

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD DECEMBER 21, 2021, 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 Chief Dave Tarbet – Police Captain Devin Lewis – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – Assistant to the Recorder's Office Trish Pinkerton – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist Joe Cron – Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Keys to the City

Mayor Endicott presented Police Chief Dave Tarbet, and City Engineer Mike Caccavano with Key to the City plaques. He praised their service to the City and wished them well in their retirements.

B. Infrastructure Panel #1

Mayor Endicott announced that this is the first of two work sessions designed to help Council prioritize Redmond's list of requests associated with the \$1.2 trillion federal Build Back Better transportation bill.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 Manager Gary Farnsworth gave an overview of Region 4, the amount of money ODOT expects to receive from the transportation bill over the next five years, the types of projects eligible for funding, how ODOT prioritizes and funds projects statewide, and Central Oregon and Redmond projects on ODOT's list of priorities. He answered questions from Council.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts presented the City's lists of priority projects based on different viewpoints.

Regional significance:

- South Highway 97 corridor improvements project,
- Airport terminal expansion,
- Redmond Wetlands Complex,
- South Redmond track, and
- Large Lot Industrial.

Staff priorities and shovel-ready projects:

- South Highway 97,
- Redmond Wetlands Complex,
- Well 9,
- East Side industrial arterial, Highway 126-Airport Way and NE Hemlock-Highway 126, and
- SW Reservoir Drive/Wickiup Avenue, 39th Helmholtz.

Mr. Caccavano discussed specifics of the East Side arterial, Well 9, and the SW Reservoir Drive/Wickiup Avenue projects.

Mr. Roberts discussed which projects would have the least impact on the General Fund. He also discussed the projects the General Fund could best support, which resulted in lower ranges of projected costs. The top projects in this list included:

- the East Side industrial arterial,
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, mostly downtown,
- SW 6th and Salmon Avenue extension,
- SW Reservoir Drive/Wickiup, and
- 7th Street upgrade.

Mr. Roberts stated when looking at current growth and development in Redmond, the biggest issue was mobility and congestion. The top projects that would address transportation-related issues included:

- South Highway 97 Corridor improvements,
- Eastside industrial arterial,
- Highway 126 intersection improvements – SW 35th and SW Helmholtz,
- East-west connections – Quartz Avenue, Odem Medo Road or Airport Way grade separation, and
- SW 6th Street/Salmon Avenue extension.

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. Senior Director Jon Stark noted that investing in infrastructure was a catalyst to economic development, both with jobs creation through infrastructure projects, and through improvements to freight corridors and as infrastructure corridors for utilities, such as water and wastewater.

Mayor Endicott asked Council to review the list of potential projects and be prepared to discuss what projects should be prioritized in anticipation of the next workshop in January and the goal-setting session on February 5, 2022.

Councilor Fitch noted the South Highway 97 project would have a profound impact on many businesses in that corridor. He stated the only way the project would work long term was if there was a viable East Side route to relieve the pressure on the South Highway 97 corridor. He stated it was paramount to gain the full support of the federal delegation and state legislators, as well as Deschutes County, for what the Council and ODOT determined to be the highest priorities. Their support would go a long way to access some of the discretionary funds in play.

Councilor Zwicker stated that since Redmond may be in competition with other areas for the infrastructure funds, the City should determine how best to position itself for the requests which may be considered the most attractive.

Councilor Clark-Endicott commented that semis need a new route through Redmond, because Redmond was continuing to grow as a light industrial area.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16p.m.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 26th day of April 2022.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder