

**CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A Special Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Birney at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and remotely. Council members present and establishing a quorum were: Anderson, Forsythe, Kritzer and Padhye.

Councilmembers Carson, Fields and Khan were absent from the meeting.

The purpose of the special meeting was to interview the candidates for the Parks and Trails Commission and the Poet Laureate position.

Jeff Aken, staff liaison for the Parks and Trails Commission, introduced Ella Elman as the candidate for the Parks and Trails Commission.

The candidate spoke regarding background, interest in the work of the commission, and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Discussion ensued regarding favorite project; tree canopy; updating parks; and a feeling of well-being in nature.


Chris Weber, staff liaison for the Arts and Culture Commission, introduced Laura Da' as the candidate for the Poet Laureate.

The candidate spoke regarding background, interest in celebrating the land with the community, and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Discussion ensued regarding engaging with the public; cities and land; land acknowledgement; and favorite lines of poetry.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council the special meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK

*Minutes Approved: December 7, 2021*