

 <p>Redmond WASHINGTON</p>	<p>REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY</p> <p>May 12, 2026, 7 p.m.</p>
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Council President Melissa Stuart 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:

- Jessica Forsythe
- Vanessa Kritzer
- Angie Nuevacamina
- Sayna Parsi
- Vivek Prakriya
- Menka Soni
- Melissa Stuart

1. 2026 State Legislative Session Debrief

Department: Executive

Action: Informational

Amy Tsai, Chief Policy Officer, and Briahna Murray, City Lobbyist, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- 60-day session;
- Priorities;
- Session tasks;
- Tax reform;
- Supplemental budget;
- City engagement;
- State and federal support;
- City priorities and outcomes;
- State support for vulnerable neighbors;
- Hartman Park;
- Regional priorities;
- Issues the City supports;
- City budget stability;
- Ground floor commercial regulations;
- Automated license plate readers;
- Shelter, transitional housing, emergency housing and permanent supportive housing siting; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: e-moto legislation; successful agenda; tax reform; housing goals; and safeguarding the community due to anticipated state cuts.

2. 2027-2028 Budget Process: Departmental Budget Overviews - Planning & Community Development and Police

Department: Finance

Action: Informational

Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, and Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Mission statement;
- Department overview;
- Baseline budget;
- Safe and Resilient 2025-2026 enhancement package;
- Vibrant and Connected 2025-2026 enhancement package;
- Performance measures;
- Department highlights; and
- Budget challenges.

Discussion ensued regarding: mental health funding; Development Services; housing recommendations; accessibility funding; boards and commissions; post World Cup activities; and lodging availability.

Darrell Lowe, Police Chief, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Mission statement;
- Department overview;
- Baseline budget;
- Safe and Resilient 2025-2026 enhancement package;
- Performance measures;
- Department highlights; and
- Budget challenges.

Discussion ensued regarding: preventative community oriented measure; ongoing funds for open positions; domestic violence and alternative crisis response support; filling open positions; community stability fund; co-responder training; sexual assault survivor support; gun buyback program; partnering with the Prosecutor's Office; and stability funding.

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3. Council Matrix Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding: tenant protections subcommittee; housing stability coordinator; play and move outside project; childcare access; downtown activation; civic engagement program; crisis pregnancy centers; publishing data sets; building colors; RYPAC; Adopt a street; fines for impersonation of an officer; living wage; housing stability funding; recognition of holidays and celebrations; tech innovation; fee structure; detention center ban; next steps; and a grant.

4. Council Talk Time

- Role of the legislative coordinator;

- Ombuds structure;
- Workload;
- Bike everywhere day;
- Tree code update;
- Marymoor Village parking; and
- Recology bills.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.