

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD APRIL 12, 2022, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL.

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 Devin Lewis – Police Captain Aaron Wells – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist Christian Armatas – Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Parks Planner and Project Manager Maria Ramirez – Building Official Aaron Yuma

MEDIA PRESENT: Tim Trainor, Redmond Spokesman

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

BLESSING

Pastor Randy Folkenberg from Redmond Seventh Day Adventist led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Endicott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) Manager Steve Curley read a letter of support for the City identifying recreational vehicle (RV) parking alternatives for the homeless population. While REDI is sensitive to the homelessness issue, the current situation is causing increasing safety issues and impacting current and future economic development opportunities.

Redmond Athletic Club (RAC) owner Branegan Dixon addressed the Council regarding the homelessness situation outside of his business. Approximately 300 people in a five-day period signed a petition indicating they did not feel comfortable with the homeless outside the RAC. Mr. Dixon commented the situation is bad for business and for Redmond but looks forward to being part of the solution.

Trevor Johnson addressed the Council regarding the need to stand together in solidarity and unity for the people of Ukraine and encouraged the City to find a location to fly the Ukrainian flag.

Charles Baer spoke to the Council regard his ideas of a state-run crypto currency and online voting system.

James Cook recognized the work of Redmond Rotary and acknowledged them as the first major contributor to Oasis Village. He also thanked Redmond Rotary for facilitating a joint meeting with the Redmond Homeless Service Providers group to build a foundation for future collaboration to address the needs of our houseless neighbors.

Redmond City Director of Shephard's House Ministries Andrew Hoeksema shared their organization will open a new low-barrier shelter in Redmond in late 2022/early 2023. Mr. Hoeksema asked that when the issue of homelessness and RV/camping ordinances are discussed that asked that we all keep in mind the humanity, situations, and stories that brought people to where they are currently and work towards building trust rather than breaking it.

Jordan Portier addressed the Council regarding homelessness in Redmond. She opined that in order to avoid making the same mistakes as Bend and Portland, Redmond needs different solutions such as 24 hours shelters, no barrier shelters, navigation centers, affordable housing and a model of compassion for those who are struggling. Ms. Portier also spoke to the aggressive behavior during the protest outside Redmond High School by

People's Rights members and proposed permit zones. She asked the Council to work towards preventing a similar situation from occurring again.

Redmond Fire & Rescue Interim Chief Jeff Puller thanked Redmond Police Officer Jordan Uppendahl for his extraordinary action in saving the life of a citizen who was choking and unconscious.

Lena Berry addressed the Council regarding the homeless situation in Redmond and recommended searching for solutions rather than running the homeless out of town. Many of the homeless population do not currently have the capacity to be better and do better right now because they do not feel safe living in the homeless camps.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of November 9, 2021, Joint Workshop with Deschutes County Commissioners**
- B. Minutes of March 15, 2022, Joint Workshop with Deschutes County Commissioners**
- C. Minutes of March 15, 2022, Council Meeting**
- D. Minutes of March 29, 2022, Council Meeting**
- E. Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County for Building Services**
- F. 2022 Certified Local Government Grant; \$9,900**

At the request of Councilor Fitch, Building Official Aaron Yuma explained that the City currently has Intergovernmental Agreements with various other local agencies for building services adding it is the equivalent of Redmond's first responders providing mutual aid when needed. Mr. Yuma stated the Jefferson County currently has an electrical inspector in training who is not currently certified to perform some types of inspections. Mr. Yuma answered questions from Council.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A. Rotary Club of Redmond Day

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve the proclamation recognizing the 70th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Redmond and designating April 14, 2022, as Rotary Club of Redmond Day, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Councilor Evelyn read the proclamation.

B. Fair Housing Month

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the proclamation designating April 2022, as Fair Housing Month, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Councilor Zwicker read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

A. If I were Mayor Contest

Mayor Endicott announced the local winners of the "If I were Mayor" contest and presented the following students with a certificate and \$100:

- 4th-5th Grade Poster Contest - Winner Mason Pflieger, 5th Grade, Tumalo Community School
- 6th-8th Grade Essay Contest - Winner Thaddeus Swift, 6th Grade, Redmond Proficiency Academy. Mr. Swift read his essay.

Their winning entries have been submitted to the Oregon Mayors Association for the state contest.

