

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A Regular Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Angela Birney at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was held in-person and remote. Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum were: Anderson, Carson, Fields, Forsythe, Khan, Kritzer and Stuart.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Poetic Introduction by New Poet Laureate Laura Da'

Mayor Birney introduced the city's new Poet Laureate Laura Da', who read an original poem.

B. Nomination and Appointment of Council Leadership

Mayor Birney overviewed the nomination and appointment procedure to select the next Council President and Vice-President.

Round 1: Nominations opened for the position of Council President.

Councilmember Kritzer was nominated by Councilmember Carson.

Councilmember Forsythe was nominated by Councilmember Fields.

Councilmember Fields was nominated by Councilmember Khan.

Councilmember Anderson was nominated by Councilmember Stuart.

All nominees accepted the nominations.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the nominees.

Nominations closed at this time.

Vote: Councilmember Kritzer: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, and Kritzer in favor and Councilmembers Khan, Fields, Forsythe and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Forsythe: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Khan, Fields, and Forsythe in favor and Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, Kritzer and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Fields: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Khan, Fields, and Forsythe

in favor and Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, Kritzer and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Anderson: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Kritzer and Anderson in favor and Councilmembers Carson, Khan, Fields and Forsythe in opposition.

Round 2: Nominations opened for the position of Council President.

Councilmember Forsythe was nominated by Councilmember Fields.

Councilmember Kritzer was nominated by Councilmember Carson.

Councilmember Fields was nominated by Councilmember Khan.

Councilmember Anderson was nominated by Councilmember Stuart.

Councilmembers Forsythe, Kritzer and Anderson accepted the nomination, Councilmember Fields declined the nomination.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the nominees.

Nominations closed at this time.

Vote: Councilmember Forsythe: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Khan, Fields, and Forsythe in favor and Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, Kritzer and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Kritzer: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, and Kritzer in favor and Councilmembers Khan, Fields, Forsythe and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Anderson: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Kritzer and Anderson in favor and Councilmembers Carson, Khan, Fields and Forsythe in opposition.

Round 3: Nominations opened for the position of Council President.

Councilmember Kritzer was nominated by Councilmember Carson.

Councilmember Anderson was nominated by Councilmember Stuart.

Councilmember Forsythe was nominated by Councilmember Fields.

All nominees accepted the nominations.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the nominees.

Nominations closed at this time.

Vote: Councilmember Kritzer: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, and Kritzer in favor and Councilmembers Khan, Fields, Forsythe and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Anderson: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Kritzer and Anderson in favor and Councilmembers Carson, Khan, Fields and Forsythe in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Forsythe was appointed to the position of Council President (5 - 2), with Councilmembers Carson, Kritzer, Khan, Fields, and Forsythe in favor and Councilmembers Stuart and Anderson in opposition.

Round 1: Nominations opened for the position of Council Vice President.

Councilmember Kritzer was nominated by Councilmember Carson.

Councilmember Khan was nominated by Councilmember Fields.

Councilmember Carson was nominated by Councilmember Anderson.

Councilmember Fields was nominated by Councilmember Khan.

Councilmember Anderson was nominated by Councilmember Forsythe.

Councilmembers Kritzer, Khan and Fields accepted the nomination, Councilmembers Carson and Anderson declined the nomination.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the nominees.

Nominations closed at this time.

Vote: Councilmember Kritzer: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, and Kritzer in favor and Councilmembers Khan, Fields, Forsythe and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Khan: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Khan, Fields, and Forsythe in favor and Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, Kritzer and Anderson in opposition.

Vote: Councilmember Fields: Vote failed (3 - 4), with Councilmembers Khan, Fields, and Forsythe in favor and Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, Kritzer and Anderson in opposition.

Round 2: Nominations opened for the position of Council Vice President.

Councilmember Fields was nominated by Councilmember Khan.

Councilmember Kritzer was nominated by Councilmember Carson.

Councilmember Anderson was nominated by Councilmember Fields.

Councilmember Stuart was nominated by Councilmember Kritzer.

Councilmember Khan was nominated by Councilmember Fields.

Councilmembers Kritzer, Stuart and Khan accepted the nomination, Councilmembers Fields and Anderson declined the nomination.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the nominees.

Nominations closed at this time.

Vote: Councilmember Kritzer was appointed to the position of Council Vice President (4 - 3), with Councilmembers Stuart, Carson, Kritzer and Anderson in favor and Councilmembers Khan, Fields and Forsythe in opposition.

Members of the Council proceeded with the seat selection process at the dais and signed up as the monthly ombudsperson.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Birney opened Items from the Audience at this time.

The following persons spoke:

- David Morton - protecting a home from heat loss; and
- Bob Yoder - Council meeting attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the Minutes: December 7, 2021, Business Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSITS AND WIRE TRANSFERS:

#186948 through #186967
#122772 through #123460
#1387 through #1391

\$4,589,203.13

#186968 through #186992
#123492 through #124187
#1392 through #1396

\$3,497,393.20

#124188 through #124195
#1397 through #1397

\$9,701.79

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#436697 through #437176

\$8,150,790.59

3. AM No. 22-001¹: Approval of a Temporary Speed Reduction on 148th Ave NE to 30 mph from February 2022 through June 2022

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

3. AM No. 22-001: Approval of a Temporary Speed Reduction on 148th Ave NE to 30 mph from February 2022 through June 2022

MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve AM No. 22-001. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

¹ This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately.

Staff responded to Councilmember inquiries.

VOTE: The motion passed (7 - 0).

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

OMBUDSPERSON REPORT

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: art sculpture; snow issues; scooters and bikes on sidewalks; signing up for public comment; permitting issues; school lockdown; USPS distribution center relocation; volunteer opportunities; I love Redmond video; animal land bridge; Redmond Lights; students learning from adults through a survey on depression; needs of the community; reopening of Bytes Café; accountability regarding the death of Andrea Churna; Facebook posts; help obtaining official documentation; and a slip and fall at Anderson Park.

Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: snow event; Redmond Lights; phishing text; food and toy drive; and immigrant support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Forsythe provided the following committee report:

- Eastside Human Services Forum.

Councilmember Kritzer provided the following committee reports:

- King Conservation District Advisory Committee; and
- Eastside Transportation Partnership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the regular meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: January 18, 2020