Redmond City Council **April 8, 2025**
Regular Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers & Remote Video Conferencing
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Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Jay Patrick, Cat Zwicker

Excused: Shannon Wedding

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, City Attorney Keith Leitz, City Recorder Kelly Morse, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Finance Director James Wood, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold, Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe, Human Resources Director Jason Bavuso, Planning Director Kyle Roberts, Engineering Technician Veronica Reinertson, City Arborist Avery McChristian, Principal Engineer Jake Sherman, Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez, Paralegal Joyce Mumia-Stubbs, Electrician KC Thrasher, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Project Engineer Evan Malone

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM
Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BLESSING
Pastor Tom Benge with the Redmond Community Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilor Zwicker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. State of Oregon Redmond Curb Ramps Project Letter

This item was not addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Minutes of February 11, 2025, Council Meeting
B. Minutes of February 25, 2025, Council Meeting

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the Consent Agenda, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

PROCLAMATIONS
A. Arbor Week Proclamation

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the Arbor Week Proclamation, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

City Arborist Avery McChristian announced upcoming Arbor Month activities, highlighting the Redmond Parks Committee collaboration and the community-supported tree inventory project in the North Dry Canyon.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Badger and Canal Roundabout Project Bid Award to High Desert Aggregate, Project #TR2304: $1,607,177

Project Engineer Evan Malone requested approval of a $1,607,177 construction contract with High Desert Aggregate for the Badger and Canal Roundabout Project. High Desert Aggregate submitted the lowest of the four bids received, which was also below the Engineer's estimate of $2,590,049.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award the Badger and Canal Roundabout Project contract to High Desert Aggregate in the amount of $1,607,177 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

B. NW Cedar & Birch Improvements Project Bid Award to Taylor Northwest, Project #TR2404: $1,851,975.55

Engineering Technician Veronica Reinertson requested approval of a $1,851,975.55 construction contract with Taylor Northwest for the NW Cedar & Birch Improvements Project. Taylor Northwest submitted the lowest of the three bids received. The Engineer's estimate was $1,981,700.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to award the NW Cedar and NW Birch Avenue Improvement Project contract to Taylor Northwest LLC in the amount of $1,851,975.55 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

ORDINANCES

A. Marijuana Dispensaries Discussion #3

City Manager Keith Witcosky briefly highlighted prior Council discussions regarding the marijuana dispensary ordinances and the required process for approval.

i. Ordinance #2025-02: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer

Finance Director James Wood reviewed the revision made to Ordinance #2025-02 that adjusts the retailer's tax collection security deposit from $5,000 to $15,000.

ii. Ordinance #2025-03: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond amending the Redmond City Code, Chapter 8, regulating time, place, and manner for retail marijuana dispensaries

Councilor Zwicker recused herself from Ordinance #2025-03 due to potential real estate listings in the impacted zones.

Planning Director Kyle Roberts reviewed the revisions made to Ordinance #2025-03 to change the spacing and buffer measurements, define a physical/geographic barrier, prohibit delivery, and add hours of operation of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

iii. Ordinance #2025-04: An ordinance of the City of Redmond amending the Redmond City Code, Chapter 11, the City Sign Code, as it relates to retail marijuana dispensaries

City Attorney Keith Leitz explained that language was removed from Ordinance #2025-04 to focus on preventing advertising to minors.

iv. Ordinance #2025-05: An ordinance of the City of Redmond amending the Redmond City Code, Chapter 7, regulating Business Licenses, as it relates to retail marijuana dispensaries

Mr. Leitz reviewed the revisions made to Ordinance #2025-05, which would exempt the marijuana business from compliance with federal marijuana laws and acknowledge the City's retail dispensary license application process as well as future processing fees, which will come in a future resolution before the Council.

Councilor Patrick reiterated his reasons for his abstentions from voting on the motions related to retail marijuana dispensaries, noting his fundamental opposition to marijuana shops, his concern about the impact on families, and the importance of prioritizing public well-being.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielson, to have a Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-02 by title only, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-abstained, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-02 by title only.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2025-02. Councilor Evelyn seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Zwicker.
Nays: None
Abstained: Patrick
Motion Carried: 5 to 0 to 1.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-03 by title only, The motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-abstained, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-recused)

Mr. Leitz provided the Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-03 by title only.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve Ordinance #2025-03.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne.
Nays: None
Recused: Zwicker
Abstained: Patrick
Motion Carried: 4 to 0 to 1.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-04 by title only. The motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-abstained, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-04 by title only.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve Ordinance #2025-04.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Zwicker.
Nays: None
Abstained: Patrick
Motion Carried: 5 to 0 to 1.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-05 by title only.

Councilor Patrick commented on the Councils responsibility for allowing marijuana dispensaries and stated that while he did not oppose the will of the voters, his abstention is due to his belief that such a direction would not benefit Redmond.

Councilor Osborne noted her support for a business-friendly and economically diverse Redmond, disabled community members who rely on cannabis to manage medical conditions, and the will of the voters.

Councilor Evelyn stated that the citizens voted, and the Council and Staff worked hard on the matter. He urged removal of a demonizing mindset, noting people should be helped and the product is for responsible adults.

Councilor Zwicker appreciates Councilor Patrick standing his personal moral ground, noting he was not on the Council when the advisory vote was put forward. She does not personally support marijuana use but believes in free enterprise and in the right of individuals to make their own choices.

Councilor Nielsen noted his negative childhood experiences with marijuana and that he respected Councilor Patrick's stance; however, he believes his duty as an elected representative was to uphold the will of the voters.

The motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-abstained, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-05 by title only.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn to approve Ordinance #2025-05.

ROLL CALL VOTE
Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Zwicker.
Nays: None
Abstained: Patrick
Motion Carried: 5 to 0 to 1.

ACTION ITEMS
A. Special Event Street Closure Request for the April 19, 2025, Wild Ride Classic Car Show

Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold requested approval of a special event street closure for 5th Street to hold the Wild Ride Classic Car Show on April 19, 2025, adding that adjacent affected properties had been notified. He highlighted the traffic control plan, noting the street would be closed from 5:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Mayor Fitch called for public comment.

Redmond resident Sally Griffin stated that a demonstration protesting recent federal government actions will be held the same day as the event.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the public assembly permit and fee schedule for the Wild Ride Classic Car Show on April 19, 2025, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Steve Schaffer discussed outlawism and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Witcosky reported on the marijuana dispensary ordinances effective date and application process, the 35th Street/Quartz Avenue four-way stop, and the Redmond Wetlands project bid award.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Osborne reported on advocating for the City of Redmond.

Councilor Evelyn thanked everyone who attended and encouraged continued participation.

Councilor Zwicker reported on advocating for the City of Redmond and Representative Bynum's tour of the NeighborImpact Food Bank.

Councilor Patrick reported on advocating for the City of Redmond and attending the Stampede Rodeo.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Appointment of Leslie Neu Lamping and Tim Larkin, terms expiring December 31, 2026, and Cade Cantrell as the Youth Ex-Officio, term expiring December 31, 2025

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to approve the recommended appointments, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

B. Parks Committee - Appointment of Eve Ponder, term expires December 31, 2025

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the appointment of Eve Ponder to the Parks Committee, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch reported on the April 22, 2025, Water Conservation Summit and the elimination of federal grants and potential cuts to federal funding coming to Oregon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services
Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 13th day of May 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder