

Workshop Minutes

Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing

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Present: Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Cat Zwicker, Shannon Wedding (arrived at 2:37 pm)

Excused: Kathryn Osborne, Jay Patrick

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky; Deputy City Manager Steve Ashworth; City Recorder Kelly Morse; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Planning Director Kyle Roberts; Long-Range Planner Cory Murray; Human Resources Director Jason Bavuso; Procurement & Payables Manager Scott Brang; Billing & Collections Manager Valerie Taylor; Public Works Operations Manager Joshua Wedding; Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline

Media Present: Ian Raupt, Redmond Spokesman

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

The Council began the workshop with Item C. Housing Capacity Analysis.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Wastewater System Development Charge Update Overview

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan provided a presentation on the Wastewater System Development Charge (SDC) Update. She outlined the project timeline and statutory process, the methodology for calculating wastewater SDCs, wastewater system improvements to accommodate growth and SDC eligible projects, as well as a comparative analysis of wastewater SDC rates across other cities. Outreach to key stakeholders is ongoing and the Council's next update is scheduled for June 23, 2026, with no action, and the formal public hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2026.

The Council requested updated information showing how the SDCs translate into median home costs.

At this point in the meeting, the Council discussed Item D. Miscellaneous Items.

B. Tiered Water Rate Discussion #4

Staff requested feedback on a proposed tiered water rate structure that could be adopted next month and activated at a later date, allowing time for customers to understand the current and projected costs as well as available conservation tools. The presentation included an overview of the City's tiered water system, constrained by water rights, and study findings demonstrating how tiered rates could reduce high-tier usage, support compliance with regulatory limits, help manage future growth, and defer future well and storage infrastructure needs.

The Council and staff discussed the proposed tiered water rate system, including incentives for reduced water use, rate study findings on water bill impacts, and the system's effectiveness in encouraging conservation. The Council suggested developing outreach materials for new homeowners on watering schedules and water conservation, as well as communicating potential customer costs of future water infrastructure and how conservation could help defer those costs. The Council and staff also discussed

implementation timing and structure, including whether to establish the system in City Code first and delay activation, and options for seasonal or phased implementation.

Staff agreed to develop a complete proposal package, including marketing materials, billing framework, and the rate structure, and return to the Council for approval.

At this point in the meeting the Council returned to Item A. Wastewater System Development Charge Update Overview.

C. Housing Capacity Analysis

Planning Director Kyle Roberts and Long-Range Planner Cory Murray provided a presentation on the Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA) Project, noting the City hired ECOnorthwest as a consultant using Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) funds. The project responds to updated Goal 10 requirements under the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (HNA), which require planning for 10,000 additional housing units by 2047, up from 7,000 units identified in the 2019 HNA. The presentation outlined the project's two phases, describing the reporting and analyses to be conducted in Phase 1 for adoption in June of 2027, and the Housing Production Strategy in Phase 2, anticipated for adoption in 2028. The project's overall timeline was also reviewed, noting key joint meetings to update the Council and the Urban Area Planning Commission, as well as Advisory Committee meetings. Staff invited two Councilors to serve on the Committee to provide guidance and insights into developing the Housing Capacity Analysis.

Mayor Fitch stated Council would determine who would serve on the Advisory Committee by Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

At this point in the meeting, the Council moved to Item B. Tiered Water Rate Discussion #4.

D. Miscellaneous Items

Regarding sleeping/camping on public property, Mayor Fitch proposed excluding all residential areas from allowable camping under the time, place, and manner regulations, while allowing limited exceptions for temporary visitor RV parking. The proposal would apply to RVs parked on streets with a 72-hour limit, and he suggested having written permission from adjacent property owners. Staff did not believe the plan would pass muster as proposed but would conduct further research. The current City code allows enforcement under prohibited parking rules for vehicles and RVs in the right-of-way with a 72-hour limit and several clearances were noted. The City code is applied equally to all vehicles regardless of occupancy and is typically initiated through complaints.

Regarding managed camps, concerns that displacement from areas such as 17th Street could shift camping activity to other locations and reduce the effectiveness of the City's managed camp investment. Staff offered that dedicating more resources toward consistently enforcing the 72-hour limit could help homelessness issues but agreed there would be push back and to consider the matter further. If enforced, the Council questioned where the homelessness could be in Redmond.

The Council and staff discussed the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) proposed interim intersection improvements near Highland Avenue and 35th Street, in the context of pedestrian and vehicle safety concerns associated with the nearby recreation center. The Council expressed concerns that ODOT's proposed right-in/right-out design could increase vehicle speeds and create new traffic problems, and that it did not adequately address pedestrian safety or existing issues, such as speeding and drivers disregarding access restrictions. The Council identified a lighted crosswalk as the priority, and suggested ODOT consider design exceptions that would allow a crosswalk to be installed now while right-of-way acquisition and ADA improvements are pursued over time. Several safety issues were discussed regarding ODOT's design and insistence on installing a crosswalk. The City's concerns were forwarded to the legislative delegation and the potential for appeal on the speed zone was discussed with ODOT.

Staff noted that the proposal would improve vehicle access by allowing westbound left turns and reducing neighborhood cut-through traffic and confirmed that a formal request for a speed zone reduction had already been submitted to ODOT and remained under review. Additional messaging on signage at the recreation center could help to better direct pedestrians. The City had programmed \$250,000 for the improvements in the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Council supported continued coordination with ODOT to pursue a pedestrian crosswalk, speed zone reduction, and phased design solutions to improve pedestrian safety and ADA compliance over time.

The Council and staff provided updates on the Redmond 250 celebration planning, including ongoing sponsorship outreach to local businesses, parade logistics, and programming for the Friday evening block party. Staff noted coordination with the fireworks provider to improve the display and reduce delays between launches has occurred, with plans to transition to a computerized show in future years.

City Manager Keith Witcosky noted the Police Department was issued an abatement warrant, signed by a judge, to begin cleanup of the Desert Rise and 17th Street encampment site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

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Reviewed by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 28th day of July 2026.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder