

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Preedin      Mayor  
Andrea Blum          Council President  
Jennifer Letz        Councilor  
Susan Cobb          Councilor

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jordan Wheeler      City Manager  
Kerry Prosser      Assistant City Manager  
Joe O'Neill          Finance Director  
Scott Woodford      CDD Director  
Paul Bertagna        PW Director

**ABSENT:**

Gary Ross            Councilor

**GUESTS:** Dixie Eckford, Age Friendly Sisters Country; Courtney Voss, Urbanie Flores, and Erika Lindberg, of Republic Services.

The meeting recording is available [here](#).

Mayor Preedin called the workshop to order at 5:34 p.m.

**1. Age Friendly Sisters Country (AFSC) Presentation**

Dixie Eckford reviewed the five-year partnership between AFSC and the City of Sisters. The Council thanked AFSC for all they did for the community.

**2. Republic Services Presentation**

Republic Services staff presented a [Mid-Year Municipal Update](#).

City Manager Wheeler asked if, in the future, Republic Services could parse out the data between Sisters and Redmond. We would like to know the performance levels in our specific area. Councilor Cobb added that if you asked for a rate increase, it was important to know that the local service was superior. She thought telling us how many Sisters customers you interfaced with should not be too hard to break out.

Ms. Voss said the takeaways from this conversation were to go back and look at the data, talk with our team, and see if there was a way to get Sisters-specific updates to everything that they presented tonight. Mayor Preedin said we did not have a contract with Redmond for your services, so if you could break Sister's data out, it would be appreciated.

City Manager Wheeler said we would like more data on the recycling center during the next update.

**3. 2023-24 City Council Goals Mid-Year Update and Goal-Setting Process**

City Manager Wheeler presented a [mid-year update](#) on the Council's goals. He discussed the progress made in housing and livability, wildfire mitigation, economic development, infrastructure, governance, environmental sustainability, and the Urban Renewal Agency.

City Manager Wheeler outlined a plan for community engagement for next year's goals that included an online survey, a community round table, and a goal-setting meeting in early February. The intent was to gather input from the community and Council members to shape the city's focus for the next fiscal year.


Councilor Cobb thought once we had our focus areas and had delineated goals, adding prioritization might be helpful.

Mayor Preedin emphasized the importance of setting realistic and achievable goals to avoid overloading the city with too many objectives. He acknowledged the challenge of unexpected issues taking precedence and diverting resources from planned goals. The goal-setting approach should consider staff capacity to ensure the goals were attainable within the available time and resources.

**4. Other Business - None**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

  
Kerry Prosser, Recorder

  
Michael Preedin, Mayor

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