Redmond City Council **October 20, 2025**
Special Workshop Minutes
Executive Conference Room 141 & Remote Video Conferencing
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Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Jay Patrick, Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: Kathryn Osborne

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth; City Recorder Kelly Morse; Airport Director Zachary Bass; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold; Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner; Finance Director James Wood; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Planning Manager Kyle Roberts; Human Resources Jason Bavuso; Police Lieutenant Curtis Chambers; Procurement & Payables Manager Scott Brang

Others Present: Annie Small, Deschutes County Justice Court; Chuck Fadeley, Deschutes County Justice Court; Alexandra Iacob, Verra Mobility

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER
Council President Wedding called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

PRESENTATIONS
A. Photo Radar Contract Check-In

Police Chief Devin Lewis and Finance Director James Wood presented a traffic enforcement program update highlighting locations for Phases 1 and 2, citations and revenue projections, program financial considerations, and next steps. Verra Mobility was selected as the contractor. Chief Lewis stated that photo enforcement is an effective tool to improve traffic safety, which remains a top priority for Redmond residents.

Verra Mobility Representative Alexandra Iacob explained there is no upfront cost to the City to start the program. The cost under negotiation pertains only to removal; if the City exits the project without requiring pole removal and site restoration, there would be no cost.

The Council emphasized the need for annual key performance indicators to gauge program success and discussed cost comparisons and return on investment relative to officer time spent in court for citations. The data retention schedule was also discussed.

Questions from the Council were addressed with additional information provided by Deschutes County Justice of the Peace Chuck Fadeley and Ms. Iacob.

The Council consented to staff presenting the Verra Mobility contract in the next few weeks.

B. Ice Rink Design Update

Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager Chuck Arnold and Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner reviewed the proposed ice rink concept and sought the Council's direction on proceeding with a 30 percent design. Key highlights included the proposed year-round program with active park space, the $4-6 million investment, potential winter and summer uses, and the proposed location at the former Redmond Police Department site.

The Council suggested minimizing the dead space in the center of the rink thereby ensuring visibility for parents to watch their children, and providing seating areas for older adults.

The Council consented to moving forward with the 30 percent design.

C. Misc. (if needed)

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported that Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff represented the City at the Deschutes County meeting last week on the managed homeless camp, and a few County staff and possibly a Deschutes County Commissioner will attend the October 28, 2025, Council meeting to discuss the cost increase. He also reported asphalt patching of troughs forming on 5th Street downtown will take place and result in some single-lane closures. Mr. Witcosky noted the work will be completed by October 31, 2025. In the next couple of years, more significant improvements will be needed. If the photo radar contract is ready, it will be brought to the Council's November 3, 2025, meeting. He encouraged the Council to listen to the Urban Area Planning Commission's hearing on the High Desert Ranch planned unit development, which will come to the Council on November 3, 2025.

Councilor Wedding noted she will be unable to attend the October 28, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Fitch stated he will participate by phone in the City's meeting tomorrow with the Tribes and Deschutes River Conservancy, noting that by the time the Wetlands project is completed, Redmond will be the only jurisdiction in Oregon to put more water back into the environment than it utilizes from it.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:09 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