

November 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Angela Birney at 7 p.m. The meeting was held in the Redmond City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Present: Councilmembers Anderson, Carson, Fields, Forsythe, Khan, Kritzer and Stuart

Absent: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: NONE

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Birney opened Items from the Audience at this time. The following persons spoke:

- Alex Tsimerman - politics, elections and providing public comment;
- David Morton - investing in education for innovation, being climate friendly and inclusivity;
- Ari Hoffman - children and families kidnapped by Hamas; and
- Ronald Richards - need to issue a statement regarding the callous act of tearing down pictures of kidnapped people.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

VOTE: The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed without objection. (7 - 0)

1. Approval of the Minutes: November 6, 2023, Special Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks

#187995 through #188008
#157021 through #157755
#1640 through #1644

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\$3,973,930.87

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#1988 through #2224

\$4,489,155.26

3. AM No. 23-166: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding for 2023-2024 King County Re+ City Grant Funds between City of Redmond, City of Bothell, City of Bellevue, and City of Kirkland
4. AM No. 23-167: Approval of 2023-2025 Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement (LSWFA) between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Redmond
5. AM No. 23-168: Approval of a Consultant Agreement with Marcum, LLP, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$95,000, for the Development Services Process Improvement Effort
6. AM No. 23-169: Approval of the 2023-2025 Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Implementation Agreement
7. AM No. 23-170: Approval of an Agreement with AVI-SPL, for an Additional Amount of \$150,551, for Meeting Room Audio/Video Equipment Replacement
8. AM No. 23-171: Approval of Development Services User Fees and Parks User Fees effective from 2024
 - a. Resolution No. 1577: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending the User Fee Schedule for Development Services User Fees for Fire, Planning and Building, Public Works, Water/Wastewater and Stormwater Effective February 1, 2024
 - b. Resolution No. 1578: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending the Parks and Recreation Department User Fee Schedule Adopted by Resolution No. 1072 and Previously Amended by Resolution Nos. 1140, 1181, 1201, 1267, 1392, and 1458, Effective January 1, 2024

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9. AM No. 23-172: Ordinance Establishing the 2024 Property Tax Levy for General Operations
 - a. Ordinance No. 3134: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Levying Property Taxes for the City of Redmond for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2024, on all Property, Both Real and Personal, in Said City Which is Subject to Taxation for the Purpose of Paying Sufficient Revenue to Carry on General Operations, Recognize Voter Approved Levy Lid Lifts for Public Safety and Parks for the Ensuing Year as Required by Law
10. AM No. 23-173: Approve Adoption of Transportation Benefit District (TBD) - Staffing Authorization and Budget Adjustment
 - a. Ordinance No. 3135: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Ordinance No. 3110, 3129, and 3130 by Making Adjustments to the City's 2023-2024 Biennial Budget, in Exhibit 1
11. AM No. 23-174: Approval of an Ordinance for Development Impact Fees - 2024 Annual Indexing
 - a. Ordinance No. 3136: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Redmond Municipal Code Chapter 3.10, Subsection 3.10.080(B), Fire Impact Fees Schedule, Subsection 3.10.080(C), Park Impact Fees Schedule, Subsection 3.10.080(D), School Impact Fees, And Subsection 3.10.100(C), Transportation Impact Fee Schedule; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date

Mayor Birney read the resolution and ordinance titles into the record.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Public Hearing:

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1. AM No. 23-175: Redmond Flex Master Plan, Development Agreement, and Site Plan Entitlement: Type V Quasi-Judicial
 - a. Ordinance No. 3137: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Adopting the Technical Committee's Recommendation to Approve the Redmond Flex Master Planned Development, Site Plan Entitlement, and Development Agreement (LAND-2021-00474 & LAND-2021-00475), and Establishing an Effective Date
 - b. Resolution No. 1579: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Approving a Development Agreement for Property Owned by Redmond WA 188, LLC Located on Parcel No. 128630-0012

City Attorney, Jim Haney, spoke to the Council regarding the quasi-judicial nature of this item and to go on record regarding the appearance of fairness doctrine.

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced the public hearing. Tim McHarg, Principal Planner, gave an overview of the project:

- Southeast Redmond;
- Transition area from warehouse, commercial, and residential;
- Split zoned;
- Site plan;
- Buffer landscaping;
- Open space and plaza;
- Community outreach and involvement;
- Mailed notices and large sign on property;
- Comprehensive Plan policies; and
- Technical Committee findings and recommendations.

Mayor Birney opened the Public Hearing at this time. The following persons spoke:

- Sam Blattner, Developer/Applicant
 - Flex developments:
 - adaptive design;
 - loading access;
 - location;

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- cost and business efficiency;
 - space functionality;
 - Redmond has the second largest amount of STEM jobs in the Puget Sound area;
 - Issues with finding space;
 - Clean up of the site; and
 - Uses of the property.
- David Morton - built on the critical aquifer recharge area; currently not known what threats will be to the aquifer; concern with tenants and the possibility of toxic or hazardous materials; use of pollution protection; lack of information regarding the tenants; cannot adequately assess risk; ensure protection of drinking water supply; valid concerns regarding public health and the environment.

With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing closed.

Staff responded to the concerns spoke about during the public hearing, stating that compliance is required during various permitting processes; requires cleanup; and mitigating risks through code regulations.

MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson.

VOTE: The motion to approve passed without objection. (7 - 0)

Staff Reports: None

Ombudsperson Reports:

Councilmember Anderson reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Health Through Housing at Silver Cloud Inn; event at USC; gun range noise; RCTV screen quality; traffic safety; streetlights for traffic safety in Rose Hill and SR 202; not cutting down a tree; historic evergreen tree at Motley Zoo property; historic bent bow trees near Redmond elementary; meeting for the 172nd avenue gate project; parking access for small businesses near Anderson Park; and Redmond Town Center open space agreement.

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Councilmember Carson reported receiving a resident contact regarding: a voicemail that was forwarded to the Police Department.

Councilmember Fields spoke regarding tree impacts from a development and Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, responded to the inquiry.

Councilmember Stuart spoke regarding attending the 172nd gate meeting and the inclusive design meeting; legislative session; business hours; small businesses, CERT courses; challenges with the Overlake shopping center; and Redmond Lights is coming up.

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Jewish community at Microsoft; regional housing forum; and CERT class schedule.

Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Jewish community members and convening a listening session.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Forsythe provided a committee report:

- Sound Cities Association of Deputy Mayors and Council Presidents meeting.

Councilmember Kritzer provided committee reports:

- OneRedmond board meeting;
- WRIA 8 salmon recovery; and
- King Conservation District Advisory Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] - 15 minutes

Mayor Birney announced the Council will now leave the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] for 15 minutes. Action is expected to take place following the Executive Session in open session.

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Executive Session convened at 8:15 p.m., ended at 8:49 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Anderson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents to opt out of the PFAS settlements with 3M and Dupont. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Forsythe.

VOTE: The motion to authorize passed without objection. (7 - 0)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the regular meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Minutes Approved: December 5, 2023