

**Redmond City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**

May 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; Airport Director Zachary Bass; City Attorney Keith Leitz; Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff; Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan; Communications Director Heather Cassaro; Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner; Finance Director James Wood; Client Systems Administrator Tyler Roppe; Police Chief Devin Lewis; Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms; Planning Director Kyle Roberts; Long-Range Planner Cory Murray; Procurement & Payables Manager Scott Brang; Billing & Collection Manager Valerie Taylor; Airport Property and Contracts Manager Leif Anderson; Principal Engineer Jake Sherman; Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

BLESSING

Pastor Jason Reeves, Redmond Heights Pentecostals, led the blessing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wedding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of March 24, 2026, Council Meeting

B. June Recognitions

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Solid Waste Services Update from Republic Services

Councilor Nielsen recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Republic Services of Central Oregon General Manager Erica Haitsma and Finance Manager Dan Strand presented a solid waste services update highlighting an overview of the franchise, service results, customer feedback, financial results, and a proposed 8 percent rate increase effective July 1, 2026.

Mayor Fitch confirmed that staff will review the financial information and return with a recommendation on the proposed rate increase on June 9, 2026, during the adoption of the budget and fee schedule. Questions from Council were addressed.

BID AWARDS / BID REJECTIONS

A. Award Five-year, On-Call Material Testing Services Contracts to Wallace Group Inc. and Carlson Testing Inc.: Up to \$750,000 per contract.

Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms requested approval of a contract award to Wallace Group Inc. and Carlson Testing Inc. for on-call construction and material testing services. She noted three bids were received and Staff recommended awarding two separate contracts to Wallace Group and Carlson Testing Inc., each in an amount up to \$750,000 over five years.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to award two separate on-call contracts with Wallace Group and Carlson Testing in the amount of up to \$750,000 per contract for the duration of up to five years and authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts. The motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-yes, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Safe Routes to School at Sage Elementary Project Bid Award to T-Line Construction LLC, Project #TR2407: \$149,604

Principal Engineer Jake Sherman presented the contract award request for the Safe Routes to School project. He outlined the project background, scope, and schedule. Four bids were received, and the lowest responsive bidder was T-Line Construction LLC at \$149,604. The project is funded by a \$60,000 Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safe Routes to School Grant, with the remainder from the Transportation Capital Fund.

The Council noted concerns that students traveling to the Umatilla Sports Complex and pickleball courts may continue using the former crossing location out of habit and suggested sharing information about the new crossing location with Sage Elementary and parents.

Councilor Wedding moved, seconded by Councilor Patrick, to award the construction contract for the Safe Routes to School at Sage Elementary Project to T-Line Construction LLC in the amount of \$149,604 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)

C. Non-Exclusive Food and Beverage Concession Lease and Operating Agreement for Redmond Municipal Airport Bid Award to Tailwind Hospitality, Inc.

Airport Director Zachary Bass requested award of a contract for the food and beverage concessions at the airport, outlining the Selection Committee process, market analysis, Request for Proposal (RFP) goals, food hall concept, public outreach efforts, concessions space plan, and evaluation criteria and scoring. Two proposals were received, and the selection committee recommended awarding the contract to Tailwinds Hospitality, Inc., the highest-scoring proposer. Mr. Bass noted that a protest was received from one of the bidders during the seven-day protest period.

Redmond Economic Development Director and Selection Committee Member Steve Curley stated he was impressed with Tailwinds Hospitality, Inc.'s ability to secure local partners, its commitment to providing the same customer experience at the airport as at local businesses, and its willingness to hire current airport concession workers.

Airport Property and Contracts Manager and Selection Committee Member Leif Anderson noted that the Airport hired a consultant to help develop the concession concept and vision. Two proposals were received two proposals with the Selection Committee recommending awarding the lease to Tailwinds Hospitality, Inc.

City Attorney Keith Leitz explained that the City posted the Notice of Intent to Award on May 8, 2026, received a protest on May 14, 2026, denied the protest in writing on May 21, 2026, and sent a follow-up email on May 26, 2026. No response has been received. The protest alleged ex-parte communications

and failure to apply statutory preference, but the City found the ex-parte allegations to be unfounded and determined that the preference did not apply because no tiebreaker was required. After reviewing the scoring, evaluation process, and applicable laws, the City found no impropriety in the RFP process.

Concerns from the Council included the proposed design and aesthetic, limited product mix, meal variety, family-friendly options, local business involvement, and food and beverage options for people waiting pre-security. The Council recommended that Tailwinds Hospitality, Inc. visit Sisters Coffee to help replicate its customer experience and atmosphere at the Airport, keep the City involved during implementation for local input and oversight, and maintain local business participation throughout the contract term.

Staff agreed to return with additional information addressing the Council's concerns at the June 9, 2026, meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance #2026-06: An ordinance concerning the vacation portions of HF Jones Road located east of SW Canal Boulevard and south of SW Yew Avenue.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Ms. Cromsigt presented a right-of-way vacation request for the historic HF Jones Road. She highlighted the background of the request, the vacation process, the location and affected properties, and neighborhood consent.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Nielsen, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-06 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 #2026-06 by title only.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Osborne, to approve Ordinance #2026-06.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed: 7 to 0.

B. Ordinance #2026-05: An ordinance concerning the vacation of a portion of NW Spruce Avenue located west of Northwest Way.

Mayor Fitch opened the public hearing.

Ms. Cromsigt presented a right-of-way vacation request for NW Spruce Avenue, outlining the purpose of the request and location. She noted that there were no neighbor consent or franchise utility issues, and staff recommends approval of the right-of-way vacation.

Mayor Fitch noted that Cascades East Transit (CET) did not support a bus stop within the vacation area and observed that the area included a walking path and landscaping pursuant to the land use approval.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-05 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 #2026-05 by title only.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Zwicker, to approve Ordinance #2026-05.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed: 7 to 0.

C. Ordinance #2026-07: An Ordinance Adding an Article for Annexations and Amending Various Sections of the Redmond City Code, Chapter 8 (Development Code).

Mayor Fitch read the hearing procedure and reopened the public hearing.

Planning Director Kyle Roberts and Long-Range Planner Cory Murray presented the proposed Development Code amendments, covering townhouse setback standards, open space requirements, and a new annexation article establishing annexation processes, procedures, and review criteria. The Urban Area Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval on April 15, 2026, and one public comment from the Central Oregon Builders Association regarding townhomes was received today and forwarded to the Council.

Staff answered questions from the Council.

The Council recommended exempting city-initiated island annexations from the proposed pre-annexation process.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Fitch closed the public hearing.

Mr. Leitz proposed amending the ordinance by adding language in Section 8.4010(3) and (4) that indicates these types of annexations will be conducted pursuant to state law and are otherwise except from the Annexation Section.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-07 as amended 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 #2026-07 by title only.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2026-07 as amended.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed: 7 to 0.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #2026-04: An Ordinance amending the Redmond City Code Chapter 5, increasing the maximum number of microshelters allowed on Safe Parking sites.

Housing Programs Analyst Linda Cline presented an update to the Safe Parking **Program** ordinance, clarifying that the amendment would increase permitted microshelters at each Safe Parking site from four to six while maintaining the maximum of eight households per site and retaining City Council approval for sites on City property. She also noted a typographical error in the draft ordinance, correcting the ordinance number from 2024-04 to 2026-04.

Mountain View Community Development's John Edwards stated that the request to increase the maximum allowed microshelters per site follows positive experience with the existing four, which have been productive in helping residents transition to permanent housing. He noted that Community

Presbyterian Church was open to adding a fifth microshelter, neighborhood feedback has been supportive, and no negative comments have been received. He added that Mountain View Community Development would continue to submit applications for any future site changes or additions.

Councilor Evelyn moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to have a First and Second Reading of Ordinance #2026-04 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 #2026-04 by title only.

Councilor Zwicker moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to approve Ordinance #2026-04.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed: 7 to 0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution #2026-10: A Resolution authorizing the initiation of the potential acquisitions of property interests, including through the use of Eminent Domain if necessary, for a City Capital Improvement Project, and directing staff to complete appraisals, issue required notices, and present findings to City Council before any Condemnation action.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan presented a resolution initiating the process to acquire properties needed for the Eastside Arterial Project, outlining the project scope, affected properties, and the acquisition and condemnation process.

Councilor Patrick expressed discomfort with the phrase "including through the use of eminent domain" in the resolution.

Questions from Council were addressed.

Councilor Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilor Wedding, to adopt Resolution #2026-10 authorizing initiation of potential acquisitions of property interests, including through the use of eminent domain if necessary, for properties located within the Eastside Arterial Project and directing Staff to complete appraisals, issue required notices, and present findings to City Council for further action if agreement cannot be reached with property owners for the acquisition of portions of property needed for the roadway improvements. The motion passed. (Evelyn-yes, Fitch-yes, Nielsen-yes, Osborne-yes, Patrick-no, Wedding-yes, Zwicker-yes)

B. Resolution #2026-09: A Resolution authorizing the City of Redmond to apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the development of the Downtown Ice Rink and Park Project and authorizing the City Manager to sign the application.

Urban Renewal Program Analyst Meghan Gassner presented a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program for the Downtown Ice Rink Project. She noted that the grant award is up to \$1 million, the application deadline is next month, and the grant timeline aligns with the project design schedule.

Councilor Osborne moved, seconded by Councilor Evelyn, to adopt Resolution #2026-09 authorizing application by the City to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program for the Downtown Ice Rink and Park Project. 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 Trevor Johnson encouraged greater public transparency about City recognitions. He thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting human rights, equality, inclusion, and dignity, and recognized Pride Month and its historical significance. Mr. Johnson noted the City's first Pride Month Proclamation in 2024, encouraged continued support for inclusion, dignity, and respect for all community members, and wished the community a happy Pride Month.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Keith Witcosky provided updates on upcoming events, including the State of the City Address on May 28, 2026, at 10:00 am, the motorcycle prohibition in City parks goes into effect also on May 28, 2026, and the Eastside Arterial Roundabout ribbon cutting on June 5, 2026, at 10:00 am.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Patrick shared his appreciation to staff for the Development Code rewrite, noting that they had done as much as possible to maintain local control while complying with state standards and state law. He expressed concern that state legislation was taking away local control and hoped state legislators would recognize that communities outside Portland have different needs.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 11th day of August 2026.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder