

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND CITY COUNCIL AND DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD OCTOBER 17, 2023, IN CIVIC ROOMS 207/208.**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Shannon Wedding

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Keith Witcosky – Planning Manager Kyle Roberts – City Attorney Keith Leitz – City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan – Communications Director Heather Cassaro – Police Chief Devin Lewis – Water Division Manager Joshua Wedding – Street Operations Manager Brad Haynes – Long Range Planner Morgan Snyder – Public Works Special Projects Manager Jon Skidmore – Finance Director James Wood – Wastewater Division Manager Ryan Kirchner – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Finance Director James Wood

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:** County Administrator Nick Lelack –Road Department Director Chris Doty –Fair & Expo Center Director Geoff Hinds –Solid Waste Director Tim Brownell

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Redmond Spokesman

Mayor Fitch and Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of the Council and Board of Commissioners was present.

**PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**A. Transportation Priorities / County Transportation System Plan**

Deschutes County Road Department Director Chris Doty provided a status report on the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP) which is currently being updated. Redmond's most notable project in the TSP is the inclusion of a southern interchange at US 97.

Kittelson & Associates' Associate Engineer Matt Kittelson commented on the background of the southern interchange and next steps to advance the TSP projects in the community which included the Redmond TSP amendment, planning requirements to document the need for an interchange, and project development.

Questions and feedback from the Council and the Board were addressed with input from the Oregon Department of Transportation Area Manager Bob Townsend and Region 4 Manager Gary Farnsworth.

**B. Water Resources / Water Permit / Deschutes Basin**

Mayor Fitch provided an update on the City's application for a water permit with the Oregon Water Resources Department. He was optimistic Redmond's permit will be approved under existing law.

The Board addressed the tension point of exempt wells in unincorporated cities going dry and the reasons for groundwater decline in the Deschutes Basin.

**C. CORE3 Project Update**

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council's Community and Economic Development Director Scott Aycock provided an update on the Central Oregon Ready Responsive Resilient (CORE3) project which

