

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2025

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

Excused: Cat Zwicker

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, Airport Director Zachary Bass, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold, Finance Director James Wood, Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe, Planning Director Kyle Roberts, Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline

Media Present: Tracee Tuesday, KTVZ

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Labor Negotiations – ORS 192.660(2)(d) authorizes executive sessions "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations."

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) authorizes executive sessions "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations."

Mayor Fitch adjourned the Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

BLESSING

Pastor Jim Holm with Crossing Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Patrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) project on Highland Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of March 17, 2025, Council Workshop**
- B. Minutes of March 25, 2025, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of April 08, 2025, Council Meeting**

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

PROCLAMATIONS

A. National Public Works Week Proclamation

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

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan accepted the proclamation on behalf of Public Works.

B. Stroke Awareness Month Proclamation

Stroke Awareness Oregon Representatives Kat Taylor and Louise Kaplan thanked the Council for the proclamation and shared their stroke experiences.

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Jericho Road Annual Report

This item was not addressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance #2025-08 - An Ordinance of the City of Redmond amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 8 Regulating Supportive Shelters (RC Section 8.370).

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Supportive Shelter Standards which included a consistent definition of micro shelter and provisions for heating and cooking.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-08 by title only, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided the First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-08 by title only.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2025-08.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Patrick, and Wedding.

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 to 0.

B. Ordinance #2025-09 - An ordinance approving Antelope Flats Master Development Plan and Tentative Subdivision Compliant with the 2040 Greater Redmond Area Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Planning Director Kyle Roberts provided a presentation describing the Applicant's proposal and requested applications and noting SW Antelope Avenue would not connect to Helmholtz Way due to access management standards. Public comment on the proposal centered on traffic, connectivity and speeding. Staff and the Urban Area Planning Commission (UAPC) recommended approval with 12 conditions; however, staff did not support the UAPC's suggestion to widen SW Antelope Avenue to 20 feet, citing 20 feet as inadequate for two-way traffic.

Mayor Fitch noted the City has explored connecting SW 43rd Street to SW Badger Avenue and will continue evaluating the option in the coming months.

H.A. McCoy Engineering Civil Engineer Hayes McCoy presented a slide illustrating the history of development and access in the area, reviewed street connections and emergency access in the Antelope Flats area, and addressed the Council questions.

Mayor Fitch called for public comment.

- Redmond Resident Marty Nelson urged the Council to address emergency egress concerns in the Antelope Flats area, particularly in the event of a disaster.
- Redmond resident Mark Bonar stated that the proposal will add residential units to an already congested area with only two gated streets. He urged completion of SW Antelope Avenue to alleviate congestion and requested the immediate reduction of speed on Helmholtz Way.
- Redmond resident Ed Hughes stated he does not oppose the project but noted it would bring the area to 223 homes with only one viable emergency exit. He urged the City to extend Yew Avenue and/or SW Badger Avenue to Helmholtz Way and address speeding and safety concerns at the SW 43rd Street/SW Zenith Avenue intersection.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Mayor Fitch noted the City is open to discussions with the property owner about dedicating right-of-way for the Antelope connection.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-09 by title only, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

Mr. Leitz provided the First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2025-09 by title only.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2025-09.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Patrick, Wedding, and Evelyn.

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2025-04 - A resolution declaring certain territory as being annexed to and incorporated within the City of Redmond.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2025-04, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

B. Resolution #2025-05 - A resolution of the City of Redmond requesting the transfer of certain County rights-of-way from Deschutes County.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to adopt Resolution #2025-05, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

C. Special Event Street Closure Request for Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. for the Conquer the Canyon Half Marathon Running Race

Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold and Lay It Out Events Race Director Ann Leitheiser requested approval of a special event street closure for 6th Street to hold the Conquer the Canyon Running Race on June 7, 2025, and highlighted unique race components and the traffic control plan.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded Councilor Wedding, to approve the Public Assembly Permit and SW 6th Street closure for the Conquer the Canyon Running Race on June 7, 2025, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

D. Annual Investment Update and Policy Approval

PFM Asset Management Managing Director Lauren Brant and Finance Director James Wood presented current macroeconomic conditions as well as the City's investment performance and policy.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to approve the City of Redmond Investment Policy FIN 111-Investments, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

E. Resolution #2025-06 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Oregon, authorizing the selection of Pahlisch Homes as a partner developer of Northpoint Vista with the City of Redmond and the project master developer deChase Miksis Development.

Ms. Cline announced that bids for the construction contract came in \$1 million under the estimate and requested approval of the resolution authorizing Pahlisch Homes as the market-rate partner developer for Northpoint Vista.

The Council consented to adding a clarification to the resolution establishing a time frame to develop the planned unit development.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to adopt Resolution #2025-06 confirming the selection of Pahlisch Homes as the market-rate developer for Northpoint Vista and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the transfer of property upon completion of the planned unit development entitlement process and development permit approval as amended, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-absent)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Redmond resident Ron Fields inquired about the status of installing a traffic signal at the Highland Avenue/35th Street intersection.

Mayor Fitch confirmed that \$1 million of the City's budget is allocated toward the signal and noted ODOT has prioritized it as the number one project in the region for additional transportation funding.

- Redmond resident Dan Hamilton commented on the bollards in the Redtail Ridge neighborhood and emergency access on SW 43rd and SW 47th Streets.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the Redmond Wetlands Project bid and the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Airport Terminal Project bid.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Nielsen reported on the May 9, 2025, transportation tour with State Senator Broadman and State Representative Levy.

Councilor Osborne reported on the Council's advocacy for the Highland Avenue/35th Street traffic signal and thanked volunteers and local businesses who participated in the Redmond Memorial Cemetery Clean-Up this weekend.

Councilor Evelyn encouraged continued productive discussions and commended City workers for their recent efforts.

Councilor Patrick encouraged everyone to vote for the Redmond School District Board and the Redmond Urban Area Park and Recreation District Board.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on his meeting with ODOT representatives regarding O'Neil Junction, Highway 97, and Pershall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 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 10th day of June 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder