

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

October 14, 2025

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

Present: Clifford Evelyn, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne, Jay Patrick, Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: Ed Fitch

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth; City Recorder Kelly Morse; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Finance Director James Wood; Network Administrator Dan Schroedl; Police Captain Stephen Lopez; Project Engineer Julie Thiessen

Media Present: Spencer Sacks, KTVZ

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 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."**
- 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."**

Councilor Zwicker convened the Council into Executive Session at 5:30 pm and adjourned Executive Session at 5:52 pm.

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Councilor Zwicker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

BLESSING

Pastor John McKay, from Grace Bible Church, led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of September 9, 2025, Council Meeting**
- B. Minutes of September 15, 2025, Council Workshop**
- C. Award Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Contract to the Opportunity Foundation: \$118,660**

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

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Redmond Wetlands Complex Project (WW2001) City Manager Approval for Central Electric Cooperative Invoices up to \$900,000**

Project Engineer Julie Thiessen requested authorization to approve up to \$900,000 in invoices for work to be completed by Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) on the Redmond Wetlands Complex Project. She reviewed the project overview, construction progress and schedule, current traffic impacts, and CEC costs.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to authorize the City Manager to approve up to \$900,000 in invoices from Central Electric Cooperative on the Redmond Wetlands Complex Project, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Amendment #1 to Intergovernmental Agreement with Deschutes County for the development and operation of a Managed Homeless Camp on County-owned land in East Redmond: \$72,559.38

City Manager Keith requested authorization of an amendment to the existing intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Deschutes County. The amendment increases the City's share of the investment in the Managed Camp from \$250,000 to approximately \$322,559.38 due to higher than estimated bids for construction services.

Councilor comments noted the need to add fire safety and suppression to the project may have increased the cost and that while the camp is needed, the City lacks sufficient long-term funding to sustain it. Committing additional City funds could strain essential services. The Council should discuss scaling and funding options with the County at the upcoming joint workshop before considering a funding increase.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to table discussion of the IGA amendment until the Council's joint meeting with the County on November 3, 2025, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-absent, Nielsen-no, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-no)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Comments from Janet White

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Witcosky had no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Patrick stated he is thinking of Mayor Fitch and praying for his recovery.

Councilor Evelyn echoed the sentiment.

Councilor Zwicker stated she is also praying for Mayor Fitch, who is on hiatus for health reasons and is expected to return in early November. She expressed concern that delaying discussion of the Managed Camp, which is needed to complete the land swap with the County, would further delay housing options and leave people on the streets as winter approaches.

Councilor Osborne reported the Council-supported Nova Apartments project received an award at the Building a Better Oregon Awards ceremony, which she attended. Watson Development expressed their gratitude for their partnership with the City on the project.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.
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