

Redmond City Council
Joint Workshop with Deschutes County Commissioners Minutes
Civic Rooms 207 & 208 and Remote Video Conferencing
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November 3, 2025

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

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; City Recorder Kelly Morse; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Airport Director Zachary Bass; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Finance Director James Wood; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt

Deschutes County Commissioners Present:
Phil Chang, Tony DeBone, Patti Adair

County Staff Present: County Administrator Nick Lelack; Strategic Initiatives Manager Jen Patterson; Road Department Director Chris Doty; Director of Solid Waste Tim Brownell

Media Present: Tracee Tuesday, KTVZ

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fitch called the workshop to order at 5:30 pm.

A. Managed Camp Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment

Mayor Fitch noted the amendment was approved last week by both the City and Deschutes County (County). Operating rules will be drafted, and Requests for Proposals to manage the camp will be issued this month and reviewed at the December 4, 2025, meeting. The Managed Camp is expected to open in late January.

B. Update on District Mapping Efforts

Deschutes County Strategic Initiatives Manager Jen Patterson updated the Council and Commissioners on district mapping efforts. Highlights included the background leading to those efforts, and how to find additional information or provide public comment. She noted Map A is no longer under consideration and that the dates on the Commissioner District Map Timeline slide were likely intended as 2026. The Deschutes Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC) voted 4 to 3 to base the maps on voter registration, not population, but has not taken a final vote on the two drafted maps. If approved, implementation is expected in 2028.

Questions from the Council were addressed.

Councilors noted concerns about exacerbating the urban-rural divide, ensuring Redmond and every city has representation, and using the 2020 Census data, which was an under-count and did not reflect the area's growth. They added that when the districting goes to ballot, it should be made clear one votes according to which part of Redmond one lives; no one will not be voting county-wide.

Commissioners reported on DMAC voting to allow a 10 percent variance between districts based on the median/mean population number, not total voter registrations, and to reject the Missoula model. The five Commissioners would work towards cost-effective services for everybody. Concerns about parochialism and the disenfranchisement of using registered voters instead of populations were noted. Seeing voter registration information would be helpful to get a sense of whether the districts are balanced overall.

Mayor Fitch summarized that currently, the proposed measure that would go to voters in five districts where a citizen votes for just the candidate from their district. He supported the districting only if based on population, not total registered voters. The 10 percent is workable, and he agreed precincts should not be divided. He opined that district mapping would result in a diverse Board of Commissioners, which will benefit the County.

C. Solid Waste Franchise Update

Deschutes County Solid Waste Director Brownell updated the Council and Commissioners on the County's efforts since 2023 to develop standardized franchise agreements aligned with the landfill siting process and reviewed the objectives. Redmond currently has a franchise agreement, while other areas operate under Board orders or city codes. Negotiations with Republic Services have progressed, but Cascade Disposal declined to participate voluntarily, so the process is on hold. The County recently discussed options with Commissioners, including terminating current agreements and amendments to County Code, with further work sessions expected. Coordinating agreements with all cities will help ensure investments are secured.

Councilors and Commissioners discussed key performance indicators (KPIs) and recognized Cascade Disposal for excellent service, noting multiple problems had been reported with Republic Services. Concerns were raised about the need for greater transparency in hauler charges to residents with requirements and clear KPIs included in future contracts and about Cascade Disposals being sidelined despite following the rules.

D. Miscellaneous Items

Commissioner Adair reported on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 4 meeting and cited many collisions at Helmholtz Way and Highway 126, hoping the intersection would be included.

Council agreed that SW 35th Street and Highland Avenue would be ODOT's number one priority.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 9th day of December 2025.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder