

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

November 12, 2024

Council Chambers & Remote Video Conferencing
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Present: Tobias Colvin, Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Cat Zwicker

Excused: Shannon Wedding

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, City Recorder Kelly Morse, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Public Works Operations Manager Ryan Kirchner, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Finance Director James Wood, Network Administrator Christian Armatas, Planning Manager Kyle Roberts, Airport Director Zachary Bass, Streets Division Manager Anthony Ortgies, Airport Operations Supervisor Mike Wilcox

Media Present: Tracee Tuesday, KTVZ

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation – ORS 192.660(2)(h) authorizes executive sessions "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed."

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(h) which authorizes executive sessions to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Fitch adjourned the Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BLESSING

Rick Russell with the Mountain View Fellowship led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of September 16, 2024, Council Workshop

Councilor Colvin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Zwicker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Fireworks Discussion and Initiation of Public Comment (informational only)

Mayor Fitch explained the reason for the fireworks ban discussion and the request for public testimony. He noted the majority of comments received support a fireworks ban.

- Redmond residents Karin Stauder, Richard Ford, Sally Griffin, and Trevor Johnson expressed support for a ban on fireworks.
- Believers Cornerstone Church Pastor Jack Dennis and Redmond residents Slater Kellstrom, Brandon Cook-Bostick, and Mike Heath expressed opposition for a fireworks ban.
- Redmond Resident Ellen Tracey had no stance on banning fireworks but emphasized the need for enforcement.

Councilor Nielsen noted that as of 5:03 p.m. Council had received 74 email comments from citizens. Seventeen opposed a ban while 57 were in favor.

- TNT Fireworks Regional Manager Jason Trout discussed TNT's contracts, how nonprofits depend on revenue from sales, and educating people on proper disposal of used fireworks.
- Redmond resident Jay Patrick had no stance on banning fireworks but encouraged Council to speak with the Fire Marshall and Police Chief.
- Redmond resident Mercedes Cook-Bostick had no stance on banning fireworks but stated that the 57 people who sent Council written comments do not represent the 38,000 people within Redmond.

Police Chief Devin Lewis, Fire Chief Ryan Herrera, and Fire Marshal Tom Mooney provided an overview of firework complaints and other incidents from July 3 to July 6, noting that Redmond had the most fires during that timeframe this past year. Statistics were also provided on fire complaints in Bend since its 2022 total fireworks ban.

Mayor Fitch stated that Council will accept more written testimony and will take the matter up again in December.

B. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff presented the First Quarter Financial Report.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2024-27: A resolution adopting the City of Redmond Snow and Ice Control Plans for Public Works and Roberts Field - Redmond Municipal Airport

Street Division Manager Anthony Orgies and Airfield Operations Supervisor Mike Wilcox presented the 2024-2025 Snow and Ice Control Plans for Public Works and the Redmond Municipal Airport.

Councilor Nielsen moved to approve Resolution #2024-27. Councilor Osborne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #2024-30: A resolution of the City of Redmond, Oregon, updating the Airport Customer Facility Charge Effective January 1, 2025. Public comment will be taken per ORS 294.160

Airport Director Zachary Bass provided an overview of the Quick Turnaround Facility, which the Customer Facility Charge (CFC) revenue would fund and requested approval of the CFC rate increase.

Mayor Fitch called for public comment.

- Redmond resident Richard Ford asked for clarification on the seven-day cap and the budget for managing the facility.

Mr. Bass explained that removing the cap makes it logistically easier to track and would allow the City to create more revenue. The budget for managing the facility is separate and car rental companies will pay for the operating and management of the facility and a full-time employee if needed. Additional revenue may be created based on some land leases.

Seeing no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public comment period.

Councilor Colvin moved to adopt Resolution #2024-30. Councilor Evelyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Resolution #2024-29: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Oregon, declaring official intent to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of tax-exempt obligations, and related matters

Mr. Neff shared that the City anticipates going out for a bond in March and wants the ability to reimburse itself for any Terminal Expansion Project costs occurred until potentially the summer.

Mr. Bass presented an update on the Airport Terminal Expansion and noted that the seasonal twice-daily Portland flight is now year-round.

Councilor Zwicker moved to approve Resolution #2024-29. Councilor Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Redmond Senior Center Treasurer Jo Anne Sutherland thanked the community, the City, and the Council for their support, described the Senior Center's 75th Anniversary celebrations, spoke about their end-of-year fundraising, and increased costs for the food service program.
- Redmond resident Trevor Johnson expressed gratitude for the local government's hard work and spoke to the results of the recent federal election.
- Redmond resident Sally Griffin expressed concerns about the Public Works Landscaping contract with the City.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the Veterans Day Flags, the marijuana dispensary discussion and the year-round flight to Portland.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan addressed the Public Works landscaping contract referenced by Ms. Griffin. She noted the City's best efforts to solicit bids and explained that three companies attended the pre-bid meeting and discussed the project with Staff. She confirmed the bid was consistent with the engineer's estimate and within the project's allowable budget.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Colvin wished those who served a happy Veterans Day and congratulated the election winners and all candidates.

Councilor Osborne thanked the city's veterans and everyone who made the Veterans Day Parade an exciting experience. She reported on other Veterans Day events she and Councilor Zwicker attended.

Councilor Evelyn recognized all veterans and appreciated everyone who voted, noting that voting is important to democracy.

Councilor Zwicker thanked all veterans and reported on the Veterans Day Parade and the Redmond Service Providers meeting. She thanked all who supported her during the election.

Councilor Nielsen thanked his fellow veterans for their service and reported on the Veterans Day Parade.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch thanked the organizers of the parade.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of January 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder