

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

April 28, 2026

Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing

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

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Finance Director James Wood; Network Administrator Christian Armatas; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crowsigt; Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline; Project Engineer Julie Thiessen

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BLESSING

Father Saji Thomas with St. Thomas Catholic Church led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Nielson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no City Announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of February 23, 2026, Council Workshop**
- B. Minutes of March 10, 2026, Council Meeting**
- C. Minutes of March 16, 2026, Council Meeting**
- D. May Recognitions**

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

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

- A. NW 19th Street & NW Maple Avenue Traffic Signal Project Bid Award to Taylor Northwest LLC, Project #TR2412: \$917,036**

Project Engineer Julie Thiessen requested approval of the contract award for the traffic signal project. Four bids were received, and the lowest responsive bidder was Taylor Northwest LLC at \$917,036, which is below the Engineer's estimate of \$1.233 million.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to award the construction contract for the NW 19th Street & NW Maple Avenue Traffic Signal project to Taylor Northwest, LLC in the amount of \$917,036 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2026-02: An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 5 to prohibit motorcycles in City-owned Public Parks.

City Attorney Keith Leitz presented an update on regulating e-bikes in City parks and the Central Dry Canyon.

Mayor Fitch called for public comment.

Redmond residents Eve Ponder, Jenny Reed, and Tim Dugan showed support of prohibiting motorcycles in city-owned parks and the Dry Canyon.

Councilor Patrick moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-02 by title only, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-02 by title only.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2026-02.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Evelyn, Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Patrick, Wedding, Zwicker.

Nays: None.

Motion passed 7 to 0.

B. Ordinance #2026-03: An ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 5, updating the Safe Parking Program section as a continued means to help address homelessness.

Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline presented an update on the temporary Code provision allowing microshelters in the Safe Parking Program.

Mountain View Community Development Executive Director Rick Russell presented an update on Safe Parking and the microshelters, outlining program accomplishments and microshelters implementation.

Mission Committee at Community Presbyterian Church Chair Connie Stokes described the church's participation as a host site in the Safe Parking Program and highlighted coordination with Mountain View Community Development staff in setting up and managing microshelters. She expressed support for the program and encouraged its continuation and expansion.

Councilor Patrick supported keeping microshelters on church or private business sites.

Mr. Russell requested an amendment to increase the maximum number of microshelters per site from four to six, which aligns with the program in Bend. The Council supported and will address a separate ordinance to increase the microshelter limit at a future meeting.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-03 by title only, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

Mr. Leitz provided the First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-03 by title only.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2026-03.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Fitch, Nielsen, Osborne, Patrick, Wedding, Zwicker, Evelyn.
Nays: None.
Motion passed 7 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2026-05: A resolution adopting the Community Development Block Grant 2026 Annual Action Plan and authorizing the submission of said plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Ms. Cline presented the Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, outlining the program goals, annual application and review process, and proposed funding allocations for the current year.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to adopt Resolution #2026-05, adopting the Community Development Block Grant 2026 Annual Action Plan, and authorize the submission of the document to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-no, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Right-of-Way Vacation Initiation for HF Jones Road

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms presented a right-of-way vacation request for the historic HF Jones Road outlining the vacation process, the location and surrounding properties, and neighborhood consent.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to initiate the right-of-way vacation proceedings for HF Jones Road, located on six properties adjacent to SW Yew Avenue, and establish a public hearing date of May 26, 2026, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

C. Right-of-Way Vacation Initiation for NW Spruce Avenue

Ms. Crooms presented a right-of-way vacation request for NW Spruce Avenue outlining the location and surrounding development.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to initiate right-of-way vacation proceedings for a portion of Spruce Avenue and establish a public hearing date of May 26, 2026, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

D. Adoption of Updated Title VI Civil Rights Plan

Finance Director James Wood presented the updated Title VI Civil Rights Plan, noting minor revisions, including census data for Deschutes County population and engagement in translation services.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve the City of Redmond's Title VI Civil Rights Plan, the motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Redmond resident Gloria Olson expressed concerns over electric bikes and stakeholders' involvement at Desert Rise.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky reported on next week's Budget Committee meetings and the redevelopment project for the old police block and ice rink which is scheduled to return to the Council on May 12, 2026.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Nielsen thanked the Housing and Community Development Committee for their work on the CDBG funding recommendations and reported on the motorcycle ban effective date.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Fitch expressed gratitude to Heart of Oregon for their work in the Dry Canyon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Prepared by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.
Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

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

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kayla Duddy
Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder