

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A Special Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Council President Jessica Forsythe at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum were: Carson, Fields, Forsythe, Khan, Kritzer and Stewart.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget Review: Budget Overview and Baseline Budget Offers.

Councilmember Fields, as the Presiding Officer of the Finance, Administration, and Communications Committee of the Whole, chaired the budget portion of the meeting and overviewed the process for the discussion.

Councilmembers Khan, Forsythe, and Kritzer provided opening comments.

Chip Corder, Finance Director, reported to the Council regarding:

- Preliminary Budget review process;
- Budget overview;
- Total expenditures (all funds);
- General fund revenues;
- Summary budget analysis;
- Staffing authorization;
- Proposed tax/fee increases;
- Estimated price of government; and
- Baseline offers.

City staff responded to Councilmember inquiries and general discussion ensued regarding the preliminary budget.

Chip Corder, Finance Director, was joined by Department Directors, to provide the baseline budget offer presentations and discussion:

- Loreen Hamilton, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the Healthy and Sustainable Community Recreation offer and responded to Council inquiries about staffing levels and programming.
- Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the Healthy and Sustainable Environmental Sustainability offer and responded to Council inquiries regarding position designation clarification.
- Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief, reported on the Safe and Resilient Fire Support Services offer.

(recess 8:40 p.m., reconvene 8:54 p.m.)

- Darrell Lowe, Police Chief, reported on the Safe and Resilient, Police Dispatch and Support, and the Police Patrol and Response offers, and responded to Council inquiries regarding Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) and budget highlights.
- Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the Strategic and Responsive Diversity Equity and Inclusion offer, and responded to Council inquiries regarding reclassification of the DEI position, enhancements, and training.
- Chip Corder, Finance Director, reported on the Strategic and Responsive Fiscal Accountability and the Operating Reserves offers.
- Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, reported on the Vibrant and Connected, Development Services offer, and responded to Council inquiries regarding the Process Improvement Analyst position.
- Loreen Hamilton Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the Vibrant and Connected Facilities Management offer.
- Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, reported on the Vibrant and Connected Housing and Human Services offer, and responded to Council inquiries regarding staffing authorizations.

City staff responded to Council inquiries regarding: Human Resources offer increases; the Citywide Communications offer; and the Mobility and Goods offer.

The public was reminded of the upcoming Service Reduction and Efficiency offers meeting on October 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the special meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: November 1, 2022