B. Jericho Road Annual Report

This presentation was rescheduled for the April 26, 2022, Council meeting.

C. 2021 Redmond Police Department Year in Review

Police Chief Devin Lewis and Police Captain Aaron Wells presented the 2021 year in review. They highlighted new programs, key partnerships, training, crime rates, service calls, use of force responses, and new personnel. The department's vision is to make Redmond the safest community in Oregon and their mission is service to our community through Excellence, Teamwork, and Professionalism.

The department has 64 total employees with 50 sworn officers. There are 39 full time and 3 part time employees in the patrol division, 8 full time employees in investigations and 14 in administration. In 2021, 100 percent of the department's officers met or exceeded required training standards. Chief Lewis shared the various promotions that occurred in 2021 as well as the department's first supervisory academy and bilingual social media communications. They received over 28,000 calls for service in 2021 with the highest call type coming from traffic/complaints, person stops and parking. Calls for mental health increased 21 percent over 2020. There were 32 (0.11 percent) total force responses; nationwide the average was 2 percent.

The department's focus for 2022 includes the following:

- Post pandemic community engagement, regional training, acclimation of new officers and staff.
- Staffing to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community.
- New and expanded partnerships with Lighthouse Health and Wellness, Deschutes County computer lab, and MCAT partnerships
- Public Safety Facility bond measure and design completion

Chief Lewis and Captain Wells addressed questions regarding community scams and the relationship with 911.

D. Homelessness, background on legal cases: Update and refresher.

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided a legal update on sleeping and camping on public property. He reviewed relevant case law (Martin v. Boise, Blake v. Grants Pass, Bilodeau et al. v. Medford, and Seattle v. Long), Oregon legislation (House Bills 3124 and 3115), and city ordinances (City Code sections 5.314(1)(C), 7.574(4), and 5.314(1)(Q)).

Mr. Leitz explained the following items should be considered when crafting a local ordinance on time/place/manner (TPM):

- Low barrier shelters if possible
- High barrier shelters helpful
- Designated areas for sleeping, camping, RVs
- Narrowly tailored "objectively reasonable" TPMs
- Continue to enforce non-sleep related violations

Mr. Leitz answered questions throughout his presentation. Councilor Fitch recommended staff look at the old Juniper Golf Course location as a possible interim solution.

BID AWARDS/BID REJECTIONS

A. On-call Traffic Engineering Services contracts to both Transight Consulting, LLC and Kittelson and Associates of up to \$50,000 each per year; and a not to exceed amount of \$500,000 over a five-year term.

City Engineer Mike Caccavano requested approval of two on-call traffic engineering services contracts with Transight Consulting, LLC and Kittelson and Associates. Both contracts will cost an estimated \$50,000 per year and a not to exceed \$500,000 over a five-year term. Both firms have performed work for the City in the past.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to authorize the City Manager to enter into two separate on-call contracts with Transight Consulting, LLC and Kittelson and Associates in the amount of \$50,000 per year, per contract for the duration of up to five years, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Award contract to Murraysmith Inc. for analysis and design of the SW Airport Way/19th Street Roundabout for \$610,434; Project #TR2202

Mr. Caccavano requested approval of a contract with Murraysmith Inc. for SW Airport Way/19th Street roundabout analysis and design. This full-sized roundabout will control traffic in the southeast industrial area, serve as an entrance to the Deschutes County Fairgrounds, and will provide future access to Large Lot Industrial lands. Considerations in design include Fairgrounds event traffic, future extensions to Highway 126 through the old Juniper Golf Course, large truck traffic, proximity to the railroad tracks, and a potential future underpass. The City received one proposal in response to a Request for Qualifications.

Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Murraysmith, Inc. in the amount of \$610,434 for analysis and design of the SW Airport Way/19th Street roundabout, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Award Architectural and Engineering Services for Terminal Building Expansion to RS&H Oregon (Project No. AP2205) (Contract No. 2022-33): Not to exceed \$13,000,000

Airport Director Zachary Bass requested approval of a contract with RS&H for architectural and engineering services for the Terminal Building expansion project. Mr. Bass provided background on the proposed terminal expansion project, estimated costs, funding options and future revenue forecasts. The City received five proposals in response to a Request for Proposal. RS&H received the highest score following review by a panel consisting of Airport staff, Airport Committee members, City staff, and Councilor Patrick. The five-year contract will involve financial planning, project scheduling, design and construction contract negotiation, construction management, project closeout and other special services. Mr. Bass addressed questions regarding terminal design for access in front of the terminal.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to award the contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Airport Terminal Building Expansion Project to RS&H in a not to exceed amount of \$13,000,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott reported on attending the Police Department's awards ceremony, the upcoming State of the City address at the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo. Mayor Endicott provided a Key to the City plaque to City Recorder Kelly Morse for her 20 years of service with the City of Redmond. Mayor Endicott read a prepared statement for the record:

"There are Councilors who continue to communicate about City business with a quorum of Council outside of public meetings. We have all been briefed by our City Attorney on the proper way to introduce information to the Council. It must be through a public meeting. If one of us sends an e-mail to a majority of Council, the public does not have the opportunity to see the communication, that violates public meetings law. Each one of us on Council has been advise/trained by the City Attorney to avoid communicating with a quorum of Council regarding City business outside of public meetings. We need to prioritize transparency and public debate and avoid private conversations via email. Remember, the City Attorney is the exclusive legal representative for the City and the City Council. What is especially troublesome is e-mails where a Councilor advocates for a position he/she wants the Council to take, or where a Councilor is deliberating on an upcoming Council action. Do not send such e-mails. We have received a couple like this recently. I will ignore them during upcoming meetings. I am instructing all Councilors not to consider any e-mail you receive from another Councilor which has the "Mayor-Council" address tag and that pertains to City business. As mayor, I will only email a quorum of Council regarding internal Council business, such as when we might hold our next meeting, and only after advice from the

City Attorney. Any Councilor who is sending Council-all emails regarding City business needs to please stop.”

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Clark-Endicott reported on the recent Citycounty Insurance Services board meeting, the Police Department’s awards ceremony, the Public Safety Building (PSF) ballot measure, the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting, and downtown business/event news.

Councilor Evelyn thanked the Rotary Club for attending the Council meeting and for allowing him to become a Rotarian. He apologized for not being able to attend the Police Department’s awards ceremony.

Councilor Fitch stated he watched the Urban Area Planning Commission’s public hearing regarding the Cottages on Helmholtz and opined significant issues were raised and the analysis should be reviewed. He encouraged the Council to consider calling up the decision. Councilor Fitch encouraged the Council to review inexpensive interim solutions regarding the homeless issue and safe zones around school prohibiting protests. He also encouraged citizens to vote yes on the PSF bond measure.

Councilor Patrick also encouraged citizens to vote yes on the PSF bond measure. He reported on the loans Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council provide to local agencies and is proud to serve on their board. Councilor Patrick thanked the Rotary Club and is please they are doing fundraisers to aid the homeless and believe it will take people to solve the issue.

Councilor Wedding encouraged citizens to vote yes for the PSF bond measure adding that it not only benefits the Police department staff, but Redmond’s citizens as well. She reported on the recent Historic Landmarks Commission meeting, upcoming history month, and work plan for 2022/2023.

Councilor Zwicker thanked the Rotary Club for all they do for the community and announced her support for the PSF bond measure adding that it will build community well into the future. She reported that Economic Development for Central Oregon is currently recruiting for a new Executive Director and working on their strategic plan. Councilor Zwicker reported on Redmond Area Parks and Recreation District activities.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the recent Beacon report which shows that home prices continue to climb; Redmond’s ballot measure, development of language for blasting code, and a joint meeting with Deschutes County on homelessness.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Endicott convened the Council into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizes executive session “to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.”

Mayor Endicott closed the Executive Session portion of the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting was called to order at 9:19 p.m.

MOTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to authorize Redmond's City Manager, Keith Witcosky, to act on behalf of Redmond's City Council in the sale transaction of real property located in the City's Desert Rise complex to Buildhouse, Inc. The subject property is zoned (M1 Light Industrial) and generally described as: 8.63 acres near 1300 NE Hemlock, Redmond, OR 97756; Tax Lot #15130D001200, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to authorize the City Manager to act on behalf of Redmond's City Council in the purchase transaction of approximately 23 acres of real property to be partitioned from a larger 40.99 +/- acre parcel located at 4002 SW Elkhorn Ave., Redmond. Oregon, tax map 15133100 parcel 1100, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 7th day of June 2022.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder