

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

March 24, 2026

Council Chambers & 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, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Finance Director James Wood, Network Administrator Christian Armatas, Police Captain Steven Lopez, Planning Director Kyle Roberts, Principal Engineer Jake Sherman, Billings & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor, Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez

Media Present: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizes executive sessions "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions."

Mayor Fitch convened the Council into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned Executive Session at 5:49 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Patrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Status of 4th of July Fireworks Contract for the 250th Celebration

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on the 250th celebration fireworks.

Mayor Fitch listed other events included in the celebration.

B. Tourism and Lodging Committee - Appointment of Jeff Curtis, term expiring December 31, 2027

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to appoint Jeff Curtis to the Tourism and Lodging Committee, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

The City Council proceeded to Item D.

C. March 16, 2026, City Council Meeting Items Follow-Up: Housing Accountability Production Office Discussion; Desert Rise; E-bike survey

Item C was addressed after Presentations.

City staff, City Council, Deschutes County staff, Redmond Economic Development Director Steve Curley, Medline Renewal Vice President of Operations Steve Bettis, and Basalite Concrete Products Operations Manager Allister Schwarzenburger discussed the worsening crimes, safety issues and behavioral

problems at the homeless encampments on the Desert Rise property and the City's efforts to relocate the encampments.

Mayor Fitch suggested that the City work with Deschutes County to implement rules and regulations for trash and Porta Potties. The City Council supported moving forward with the Desert Rise relocation as planned.

Mr. Witcosky provided updates on upcoming Code amendments that were flagged by the Housing Accountability Production Office and the City's online poll regarding e-bikes in parks.

The Council proceeded to Bid Awards/Bid Rejections at this time.

D. Eastside Arterial/Veteran's Way Detour Plan

This item was addressed immediately following Item B.

Principal Engineer Jake Sherman presented the detour plan for the Veteran's Way roundabout construction, describing road closure details and a temporary road to be constructed off Lake Road.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of January 27, 2026, Council Meeting**
- B. Juniper Golf Course Driving Range Improvement Contract Award to Bar Seven A: \$204,043**
- C. Independent Cost Estimating Contract Amendment #1 with Consor North America Inc. for the Eastside Arterial Project: TR2403: \$25,027**
- D. April Recognitions**

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Deschutes County Recycling Pilot Program

Deschutes County Solid Waste Director Tim Brownell presented details on the State-funded Contamination Reduction Pilot Program under the Recycling Modernization Act.

B. 2026 Legislative Session Review from Doug Riggs

Central Oregon Cities Organization (COCO) Legislative Advocate Doug Riggs reviewed the 2026 legislative session, highlighting COCOs' priorities, key accomplishments, and funding challenges.

The Council proceeded to City Announcements Item C at this time.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Contract Award to Taylor NW for Northpoint Vista Pump Station \$682,850.05

This item was addressed immediately following City Announcements Item C.

Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth presented an overview of the contract for the Northpoint Vista Pump Station, noting that the City received two responsive bids, with Taylor Northwest as the low bidder coming in below the engineer's estimate of \$750,000.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award a contract to Taylor Northwest LLC for the construction of the Northpoint Vista Pump Station in the amount of \$682,850.05 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-absent, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

