

March 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Birney at 7 p.m. The meeting was held in the Redmond City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Present: Councilmembers Forsythe, Kritzer, Nuevacamina, Parsi, Prakriya, Soni and Stuart

Absent: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: NONE

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Birney opened Items from the Audience at this time. The following persons spoke:

- Rajesh Kakula - construction permit and changes in zoning;
- Max Ruhlman - Old Firehouse Teen Center Celebration and the need for cooperation;
- Rosemarie Ives - demolition of the Old Firehouse Teen Center and its replacement;
- Ron Belter - size of a proposed housing development and traffic flow and the need for a cul-de-sac;
- David Morton - PFAS testing is needed at the DTG site for the Evans Creek project; and
- Bob Yoder - HOA board meeting concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Stuart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

VOTE: The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed without objection (7-0).

1. Approval of the Minutes: March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting and February 26, 2026, Special Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks

#189007 through #200729

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#199941 through #200729
#1945 through #1949

\$4,963,592.87

#200730 through #200736
#1939 and #1950

\$17,260.25

#189025 through #189035
#200738 through #201527
#1951 through #1955

\$4,807,622.96

#17073 through #17356

\$458,216.64

3. AM No. 26-036: Approval of the Reappointment of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Members
4. AM No. 26-037: Confirmation of Reappointments of Board and Commission Members
5. AM No. 26-038: Approval of the 8th Amendment to the Council Rules of Procedure
6. AM No. 26-039: Acceptance of a Washington State Department of Ecology Grant Award, in the Amount of \$1,500,000, for the Purchase of an Electric Fire Engine
7. AM No. 26-040: Approval of Final Contract with Active Construction Incorporated, in the Amount of \$1,806,230.82, and Acceptance of Construction for the 10000 Avondale Erosion Control Project
8. AM No. 26-041: Approval of the Final Contract with Rodarte Construction, Inc. of Auburn, WA, in the Amount of \$899,199, and Acceptance of Construction for the Hardscape Project - Grass Lawn Park Parking Lot Project
9. AM No. 26-042: Approval of a Consultant Agreement with OTAK, in the Amount of \$207,958, for the Connection to King County Wastewater System - Avondale Way

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10. AM No. 26-043: Approval of a Consultant Agreement with Toole Design for Engineering Services for the 148th Ave Safety Corridor Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000
11. AM No. 26-044: Approval of UKG Pro Extension, in the Amount of \$225,000, for Additional Launch Support
12. AM No. 26-045: Award of Construction Contract to Equity Builders, LLC., in the Amount of \$2,009,390, and Approval of a Consultant Services Agreement Supplement 1 with BHC Consultants, in the Amount of \$240,000, and Increase the Total Funding for the Wastewater Lift Station Equipment Upgrades Phase 2 Project
13. AM No. 26-046: Adoption of an Ordinance for the 2025-2026 Budget Adjustment #5
 - a. Ordinance No. 3250: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Ordinance Nos. 3196, 3215, 3224, 3229, and 3236, by Making Adjustments to the City's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, in Exhibit 1
14. AM No. 26-047: Adoption of a Capital Project Bond Debt Redemption Resolution
 - a. Resolution No. 1623: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Calling Certain Outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds for Redemption Prior to Maturity; and Approving Other Matters Related Thereto
15. AM No. 26-048: Adoption of a Capital Project Bond Reimbursement Resolution
 - a. Resolution No. 1624: A Resolution of the City of Redmond, Washington, Declaring Its Intent that Certain Capital Expenditures to be Made Shall be Reimbursed from the Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds or Other Obligations

Mayor Birney read the ordinance and resolution titles into the record. The new Planning Commission members were sworn in at this time.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

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HEARINGS AND REPORTS**Public Hearing**

1. AM No. 26-049: Approval of the R22 Overlake Consolidated Land Use Application - Quasi-Judicial
 - a. Ordinance No. 3251: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Adopting the Technical Committee's Recommendation to Approve the R22 Master Planned Development, Development Agreement, Phase 1 Site Plan Entitlement, Phase 2 Site Plan Entitlement, and Binding Site Plan (LAND-2025-00049, LAND-2025-00050, LAND-2025-00051, LAND-2025-00052, & LAND-2025-00091), and Establishing an Effective Date
 - b. Resolution No. 1625: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Approving a Development Agreement for a Site Owned by American Capital Group Located at Parcel No. 0673100010

City Attorney Rebecca Mueller questioned the Councilmembers regarding the Appearance of Fairness doctrine and conflict of interest.

There were no objections to any of the Councilmembers deciding this matter.

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced this item, and Alex Hunt, Senior Planner, provided a presentation and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Mayor Birney opened the public hearing. The following person spoke:

- David Morton - affordable housing and negotiating deeper affordability or a broader income band, need to ensure the replaced trees survive to maturity, maintaining a shared use path; and provide for a stormwater regional facility contaminate assessment.

Mayor Birney closed the public hearing.

Alex Hunt, Senior Planner, responded to Councilmember inquiries regarding: integrating affordable housing; closure of sidewalks during development; and survival standards of replacement trees.

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MOTION: Councilmember Nuevacamina moved to approve AM No. 26-049/Ordinance No. 3251/Resolution No. 1625. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stuart.

Following Councilmember discussion,

VOTE: The motion to approve passed without objection.
(7 - 0)

Staff Report

a. AM No. 26-050: Fourth Quarter 2025 Financial Report

Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, provided a report to the Council.

Ombudsperson Reports:

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Redmond Central Connector opening under light rail; importance of Teen Center; Scout meeting; Health Through Housing; trans youth panel; tenant protections; Redlink route; license plate readers; transit service to Redmond ridge; and cameras on 140th school zone.

Councilmember Stuart reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Council Conversations; police technology; AC water main replacement; teen center artifacts and surplus; zoning changes; leaf blower noise; septic to sewer conversion; permit process; automatic license plate reader; Redmond West Little League; Interlake Sporting Association; and ribbon cutting for adult family home.

Councilmember Prakriya reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Redmond Law Day; fostering transit adoption; CAIR Washington; ribbon cutting for adult family home; Redlink; crosslake connection; ALPR technology; and Cub Scouts.

Councilmember Soni reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Light rail crosslake connection; ribbon cutting; State of the City; BAPS; Women's Day celebration; Iftar; teen center; and flock cameras.

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Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: automatic license plate readers; transgender support; ADA parking; Comprehensive Plan Docket; Teen Center celebration and equipment; Redlink; Sound Cities Association networking event; and State of the City.

Councilmember Nuevacamina reported receiving resident contacts regarding: State of the City; area median income; Holi; Seattle Government Affairs; Eastside Pathways anniversary; utility rates; and Redlink.

Mayor Birney spoke regarding the State of the City.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Soni provided committee reports:

- Eastside Transportation Partnership; and
- OneRedmond Foundation.

Councilmember Forsythe provided a committee report:

- Emergency Management Briefing.

Councilmember Nuevacamina provided a committee report:

- Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services;
- Disability Board; and
- Cascade Water Alliance Board.

Councilmember Stuart provided committee reports:

- Sound Cities Association Deputy Mayors;
- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee; and
- Regional Water Quality Committee.

Mayor Birney spoke regarding National League of Cities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. AM No. 26-051: Adoption of a Welcoming Resolution

1. Resolution No. 1626: Expansion and Implementation of Redmond's Welcoming Resolution, Enhancing Our Commitment to Community and the U.S. Constitution

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MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve AM 26-051/Resolution No. 1626. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

Following Councilmember discussion;

VOTE: The motion passed without objection. (7 - 0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Signed by:

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ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: April 7, 2026