

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Krisanna Clark-Endicott – Cat Zwicker

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – 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 – Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

BLESSING

Pastor Jim Holm from City Center Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Resident Lena Berry addressed the Council regarding the need for a program in Redmond, such as Eugene's Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets (CAHOOTS) that responds instead of police to calls involving mental health and social issues. Having a Crisis Intervention Team will benefit both the police and the community, as well as saving money.

Residents Eric and Sarah Werner addressed the Council regarding concerns about a couple of inhabited recreational vehicles that have been parked near their home for the past 10 months.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of November 16, 2022, Council Meeting

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A. American Red Cross Month

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the proclamation designating March 2022 as American Red Cross Month, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-absent, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

B. Women's History Month

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the proclamation designating March 2022 as Women's History Month, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-absent, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

BID AWARDS/BID REJECTIONS

A. Award of contract to Keeton King Contracting LLC for the Quartz Neighborhood Park Construction (PK2001); \$2,181,626.15

Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez requested approval of a bid award to Keeton King Contracting LLC for construction of the Quartz Neighborhood Park. The City issued a formal Invitation to Bid and received four proposals. After review of the bids, Keeton King Contracting LLC was deemed the lowest responsible bidder with a cost of \$2,181,626.15. The Engineer's estimate of costs was \$2,350,000.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to award the Quartz Neighborhood Park construction contract to Keeton King Contracting LLC in the amount of \$2,181,626 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-absent, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott floated the idea of scheduling a future townhall to listen to ideas on how to address the homeless issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Evelyn commented that he is looking forward to in-person meetings next month.

Councilor Fitch approved of the mayor's idea for a townhall on homelessness. He also expressed concern over a racial slur recently painted on the tunnel near American Legion Park. He opined that the Council needs to take concrete actions on both homelessness and issues of diversity, equity and inclusion by allocating funds in the upcoming budget.

Councilor Patrick answered questions posed by residents in recent emails regarding sewer and water capacity, the homeless/street campers, and public safety. He stated the City is working on plans to expand sewer treatment capacity, and experts have assured City officials that there is enough water to meet needs for decades. He opined that the proliferation of street camping is allowed due to court decisions and recent legislation, and that the state has tied the hands of police by enacting legislation that forbids traffic stops for minor offenses, such as equipment violations.

Councilor Wedding echoed Councilor Evelyn's anticipation of in-person meetings.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky updated Council on continuing outreach to residents of NW Teak Avenue concerned about blasting for a new subdivision, and on conversations with residents about the recent proliferation on homeless camps. The City needs to make investments in providing a place for the campers to go, otherwise police hands are tied. He also explained that Deschutes County Behavioral Health has a Mobile Crisis Assessment Team that works with local police to provide crisis intervention services. The County's planned North County Campus will include a mental health component.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Resident Lena Berry thanked Councilor Fitch for his comments on diversity, equity and inclusion and homeless issues. She also commented on Council Comments from February, saying that there is no comparison between a student-led walk-out to protest gun violence and the adult-led Peoples' Rights protests on near Redmond High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Endicott convened the Council into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. in accordance ORS 192.660(2)(d) authorizes executive sessions “to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.”

Mayor Endicott closed the Executive Session portion of the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

MOTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no motions as a result of Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of June 2022.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder