

**Redmond City Council
Workshop Minutes**

January 26, 2026

Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing

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

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth; City Recorder Kelly Morse; Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Finance Director James Wood; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt; Human Resources Director Jason Bavuso; Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding; Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez; Public Works Business & Strategic Initiatives Manager Lorelei Williams; Housing Program Analyst Linda Cline; Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proposed Public Works Municipal Code Updates

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan presented the proposed Public Works Municipal Code updates and provided an overview of the review and adoption schedule.

The Council suggested including written notification of available City-provided assistance options in Code violation notices.

B. Wildfire Mitigation Strategies for the Dry Canyon

Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding, and Redmond Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Ryan Herrera presented options for fire mitigation in the Dry Canyon, as well as the recent work completed and the proposed maintenance schedule.

The Council agreed to maintain the firebreaks at 65 feet and supported the limbing and thinning measures as presented.

C. Northpoint Investment Strategy

Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth presented an update on the Northpoint development highlighting infrastructure progress, the housing distribution, anticipated timelines for remaining infrastructure and housing development, a development sequencing challenge related to Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and a pending resolution, and anticipated funding sources, project revenues, and expenditures.

The Council discussion consisted of the utilization of the park system development charges (SDCs) and consent to prioritize completing the park within the Northpoint development, potentially leveraging developer participation to deliver amenities more cost-effectively.

D. Juniper Golf Course Driving Range Improvement Contract Check-in

Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez and CourseCo Senior Operations Manager Adam Pohll presented a preview of the Juniper Golf Course range enhancement investment. They outlined the Golf Fund infrastructure plan, project background, the proposed Toptracer range technology and programming opportunities, the project scope, the solicitation process and funding sources, the anticipated construction schedule, and projected return on investment estimates.

The Council suggested obtaining a price comparison and expected lifespan for the heater models; building a capital reserve from revenue to address deferred maintenance; and ensuring revenue projections for future phases reflect associated infrastructure costs and funding sources.

The Council agreed to defer the Juniper Golf Course Driving Range Improvement Contract discussion to the February 10, 2026, Council meeting to address the suggested issues.

E. Downtown Ice Rink Project Check-in (item for action on January 27th)

Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner provided a preview of the Downtown Ice Rink Owner's Representative Contract award, noting that staff recommended Cumming Management Group based on its prior experience with the City's Public Safety Facility and expertise in recreational facility development. Competitive proposals were received from four firms. A full presentation is scheduled for the January 27, 2026, Council meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS/REPORTS

Mayor Fitch noted that the City declined participation in Senator Anthony Broadman's proposed Port Authority study due to ongoing terminal expansion work, and Senator Broadman agreed. He also noted ongoing differences with the City of Bend on tribal roles in Deschutes Basin water decisions and plans to meet with key stakeholders in the next one to two weeks.

City Manager Keith Witcosky stated that staff are exploring a potential pilot program to incentivize commercial building development, possibly using a revenue stream such as rental car tax, similar to the SDC buy-down program. Details will be shared with the Council in the next couple of months. The Development Code amendments advanced successfully through the Urban Area Planning Commission and are scheduled for Executive Session and Council discussion on February 10, 2026, with input expected from local production builders and guidance from the League of Oregon Cities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of April 2026.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder