

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD APRIL 26, 2022, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding (via GoToMeeting) – Cat Zwicker

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ed Fitch

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Airport Director Zachary Bass – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist II Christian Armatas – Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Interim Planning Director Kyle Roberts – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Police Lieutenant Jesse Petersen – Billing & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor

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 of Redmond Seventh-Day Adventist Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Patrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Trevor Johnson thanked the Council for the support they have shown for the crisis in Ukraine by flying the Ukrainian flag outside City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of December 21, 2021, Council Workshop

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-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PROCLAMATIONS

A. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to approve the Proclamation designating May 2022 as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Endicott read the Proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Jericho Road Annual Report

Jericho Road representative Don Senecal provided the Council with annual report of Jericho Road. Highlights from the presentation included a background on Jericho Road's services and their mission which includes operating and maintaining the following:

- Housing assistance program
- Jericho Table
- Weekend food program
- Emergency service and homeless camp outreach
- Shower program

Mr. Senecal stated that three years ago, the Council endorsed Jericho Road's proposal to conduct a homeless shelter feasibility study for the community. As a result of that study, the organization now has multiple shelters and pending facilities they assist. Bethlehem Inn, Shepherd's House, Oasis Village, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Works, Jericho Road, and others worked to create opportunities for the homeless to overcome challenges and regain their dignity and quality of life. They are providing access to low-barrier and transitional shelters, housing vouchers, rental support, or the construction of permanent homes.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Award a contract of up to five-years to BMS Technologies for Billing and Collections Mailing Services: \$529,764.

Billing & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor requested the Council award a contract for the City's billing and collections mailing services to BMS Technologies for a term of three years with two optional one-year extensions. In late February the City issued a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) and received two bids. After reviewing the proposals, BMS was selected based on several factors including the ability to support rapid growth and multiple billing platforms, their experience with municipalities of Redmond's size and larger, the proven ability to work with the current billing software provider, and the City's complex billing.

In response to questions from Councilor Patrick regarding a rate increase of only 3 percent when City growth is 7-8 percent, Ms. Taylor explained that due to electronic billing and other factors, the City is not physically billing 8 percent more accounts. The electronic mailing is handled through the City's software, not an outsourced provider. The contract cost is an estimated amount because costs will increase as the City grows.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to authorize the City Manager to sign a three-year contract with two optional one-year extensions for billing and collections mailing services to BMS Technologies in the estimated amount of \$529,764. Motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Ms. Taylor and her team were commended for reducing shutoffs from 30 to 50 a month pre-Covid to only 12 last month. It was noted her team does a tremendous amount of proactive outreach. Overall outstanding balances have gone down since before Covid.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance #2022-02 – An ordinance concerning the vacation of a portion of the alley through Block 34, Townsite of Redmond.

City Engineer Mike Caccavano explained the public hearing is the second step in the right-of-way vacation process once the Council initiates the vacation. Ordinance #2022-02 vacates the alley located between Deschutes and Evergreen Avenues and between 7th and 8th Streets. Most of the alley runs through Centennial Park. Regarding the north end of the alley, most of it is not needed except for the north 85 feet which needs to be retained as an alley. There will be an easement retained on the alley for existing sewer line, gas, and power lines.

Staff is recommending the public hearing be opened and continued since consent has not been received from one adjacent property owner. Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing and continued it to the May 24, 2022, Council meeting.

B. Ordinance #2022-03 – An ordinance approving a Tentative Subdivision, Modification to the Highway Area Plan, and an Amendment to the 2040 Greater Redmond Area Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map. Project Name - 121 West

Interim Planning Director Kyle Roberts requested approval of Ordinance #2022-03 which approves three land use applications, the first being a zoning map amendment, the second being a modification to an area plan as well as a master plan, and then finally a tentative 157-lot subdivision. The project is located at 3211 North Highway 97 just east of Tom McCall Elementary and Elton Gregory Middle School and encompasses two parcels totaling 35 acres. The proposed project consists of six phases with five zoning districts, 157 lots, mixed-use employment, open space, and a multi-use trail.

The applicants are requesting a modification to the area plan which would require a quasi-judicial hearing. Mr. Roberts shared a comparison of the existing zoning versus the proposed zoning which increases the residential zoning areas and decreasing the mixed-use areas. He noted the plans align well with the 2007 Highway Area Plan. Mr. Roberts spoke to the criteria used to review zoning map amendments and emphasized the importance of the amendment conforming with the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, he described how the project adheres to the Great Neighborhood Principles.

On April 4, 2022, the Urban Area Planning Commission (UAPC) held a public hearing but did not receive any public comments or written testimony at the meeting. The UAPC voted unanimously to recommend approval. Staff recommends approval of the project, subject to the 15 conditions of approval.

Staff addressed questions throughout their presentation.

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

The applicant, Margo Clinton and Chet Antonsen of SGS Development, reiterated Mr. Roberts' presentation and explained their thoughts behind the proposed project.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Endicott closed the public hearing.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Clark-Endicott, to have the first and second reading of Ordinance #2022-03 by title only. Motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

City Attorney Keith Leitz read the first and second reading of Ordinance #2022-03 by title only.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve Ordinance #2022-03. Motion passed. (ROLL CALL: Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2022-10 - A resolution of the City of Redmond, Oregon, extending the Sewer Line D Reimbursement District.

Mr. Caccavano requested approval of Resolution #2022-10 which extends the Sewer Line D Reimbursement District. When the reimbursement district was first initiated, 13 properties had the potential to benefit from the utilities. During the first 10 years of the reimbursement district, two properties developed and paid their assessment. Council approved a five-year extension in 2017, and during that time three more properties paid their reimbursements. Presently there are four properties in various stages of the development process and likely to pay their assessments in the next year or two.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2022-10, extending the Sewer Line D Reimbursement District through May 8, 2027. Motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Appointment of Jennifer Palmer to the Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places, term expiring December 31, 2025.

Mayor Endicott reported the two applicants interviewed for the Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places (RCAPP) were both very well-qualified and very impressive. Ms. Palmer's experience with performing arts helped sway his decision in addition to her background; Councilor Evelyn concurred.

Mayor Endicott recommended the appointment of Jennifer Palmer to the Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places, term expiring December 31, 2025, recommendation passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Endicott reported that he was approached about the Mayor's National Water Conservation Challenge and Redmond is currently in second place nationwide. He encouraged everyone to visit the website and register their pledge to conserve water. Recently, there was a great deal of vandalism and graffiti in the restrooms at Sam Johnson Park, Fairhaven Park, American Legion Park, Kalama Park, and Quince Park. Due to the extensive damage, the City had to shut down the restrooms for a month or two so they can be repaired. The estimated cost is \$10,000 per restroom.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker shared she was very excited to see some of the planning efforts coming forward with 121 West. She opined Ms. Palmer will be an excellent addition to RCAPP. Councilor Zwicker reported the real estate community is working hard to find ways to help with housing and asked people to email her if interested in discussing housing.

Councilor Wedding reported on the amount of participation at the car show this past weekend, including from surrounding communities. Mayor Endicott stated he was told it was the biggest car show ever in the history of Redmond with 450 cars.

Councilor Patrick reported the ballots for the May 17, 2022, election will be out Friday. He encouraged citizens to vote yes for the Public Safety Facility bond measure.

Councilor Evelyn stated he also attended the car show and thought it was great and vibrant. He also encouraged support of the Public Safety Facility ballot measure.

Councilor Clark-Endicott applauded the car show and thanked Dan Mooney, Wild Ride, and all of the other sponsors. She reported on the recent Redmond Executive Association meeting and shared information from the presentation by Oregon Water Resources Manager for Central Oregon Kyle Gorman. Councilor Clark-Endicott provided updates from the Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation meeting and announced she was reappointed to the Citycounty Insurance Services Board of Trustees.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky announced the Central Oregon Latin Festival will take place at General Duffy's on Saturday. A number of Staff will be there to talk about recruitment opportunities, public safety, Public Safety Facility bond, Redmond Wetlands Complex, etc. In terms of the damage to the parks restrooms the Police Department will be paying extra attention and patrolling through them at least a couple times a day. The Airport is seeking a \$100 million grant for the terminal expansion. Mr. Witcosky provided an update on upcoming council meeting topics.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no additional comments from citizens at the meeting.

Mayor Endicott noted there would be no motions as a result of Executive Session. There being no further business in open session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Endicott convened the Council into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. in accordance with 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 7:39 p.m.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 28th day of June 2022.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Trish Pinkerton
Trish Pinkerton, Assist. to Recorder's Office