

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

June 24, 2025

Council Chambers & Remote Video Conferencing
<https://www.redmondoregon.gov/city-council>

Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, Kathryn Osborne, Jay Patrick, Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: John Nielsen

Staff Present: City Attorney Keith Leitz, Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, Airport Director Zachary Bass, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Finance Director James Wood, Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe, Planning Director Kyle Roberts, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Procurement and Payables Manager Scott Brang, Principal Engineer Jake Sherman, Billing and Collections Manager Valerie Taylor, Budget Analyst Herlinda Corn

Media Present: None

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."**
- B. 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."**
- C. Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizes executive session "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions."**

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) which authorizes executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, 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 files, and ORS 192.660(2)(e) which authorizes executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Mayor Fitch adjourned the Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

BLESSING

Father Saji Thomas with St. Thomas Catholic Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Patrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Osborne reported that the CORE3 project received \$10 million in funding.

- A. Follow up from June 10, 2025, Council Meeting regarding access and bike lanes in SW Redmond**

Mayor Fitch reported that barriers on 43rd Street between Antelope and Badger Avenues and on 47th Street northbound toward Reservoir Drive will be removed to allow emergency access only. He explained that planned bike lanes on 43rd Street were canceled due to street parking and confirmed that there will be no access from Helmholtz Way. All emergency vehicles have keys to the locks on fire access points.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan reviewed access points and future connections.

B. Fourth of July and Fireworks

Mayor Fitch, Police Chief Devin Lewis, and City Attorney Keith Leitz provided an overview of the ordinance increasing the fine to \$1,500 for illegal fireworks. Code Enforcement will now handle firework complaints and Police will focus on responding to emergencies.

The Council discussed current fire conditions and the potential for an emergency ban on all fireworks. Some expressed support for a ban due to extreme fire danger, while others did not support additional regulation. Fire forecast data will be provided to the Council, and the emergency ban discussion will be revisited the week of July 4, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of May 19, 2025, Council Workshop

B. OpenGov Inc. Business License Software 3-year Renewal for \$97,363.36

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Solid Waste Services Update from Republic Services

Republic Services Municipal Manager Courtney Voss and Republic Services General Manager Erica Haitsma requested a 6 percent increase in garbage and recycling rates pursuant to Republic's franchise agreement with the City. They reviewed Republic Services 2024 financials, projected 2025 financials, tentative rate increases in nearby cities and Deschutes County, and Redmond's rate increase history.

Mayor Fitch recommended the Council approve Staff's recommendation of a 3.9 percent rate increase, see how the Recycling Modernization Act implements over the next six months, and hold further discussion early next year.

B. Cascades East Transit Update

Cascades East Transit (CET) Transportation Director Bob Townsend provided an overview of CET's 2025 initiatives, proposed fares, fare reductions, 2025 transit legislative updates, Redmond transit, and the future of CET in Redmond.

Mayor Fitch requested that Mr. Townsend schedule a meeting with the Council to review data regarding the most efficient use of funding for Redmond transit routes once it becomes available.

BID AWARDS/BID REJECTIONS

A. Eastside Arterial Project Guaranteed Maximum Price #02 with Knife River Corporation, Project #TR2403; \$4,878,520.63

Principal Engineer Jake Sherman requested approval of the price package for Phase 2, the OR 126 Roundabout. He provided an overview of the Eastside Arterial Project, an update on Phase 1 construction, and details on the Phase 2 scope.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to authorize the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #02 with Knife River Corporation for construction of Phase 2 of the Eastside Arterial Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,878,520.63 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

A. Public Transportation Services Agreement with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Mayor Fitch convened the Contract Review Board.

Procurement and Payables Manager Scott Brang requested approval of a two-year, \$633,210 agreement with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) to provide public transportation services through CET. Redmond led a multi-jurisdictional Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and COIC received the highest score of the two proposals received. If the Federal Section 5310 Grant does not come through, the City's obligation would be \$145,000. Mr. Townsend previously addressed COIC's contingency plans.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded Councilor Osborne, to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council to provide public transportation services, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch reconvened the City Council meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2025-09 - A resolution setting fees and charges imposed by the City of Redmond.

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff requested approval of the resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026 fee schedule and reviewed notable adjustments, the current Consumer Price Index trend, the Planning Sub-Fund, and utility rates.

Airport Director Zachary Bass presented an overview of the Redmond Municipal Airport fee increase proposal as well as landing, ground transportation, fuel flowage, and parking fees. He also highlighted the customer impact of the parking fee adjustment and the projected \$380,000 revenue increase.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2025-09.

Councilor Patrick expressed concern that annual fee increases may outpace cost of living adjustments for Redmond workers and residents and requested a future discussion to align fees with the cost of living.

Mayor Fitch noted the need to balance the City's budget given rising costs and debt obligations and confirmed the Council will hold the requested discussion.

The motion passed (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Patrick-no, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Resolution #2025-12 - A resolution of the City of Redmond to make Budget Adjustments. (Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to General, Police, Transportation, Capital Projects and Stormwater Funds: \$0.6 million)

Mr. Neff provided an overview of the FY 2024/2025 Budget Adjustment, highlighting personnel costs in the Police Fund and previously approved purchases and contracts.

Police Chief Devin Lewis explained that the Police Department fell below minimum staffing due to Paid Leave Oregon impacts, resulting in frequent mandatory overtime. The Budget Adjustment was also driven by major cases, including four recent homicides requiring significant personnel time.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Osborn, to adopt Resolution #2025-12 adjusting the City's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Redmond resident Eve Ponder commented the Code Enforcement process for fireworks.

Mayor Fitch confirmed that Code Enforcement will not respond in person on July 4, 2025, but will issue citations based on residents' complaints and witness testimony.

- Redmond resident Sally Griffin expressed concern about rising home insurance costs due to fire risk and commented on the Code Enforcement fireworks process.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth reported on the Code Enforcement firework process and an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the 9th Street and OR 126 roundabout.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Patrick reported on the use of illegal fireworks, the decision to cancel the 43rd Street bike lanes and expressed support for Police Chief Lewis' comments about police staffing challenges.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported on the use of fireworks in Redmond and explained the matter will be revisited depending on this July's outcomes.

A. Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee - Appointment of Kimberly Kelleher, term expiring December 31, 2028

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve the appointment of Kimberly Kelleher to the Downtown Urban Renewal (Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee), the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-absent, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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

APPROVED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 12th day of August 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder