

**SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND AND DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD APRIL 2, 2024, IN CIVIC ROOM 207/208.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tobias Colvin – Ed Fitch – John Nielsen – Kathryn Osborne – Shannon Wedding – Cat Zwicker

**COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Clifford Evelyn

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Patti Adair – Tony DeBone – Phil Chang

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Keith Witcosky – Deputy City Manager John Roberts – Deputy City Manager/CFO Jason Neff – City Attorney Keith Leitz – Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding – Finance Director James Wood – City Recorder Kelly Morse

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Nick Lelack – County Road Department Director Chris Doty – Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp – Deputy County Administrator Whitney Hale – County Property Manager Kristie Bollinger

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Central Oregon Daily News

Mayor Fitch and Chair Adair called the workshop to order at 5:30 pm.

**PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**A. Department of State Lands Large Lot Industrial / Deschutes County Fairgrounds Master Planning Initiatives and Transportation Needs /Deschutes County Transportation System Plan**

Kittelson & Associates' Associate Engineer Matt Kittelson presented an update on Redmond and Deschutes County transportation planning coordination. Highlights included South Redmond transportation planning and projects, the Large Lot Industrial transportation evaluation and key findings, challenges and opportunities, and next steps for working together as a community.

Mayor Fitch explained why McVey Avenue was the City's preferred alternative for a southern interchange. Questions from the Council and the Commissioners were addressed with input from Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan. Chair Adair and Vice Chair DeBone supported pursuing the McVey interchange. Mayor Fitch addressed asking the legislature for a waiver of the exception process.

**B. Managed Camp Strategy for County's 45 Acres**

The Council and Commissioners discussed the possibility of a managed camp on 21st Street, specifically setting up a physical site with infrastructure, that would be run by a service provider. It was noted there is a need for camp rules and the urgency to initiate a strategy.

Commissioner Chang pondered what could be accomplished on the site if the County used \$1.5 million it has remaining from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Councilor Colvin suggested including a portable office with electricity and security cameras, in the Request for Proposal for a facility with managed services, noting this would help law enforcement.

Commissioner Chang supported the proposal of asking a provider to operate a managed camp.

The consensus of the Council and the Commission was to move forward with researching how a managed camp would work for the homeless in Redmond, what would be needed from a physical standpoint, and how much it would cost.

**C. Discussion of Eastside Redmond Campus Land and Explore Deeding Acreage from County to City**

The Council and the Commissioners discussed the County deeding 13 acres for a transitional housing project. Discussions centered on whether it is more beneficial to deed the land to the City who would then lease it to someone else or for the County to lease it.

Commissioner Chang expressed confidence that the project would move forward whether the County or the City managed the lease. No consensus was reached; however, Mayor Fitch encouraged the Council and Commission to consider the matter between now and the meeting in May.

**D. May 16, 2024, Water Summit: Vision and Purpose**

***[Due to audio technical difficulties with the recording some components and/or discussion from this item may be missing or incomplete.]***

Mayor Fitch explained the purpose of the water summit is to try to find a path forward for the Deschutes Basin, particularly for the cities and surface water issues for the 2025 legislature. From the City's perspective, he stated prohibition of access to water was not ideal and the mitigation of groundwater use through conservation was the better approach.

The Commission would like the summit to address the analysis of water reuse recycling opportunities legislated in the last long session.

The Council and the Commissioners discussed how exempt well properties are not regulated.

In other business, Chair Adair thanked the Council for its letter regarding Measure 110.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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/s/ Ed Fitch  
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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/s/ Kelly Morse  
Kelly Morse, City Recorder