

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2025

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

Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Jay Patrick, Shannon Wedding (virtual), Cat Zwicker

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth; City Recorder Kelly Morse; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Finance Director James Wood; Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe; Police Captain Jesse Petersen; Human Resources Director Jason Bavuso; Procurement & Payables Manager Scott Brang; Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline; Airport Finance and Analytics Manager Steve Juba

Media Present: None

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."**
- B. 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 5:15 pm and adjourned Executive Session at 5:34 pm.

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

BLESSING

Pastor Jason Reeves from Redmond Heights Pentecostals led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Osborne let the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Juniper Golf Committee - Appointment of Vicki Sime, Term expiring December 31, 2025**

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the appointment of Vicki Sime to the Juniper Golf Committee with a term expiring December 21, 2025, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mayor Fitch announced Hope Playground has reopened and urged caution due to nearby construction. He noted the Council recognized Adult Education and Family Literary Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of August 12, 2025, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of August 18, 2025, Council Workshop**
- C. Minutes of August 26, 2025, Council Meeting**
- D. Recognitions**

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

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Contract Award for the Airport Engineer of Record to Morrison-Maierle, Inc. (Contract No. 2025-95)

Airport Finance and Analytics Manager Steve Juba requested approval to award the contract for Airport Engineer of Record to Morrison-Maierle, Inc., who received the highest score from the Evaluation Committee among the three bids submitted.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to award the Airport Engineer Services contract to Morrison-Maierle, Inc., for a term of three years with two additional one-year options and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2024 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance Review and Evaluation Report

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing at 6:06 pm.

Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline provided a presentation on the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance Review and Evaluation Report and shared a video about Habitat for Humanity housing. She confirmed that funding for Cinder Hollow's infrastructure had been allocated but not yet spent.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing at 6:15 pm.

Mayor Fitch convened the Contract Review Board.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

A. Findings and Decision in Support of an Alternative Contracting Method for the Redmond Municipal Airport – Quick Turnaround Facility Project

Procurement & Payables Manager Scott Brang requested approval of an alternative contracting method for the Airport's Quick Turnaround Facility project. He highlighted the project and findings supporting the use of a Construction Manager/General Contractor selection process for constructing the project.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to adopt the findings in support of an alternative contracting method exempting the Quick Turnaround Facility Project from competitive bidding, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Findings and Decision in Support of an Alternative Contracting Method for Juniper Golf Course – Driving Range Upgrade Project

Mr. Brang requested approval of an alternative procurement selection process for the Driving Range Upgrade Project at Juniper Golf Course. Mr. Brang highlighted the project's various procurement components and addressed questions from the Council.

Councilor Osborne, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to adopt findings in support of an alternative contracting method exempting the Driving Range Upgrade Project from competitive bidding, the

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

Mayor Fitch reconvened the Council.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

- Redmond resident Eve Ponder addressed the Council regarding use of electric motorcycles in the Dry Canyon.
- Enjoy Downtown Redmond Director Shannon Hawkins spoke to the top three downtown initiatives the organization is working on: events, marketing, and advocacy. She plans to provide the Council further updates in the winter.
- Redmond resident Jim McAllister requested the Council appoint an official observer to the Deschutes County Districting and Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Witcosky commended Chief Devom Lewis' and Officer Zach Moore's work on electric motorcycle use in the Dry Canyon and announced the October 28, 2025, Council meeting will include a presentation on successful fire-wise efforts used by homeowners in the Flat Fire.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Patrick recognized the death of Charlie Kirk, who wanted to be remembered for the courage of his faith in the Lord.

Councilor Zwicker reported on attending the recent meeting of the Coordinated Houseless Response Office, noting plans to work with Mayor Fitch and Mr. Witcosky on different ideology and parking options. She expressed sadness about political violence.

Councilor Evelyn thanked all who attended the Council meeting.

Councilor Osborne provided an update on Destination Redmond tourism marketing efforts including coordinated group sales, shoulder season promotion, a branding toolkit, and asset development. The City's transient room tax revenue increased 7 percent overall from June through August 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.

Councilor Nielsen reported on attending and viewing the DMAC meetings and encouraged Redmond residents to participate. He provided an update on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's visits to new possible landfill sites, none of which are near Redmond, as well as the ribbon-cutting for Hayden Homes' new support center. He noted Free Book Day will be held September 27, 2025, at the High Desert Music Hall.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch reported progress being made on Dry Canyon signage and protecting native vegetative areas. He spoke about the need to synchronize Redmond's destination marketing with marketing for Juniper Golf Course and the Airport. He noted his support for four County districts to ensure better representation, particularly for the Redmond area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 18th day of November 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder