the moral aspects, especially with children are involved, and the impacts to the community and those children. She concurred with Councilor Zwicker's comments on a permit zone. Councilor Wedding would like additional information and hopes there can be a solid resolution for those impacted.

Councilor Patrick read a letter he wrote to Governor Brown regarding the mask mandate and affects on children. He also addressed an email on density from Tim Summerville. Regarding Councilor Evelyn's written comments on condemning the RHS protesters, Council Patrick stated he does not believe the Council should do this. He also does not believe approaching kids is appropriate either.

Councilor Fitch opined people are tired of masking and mandates, but COVID-19 is real and he has lost people he knows to the virus. Regarding the RHS protests, Councilor Fitch acknowledged that the First Amendment and Right to Assembly is an inherent right for all American's, but he condemns what took place by the People's Rights group. This is the same group that brought flew a Confederate flag in the Fourth of July parade and had racist signs at RHS that read, "I can't breathe." Councilor Fitch opined that extreme groups on the left and the right are our new virus and he condemns both sides. He stated the Council cannot allow child predators with weapons to lure children with food coupons. He does not want to see any extremist group tarnish the Redmond community. He concurred with Councilor Zwicker's suggestion on a permit zone around schools is appropriate and acceptable conduct guidelines are needed.

Councilor Evelyn stated the RHS protests are not issues about the First Amendment versus safety. It is about safety of our children adding it is troubling when adults lure students into supporting an issue by bribing them with food coupons. Councilor Evelyn brought up the possibility that students could be abducted or injured during an altercation. Peaceful protests are allowed, but when the safety of children is affected, it is unacceptable.

Councilor Clark-Endicott asked Mr. Witcosky to comment regarding the notification and involvement of the Redmond Police Department with the RHS protesters. Councilor Clark-Endicott stated it is important to maintain the safety of the students while following the First Amendment. She opined additional Council discussion is needed on the permit zone proposed by Councilor Zwicker. Councilor Clark-Endicott spoke to the walkout at Redmond Proficiency Academy (RPA) adding that Councilor Evelyn agreed with the content of the RPA protest and not the People's Rights protest, but that the safety of students is most important.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky stated that two members of the People's Rights group did go on RHS property and were issued trespassing citations. City Engineer Mike Caccavano addressed the Dry Canyon North blasting issue noting that Phase 2 went through the approval process and began blasting in January. Drilling has occurred in Phase 3, but no blasting has taken place. The contractor has requested the contractor stop drilling. In the meantime, the Fire Marshal's office has requested an opportunity to approve blasting; Phase 3 will be the first opportunity for the Fire Marshal. Mr. Caccavano explained that the contractor performed pre-blast surveys prior to Phase 2 blasting. This survey includes photos and inspection of the homes. Seismographs have been put in place to measure blasting vibrations. Readings of 2 or more can cause drywall cracking and 4 or more can cause concrete cracking. The contractor reports receiving readings of 0.2 to 0.4 and does not feel they caused the damage. Staff will continue working with the contractor and insure they are addressing concerns.

Councilor Evelyn clarified that his comments were not a comparison of the People's Rights protest and the RPA student protest. His primary issue was the safety of students at RHS.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Ms. Shofner stated the blasting contractor has been working on Phase 3 of Dry Canyon North since being asked to stop. She commented a meeting with the neighbors needs to occur.

Mr. Porta requested that Mr. Caccavano review the Engineering standards that address blasting. A discussion with impacted homeowners was requested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 22nd day of February 2022.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder