

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD JANUARY 14, 2014, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tory Allman – Joe Centanni – George Endicott – Camden King – Ginny McPherson – Ed Onimus – Jay Patrick

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – Assistant City Manager Sharon Harris – City Attorney Steve Bryant – Police Captain Brian McNaughton – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Community Development Director Heather Richards – CIS Administrator Sheri Cleveland – Finance/Budget Manager Jason Neff – Planning Manager James Lewis – Accounting Manager Jodi Burch – Associate Planner Scott Woodford

MEDIA PRESENT: COTV

Mayor Endicott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Eric Burtness, Zion Lutheran Church, led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Onimus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

There were no comments from citizens at the meeting.

MAJOR REDMOND STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

City Engineer Mike Caccavano updated the Council on the SW Timber Avenue Water Transmission Main project.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of December 10, 2013, Joint Workshop with the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners (Exhibit 1)**
- B. Minutes of December 10, 2013, P.M. Council Meeting (Exhibit 2)**
- C. Minutes of December 17, 2013, Special A.M. Council Meeting (Exhibit 3)**
- D. Minutes of January 7, 2014, Special P.M. Council Workshop (Exhibit 4)**

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, motion passed. (Allman-yes, Centanni-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Onimus-yes, Patrick-yes)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Redmond Development Commission Annual Report

Planning Manager James Lewis provided the Council with the Redmond Development Commission's (RDC) annual report highlighting the role of RDC; the Redmond Development Plan; the Business, Infrastructure, Education/Workforce, Livability, Government, and Identity goal statements; and how the Redmond Development Plan was implemented.

Accomplishments of the 2012/2013 RDC Work Plan are:

1. Revisions to Airport Master Plan (Airport Commission)
 - a. Draft revisions to the Master Plan completed
 - b. Ongoing coordination between the Airport Commission and RDC
 - c. RDC role to look for economic development opportunities
2. Draft City of Redmond Strategic Safety Action Plan
 - a. Describes the link between public safety and effective social services
 - b. Serves as a guide for collaborative multi-agency efforts to reduce crime in Redmond
 - c. Implantation through an established umbrella body to coordinate efforts
3. Coordinated information efforts
 - a. Three primary components for implementation:
 - i. Creation of a Business Focus Group
 - ii. Revision and refinement of the Discover Redmond website
 - iii. Formalization of a Business Growth/Rapid Reaction Team (City Redmond Economic Development, Inc., and Chamber of Commerce)
4. Redmond South US 97 Corridor Plan implementation
 - a. Project Advisory Committee (PAC) formed to resolve outstanding issues relative to access and urban design
 - b. RDC subcommittee participation on the PAC
 - c. PAC recently concluded their work with many issues resolved and a proposal for ongoing planning and design with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The 2013/2014 RDC Work Plan is:

1. US Highway 97 Gateway to Redmond Project
 - a. RDC functions as the advisory committee for the project
 - b. Held a design charette on November 20, 2013, to generate gateway concepts and potential locations
 - c. Continue to refine the concepts
2. Redmond Neighborhood Revitalization Plan
 - a. Evaluate and document the City's current conformance with the "Great Neighborhood Principles" adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan
 - b. Provides a logical and sustainable path to implementing the Great Neighborhood Principles and developing "Complete Neighborhoods."
3. Community Event Coordination
 - a. Establish a point agency for community events
 - b. Create an event coordination package to distribute to event coordinators with all of the necessary information
4. Business Training Needs Survey
 - a. Create a business focus group to identify the important training needs
 - b. Survey the business community
 - c. Meet with local educational providers to share information and explore ways to provide identified training needs

Mr. Lewis addressed questions from the Council.

ORDINANCES

A. Ord. # 2014-01 – An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 2, Section 2.408 – City Manager Contracting Authority, and pertaining to small procurements. (Exhibit 5)

In an effort to remain consistent with the Oregon Attorney General's Model Rules for purchasing, Accounting Manager Jodi Burch requested approval of Ord. #2014-01 which will increase the limit for small procurement from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Ms. Burch explained that approving Ord. #2014-01 does not change signing authority outlined in City policy FIN 101.

In response to questions from the Council, City Attorney Steve Bryant stated that the City Council cannot delegate its authority to another body; however, he does concur with Ms. Burch that the threshold increase will allow for more staff efficiency.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to have the first and second reading of Ord. #2014-01 by title only, motion passed. (Allman-yes, Centanni-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Onimus-yes, Patrick-yes)

City Attorney Steve Bryant read the first and second reading of Ord. #2014-01, by title only.

Councilor King moved, seconded by Councilor Allman, to approve Ord. #2014-01, roll call vote: Allman-yes, Centanni-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Onimus-yes, Patrick-yes, motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Extended Enterprise Zone Abatement Agreement with PCC Structurals (Exhibit 6)

Community Development Director Heather Richards requested approval of a 5-year extension to the Enterprise Zone (EZ) Abatement Agreement with PCC Structural (dba PCC Schlosser). PCC Schlosser has been in the Redmond community for 20 years and has had five EZ abatements because they continue to invest in their Redmond facility and expand their workforce. For this EZ abatement, Ms. Richards commented that 25 employees will be added to PCC Schlosser's roster then noted that all of the positions will make more than 150 percent of the Deschutes County average wage. The abatement period will run from 2015 through 2019 and include a \$2 million capital investment representing approximately \$161,000 in foregone taxes. As EZ sponsors, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners and the Sisters City Council will also need to approve the agreement.

Councilor Allman moved, seconded by Councilor King, to approve the agreement for Oregon Enterprise Zone Extended Abatement for PCC Structurals dba PCC Schlosser, motion passed. (Allman-yes, Centanni-yes, Endicott-yes, King-yes, McPherson-yes, Onimus-yes, Patrick-yes)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Endicott reported on his attendance at the Governor's Resilience Plan Task Force meeting. The Mayor and City Manager Keith Witcosky recently met with a group of Portland developers on development plan strategies who reported that Redmond has a great reputation as being open for business.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Allman stated that Redmond High School received a \$475,000 grant to revitalize technical education programs. A public event to formally celebrate the grant will take place on January 16, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at Redmond High School. Councilor Allman encouraged the community to attend and take a tour of the career and technology wing. The Redmond Chamber will host their annual awards banquet on January 24, 2014.

Councilor King commented on the Chamber Board meeting noting that the Redmond Chamber is one of the largest in the state with 725 members. Chamber President Loretta Kreige is dedicated to assuring the Chamber Board has a presence within the community. The Central Oregon Business Expo will take place at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in April. Councilor King also reported on the Chamber's Visitor's Guide and the Central Oregon Community College President recruitment process.

Councilor Centanni thanked City staff for the work they do on a daily basis. Residents were encouraged to drive safely particularly near schools and shop local.

Councilor Patrick stated reported on the upcoming Airport Commission annual report. At the request of Councilor Patrick, Ms. Heather Richards provided an update on the Sam Johnson Park Improvement Project and fundraising effort as well as the status of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse.

Councilor McPherson thanked Redmond residents Frank and Anne Graham for purchasing the Jennifer Lake painting noting that the funds from the sale will go to the public art program. Prints are available for \$40 at City Hall.

Councilor Onimus stated Martin Luther King Day is an opportunity to perform community service in Redmond. Those interested in participating should visit www.volunteerconnectnow.org.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky received positive comments from citizens regarding the City's sanding efforts during recent icy conditions; transportation staff was thanked for their hard work. Mr. Witcosky, Mayor Endicott and REDI Manager Jon Stark spoke to the Redmond Rotary. Mr. Witcosky also addressed the American Association of University Women and encouraged them to get involved in government. The budget process is set to begin. Congressman Greg Walden will host a town hall meeting at City Hall on January 20, 2014. Mr. Witcosky elaborated on the meeting with a Portland developer referenced by Mayor Endicott adding that he is optimistic about additional investment opportunities in Redmond. City Hall has implemented a year round food drive. The Leadership Team is working to create an electronic newsletter for Council and staff.

Mayor Endicott clarified that staff will present Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014 achievements at the Council workshop on February 4, 2014, following up with FY 2014/2015 goal setting taking place on February 11, 2014.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond citizen Brian Johnson will be making four short films in 2014. Audition notices for cast and crew will be posted for those interested. Follow along on Facebook at Front Row Films. Mr. Johnson can be contacted at FrontRowFilmer@outlook.com.

Mayor Endicott announced that in an effort to become more consistent, the City Council will now hold their meetings and workshops on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 25th day of February, 2014.

George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Morse, City Recorder