

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

November 26, 2024

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

Excused: Tobias Colvin

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Police Captain Aaron Wells, Finance Director James Wood, Network Administrator Dan Schroedl, Planning Manager Kyle Roberts, Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding, Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez, Parks & Facilities Division Manager Dusty Hood, Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline

Media Present: News Channel 21

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

BLESSING

Pastor Karl Hess with Emmaus Lutheran Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Evelyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported that the Council has received more comments on a potential fireworks ban. The Council is working on possibilities for better enforcement tools and will address the matter at the December 10, 2024, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of September 24, 2024, Council Meeting

B. Minutes of October 8, 2024, Council Meeting

Councilor Wedding moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Brief Status Report on Parks Master Plan

Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez presented an overview of the Parks Master Plan (Plan) update. Key highlights included the 2024 project timeline, a summary of comments received, and next steps in 2024.

The Parks Committee recommends adoption of the Plan. The Urban Area Planning Commission's public hearing on the Plan was continued with a public comment deadline of December 2, 2024, to allow time for comments to be reviewed and appropriate responses provided.

The Council agreed to review the Plan in a work session.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2024-15: An Ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 5, updating the Safe Parking Program section as a continued means to help address homelessness and declaring an emergency.

Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline provided an overview of the Safe Parking Program and the requested revisions to the Ordinance. Mountain View Community Development requested an increase to the allowable number of spaces at a site from six to eight units, allow limited use of temporary structures that have hard or semi-hard shells, and include provisions for a designated cooking area using only propane grills. Staff requested clarification on the use of open flames, an update on the property line clearance, and public participation as part of the process for sites on public property.

The Council expressed concerns on snow load capacity for small structures and erecting structures in locations meant for safe parking. Mayor Fitch recommended moving the item to the December 10, 2024, Council meeting and inviting public comment.

Councilor Nielsen moved to amend the Ordinance to have a six to eight parking space allowance in Section 7 of Chapter 5 and to defer the remaining requests to the next meeting. Councilor Evelyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilor Zwicker moved to have a first and second reading by title only of amended Ordinance #2024-15. Councilor Nielsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided the First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2024-15 by title only.

Councilor Osborne moved to approve amended Ordinance #2024-15. Councilor Evelyn seconded the motion.

Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Wedding, Zwicker

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 to 0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Redmond resident Eve Ponder urged Council to consider the draft Parks Master Plan.
- Redmond resident Sally Griffin commented on how the City is addressing homelessness.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Manager had no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker reported on helping at local food banks, the Regional Housing Council and the Coordinated Houseless Response Office.

Councilor Evelyn echoed Councilor Zwicker's comments.

Councilor Osborne reported on the Starlight Parade.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on the Dry Canyon Art Association.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 28th day of January 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder