

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD MAY 17, 2022, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shannon Wedding

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – Assistant to the City Recorder's Office Trish Pinkerton – IT Tech Joe Cron – Accounting and Financial Reporting Director Brooks Slyter – Communications Director Heather Cassaro - Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold – 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

A. National Public Works Week

Councilor Zwicker, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the proclamation designating May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Endicott read the proclamation.

ACTIONS ITEMS

A. Authorize participation in the Oregon Department of Transportation's \$110,000,000 federal infrastructure grant opportunity and commit City matching resources in the amount of \$10,000,000.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Lower John Day and Central Oregon Area Manager Bob Townsend presented information on the federal infrastructure grants and the elements of the Redmond South Highway 97 project that would be included in the project and answered Council questions about the process.

ODOT intends to apply for two grants: a Rural Surface Transportation Grant for expanding surface transportation in areas with a population under 200,000, and an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant for making federal investments in freight mobility. The proposed grant project would include rebuilding pavement on South US 97 from Veterans Way to Yew Avenue; US 97 South Redmond Corridor Plan improvements, such as sidewalks and bike lanes; improvements to NE 9th Street, SW Canal Boulevard and SW 19th Street, including roundabouts at Highway 126 and SE 9th Street, Veterans Way and SE 9th, Street, and Airport Way and 19th Street.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to authorize participation in the \$110,000,000 Oregon Department of Transportation federal infrastructure grant application and a commitment of \$10,000,000 in City resources as a match and for the City Manager to execute necessary grant agreements, motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Fire Season Preview and Fireworks

Mayor Endicott introduced the discussion on whether there is a need to enact restrictions on the use or sale of personal use fireworks in Redmond by noting that Bend has banned fireworks within its city limits and that predictions are for a dangerous fire season.

Council concerns included the potential for fires during a hot, dry summer; harming non-profits that already had ordered fireworks to sell for the July 4 holiday; and infringing on residents' traditional celebrations.

Councilors requested staff to pursue more public education in cooperation with Redmond Fire and Rescue, to increase enforcement of current fireworks laws, and to reach out to owners of large parking lots, such as churches or the school district, that might be willing to allow residents to gather and light their legal fireworks.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Prepared by Trish Pinkerton, Assistant to the City Recorder's Office

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 24th day of May 2022.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder