

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council Chambers & Remote Video Conferencing

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January 13, 2026

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

Excused: Shannon Wedding

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; City Recorder Kelly Morse; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth; Planning Director Kyle Roberts; Housing Coordinator Linda Cline; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe; Airport Operations Supervisor Mike Wilcox

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established.

BLESSING

Pastor Ben Bernard, Redmond Christian Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of November 17, 2025, Council Workshop**
- B. Minutes of November 18, 2025, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of December 23, 2025, Special Council Meeting**
- D. Authorization to Purchase an RPM 220 Snowblower Attachment for the Airport Airfield Operations Division: \$173,334**

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

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Funding for Power and Natural Gas Utility Infrastructure for Northpoint Vista Project: Not to Exceed \$600,000.**

Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth explained that the City is responsible for some of the utility trunk line infrastructure for the Northpoint Vista Project. The Council will receive a detailed update at the January 26, 2026, Council Workshop on Infrastructure Phase 1, financial performance projections, and revenue opportunities for reinvestment. Staff will also update and seek feedback about negotiations with local developers regarding property disposition.

Housing Coordinator Linda Cline presented the funding request, noting that after the Council approved a \$380,000 deposit to pay for ordering electrical infrastructure parts, approximately \$400,000 in additional funding is needed to install the parts. Installing Cascade Natural Gas infrastructure is estimated at

\$200,000 with \$35,000 in connection fees to be refunded to the City and \$165,000 will be recovered through developer fees during property disposition.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve the funding of CEC and CNG power and natural gas infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-absent, Zwicker-yes)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

A. Written Testimony from Rod Rhoades

Mayor Fitch confirmed Rod Rhoades was not present and that there were no citizen comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the complaint Central Oregon Builders Association filed with the Housing Production Office regarding the proposed Development Code amendments discussed at the January 12, 2026, Council Workshop. City Attorney Keith Leitz and Planning Director Kyle Roberts will review the complaint and follow up with the Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Zwicker explained the Housing Production Office complaint was an example of the City's partners removing the ability of local elected officials to make decisions, on the behalf of and as directed by their constituents, to have a livable community. Citizens need to pay attention to whom they are moving into legislative seats to ensure citizens' voices matter.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch characterized the Housing Production Office as an "anti-livability" agency but acknowledged the need to comply with rules and regulations, adding the Council will review the document and determine next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.
Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 10th day of March 2026.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder