

## REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

May 14, 2024, 7 p.m.

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Council President Vanessa Kritzer called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda. The meeting was held in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum:

- Jeralee Anderson
- Steve Fields
- Jessica Forsythe
- 🛛 Vanessa Kritzer
- 🛛 Angie Nuevacamina
- Osman Salahuddin
- 🛛 Melissa Stuart

## 1. Fire Department - EMS Transport Fee Program

Department: Fire Action: Informational

Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief, and Micheal Despain, Interim Deputy Fire Chief, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Most jurisdictions charge for ambulance services;
- Levy funding has been used;
- Supplementing levy funding;
- Utilizing well-established state and federal funding;
- Stability in program;
- Increase in demand in system;
- Aligning with other jurisdictions in the area;
- Types of cost recovery levels;
- Medicaid billing;
- Admin support;
- Mutual aid agreements;
- Concerns with charging for this service;
- Write-off process;
- Fee study is required; and
- More work needs to be completed before final approval.

Discussion ensued regarding: benefiting the City and residents; different types of insurance companies; write-off policy; budget fund; Bellevue and Kirkland programs; cost estimates; poverty level; and communication with residents.

## 2. Council Talk Time

• Spring Safety Fair;

- Council retreat follow-up;
- State of the City;
- Upcoming business meeting items; andSalary Commission and benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.