

 <p>Redmond WASHINGTON</p>	<p>REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY</p> <p>April 28, 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. 2027-2028 Budget Process: Departmental Budget Overviews - Fire and Public Works

Department: Finance

Action: Informational

Haritha Narra, Deputy Finance Director, Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief, Ameer Virelle, Deputy Fire Chief, and Jim Whitney, Deputy Fire Chief, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Mission statement;
- Department overview;
- Baseline budget;
- Safe and Resilient 2025-2026 enhancements;
- Performance measures;
- Department highlights; and
- Challenges.

Discussion ensued regarding: measurement changes; budget impacts of challenges; spending; alternative crisis response; data management systems; hiring; and helping the disabled population.

Aaron Bert, Public Works Director, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Mission statement;
- Department overview;
- Baseline budget;
- Healthy and Sustainable 2025-2026 enhancements;
- Strategic and Responsive 2025-2026 enhancements;
- Vibrant and Connected 2025-2026 enhancements;
- Performance measures;
- Department highlights; and

- Challenges.

Discussion ensued regarding: Transportation Benefit District funding; contractor issues; Community Facilities District funding; street garbage cans; fuel cost increases; pedestrian bridges; middle housing design standards; maintenance and operations center; and asset management.

Recess 8:13 p.m., reconvene 8:20 p.m.

2. Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendments - 6900 188th Ave NE

Department: Planning and Community Development

Action: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works, May 5th

Seraphie Allen, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, Jeff Churchill, Long-Range Planning Manager, and Glenn Coil, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Council regarding: undeveloped parcel; split land use and zoning; and requesting redesignation.

Discussion ensued regarding: Planning Commission discussion and decision; impacts of a new law; precedence; job loss; requiring commercial; business stakeholders; spot zoning; previous project concerns; other similar properties; tax revenue; and the docket process.

3. 2025 Legislative Conformance, Business Improvement, and Fences Zoning Code Amendments

Department: Planning and Community Development

Action: Consent, June 2nd

Seraphie Allen, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, Jeff Churchill, Long-Range Planning Manager, Lauren Alpert, Senior Planner, and Kim Dietz, Principal Planner, reported to the Members of the Council regarding: consistent with state law; business regulations; and clarity and consistency.

Discussion ensued regarding: negative consequences; fence regulations; security fencing; safety with lowering fence heights; shrubbery; administrative lot splits; policy and code changes; historic structures; childcare facilities in manufacturing zones; and timeline.

4. Council Talk Time

- Tenant Protections Subcommittee update;
- Automatic license plate readers;
- Eastside Transportation Partnership;
- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee; and
- Council retreat matrix item discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.