

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JUNE 14, 2022, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Planning Manager Kyle Roberts – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – IT Specialist Christian Armatas – Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff – Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Police Lieutenant Jesse Petersen

MEDIA PRESENT: None

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

Mayor Endicott stated the public hearing for the Cottages on Helmholtz has been delayed indefinitely because the applicant filed a petition in Circuit Court. Councilor Fitch asked if the public hearing should be opened and continued to a date certain. City Attorney Keith Leitz explained Council cannot open the public hearing because once the writ is filed, the Council loses jurisdiction over the matter.

BLESSING

Pastor Mike Darby of Redmond Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Lena Berry read a letter on behalf of Kayla Boyd regarding Pride, treatment of LGBTQ members in Redmond, and the planned attack at a Pride event in Idaho. Ms. Boyd, via her letter, requested the Council make a small step toward acceptance by flying the inclusive rainbow flag for the remainder of June in honor of Pride Month. She opined it would be a gesture of acknowledgement that would mean a lot to the Pride community in Central Oregon.

Redmond resident and KPOV radio host Steve Schaffer addressed the Council regarding his observations of Council meetings over the past couple of years. He stated he is astonished at the negligent attitude regarding legitimate concerns over fireworks, opining they can quickly create expensive and unwanted problems.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of March 8, 2022, Council Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Mayor Endicott opened the public hearing.

Mr. Leitz explained the City has not received consent from the last remaining property owner; therefore, the hearing will be closed with no motion to approve the vacation. Should the City receive consent in the future, the matter will come back to Council and the hearing will be renoticed.

Mayor Endicott closed the public hearing.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Award a construction contract to Knife River Corporation for the Odem Medo - Salmon Avenue Realignment Project (TR 1902): \$1,138,751.

City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan requested the Council award the bid for the Odem Medo – Salmon Avenue Realignment Project to Knife River Corporation in the amount of \$1,138,751. Three bids were received in response to a formal solicitation and after review, Knife River was deemed the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer's estimate was \$1.1 million. Ms. MacClanahan described the project and addressed questions from the Council.

Councilor Clark-Endicott moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to authorize the City Manager to sign a construction contract with Knife River Corporation Northwest in the amount of \$1,138,751. Motion passed. (Clark-Endicott-yes, Endicott-yes, Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott stated he and members of the Councilor attended the Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) luncheon yesterday. He found the discussion on corporate philosophies interesting. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Endicott will be attending a meeting of the County-City coordinated houseless office pilot adding there is \$1 million in state funding to support houselessness.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Councilor Evelyn's Written Comments

Councilor Clark-Endicott attended the Portland Rose Festival as a Royal Rosarian. She had the opportunity to marshal the Oregon City small city float and was able to speak with those taking part in the parade. The common theme of those she spoke with was they were scared to be in a large public setting, but also excited to be involved in a community activity again.

Councilor Evelyn addressed his written comments on the wildfire situation that were included in the Council's packet. He opined the Council needs to take the advice of experts and evaluate the situation before moving forward with any Fourth of July celebrations. He explained he is just as excited as anyone about the holiday but is concerned as are the many citizens who have reached out to him.

Councilor Fitch opined the City should not fly any requested flag without having a policy in place since there could be unintended consequences. He did not want to ignore the request but emphasized there is a bigger issue than just flying a flag. The Chamber board received a presentation by St. Charles regarding their financial difficulties and their disconnect with the Redmond community. Councilor Fitch stated there is a profound need for St. Charles to be more transparent with the citizens of Redmond.

In response to Councilor Fitch's flag comments, Mayor Endicott cited Redmond Development Code Section 8.4200(7)(a) which states the following: flags of nations or an organization of nations, such as the UN, states and cities, fraternal, religious, and civic organizations are not considered signs and are exempt from the standards. Councilor Fitch opined it is a question for Mr. Leitz on whether the provision is constitutionally sound. Mayor Endicott thought there was a newer decision to that effect.

Councilor Patrick commented that when Fire Marshal Tom Mooney recently spoke to Council, he did not express any concerns about fireworks causing problems. Councilor Patrick suggested the Council write a communication to its citizens asking them to use caution and avoid lighting fireworks in the Dry Canyon.

Perhaps multiple notices could go in the utility billing statements, in the newspaper, and be posted at entrances to the Dry Canyon.

Councilor Zwicker stated she also enjoyed the EDCO luncheon and listening to an exceptional panel of professional women in human resources. She stated the topic was culture and opined building a community culture is similar to building a corporate culture; however a community has multiple cultures which need to be integrated. She concurred that fireworks should not be allowed in the Dry Canyon, and did not feel major regulation was needed, but rather common sense.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported Staff is working with Redmond Fire & Rescue on public information opportunities through video, the City's newsletter, and the website. Staff will research signage discouraging use in the Dry Canyon. Mayor Endicott commented that the Fairgrounds Board confirmed only the professional fireworks display allowed on the fairground's property. Mr. Witcosky reported on upcoming activities in downtown including the Redmond Marathon and the Redmond Street Festival at Centennial Park. Grace and Hammer is working with businesses in their area to host a block party. Mr. Witcosky provided details regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement coming before them on June 28.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Trevor Johnson addressed the Council regarding Pride Month and requested the Council do more to protect the dignity of and show honor for members of the LGBT community. He added if the community wants to prosper and care about everyone, the City needs to change its ordinance to ensure everyone is recognized on the flagpole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Endicott convened the Council into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. in accordance with Litigation - ORS 192.660(2)(h) authorizing executive sessions "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed."

Mayor Endicott closed the Executive Session portion of the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

MOTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no motions as a result of the executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services and reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Council President this 16th day of August 2022.

/s/ Robert J. Patrick
Robert J. Patrick, Council President

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder