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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

MOTION: Councilmember Stuart moved to amend the agenda to add item B to New Business for the Adoption of an Ordinance for an Interim Official Control Regulating Commercial Drone Land Uses. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Soni.

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

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

- Faith 2384 - safety, capitalism and the loss of the culture of the Old Redmond Firehouse;
- Wolf Adriatico - requesting postponement of AM No. 26-058;
- Ruth Kenote - not in support of the two-hour parking limit in the Marymoor area, and provided documents to the Council;
- Starlyn Stout - collecting oral history regarding the Old Redmond Firehouse and the importance of the building;
- Erin Hamilton - dangerous conditions on the trail due to cyclists;
- Korvus Denny - youth need support;
- Onyx Griffen - stakeholders supported renovating the Old Redmond Firehouse and does not support the demolition;
- Chester Anderson - need for transparency in the stakeholder process for the Old Redmond Firehouse and not in support of AM No. 26-058;

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- Emelyn Berg - not in support of the two-hour parking limit in the Marymoor area;
- Haris Chondhary - not in support of the two-hour parking limit in the Marymoor area;
- Sasha Glenn - not in support of AM No. 26-058 and requests that design and budget should be determined first;
- Rebecca Grandmont - impact on teens due to the closing of the Old Redmond Firehouse, stakeholder group process, and the Old Redmond Firehouse should be preserved;
- Sally Adriatico - not in support of AM No. 26-058, lack of information to the Council;
- Rosemarie Ives - not in support of AM No. 26-058, upcoming feasibility study, budget and preservation;
- Rachel Major - in support of the rezone being discussed at the next study session;
- David Morton - testing of contaminated water and soil and the groundwater monitoring system and earth month;
- Rajesh Kamath - not in support of AM No. 26-058;
- Emi Phan - need to engage in good faith with youth and is not in support of AM No. 26-058;
- Seb Choe - not in support of AM No. 26-058 and engagement with teens should occur prior to demolition;
- Sylvan Gaskin - response to a public records request and not in support of AM No. 26-058;
- Max Ruhlman - purpose of public comment and not in support of AM No. 26-058;
- L. Michelle - not in support of AM No. 26-058 and teens don't feel like they matter;
- Cameron Collins (written comment) - preservation of the Old Redmond Firehouse; and
- Zion Tawney (written comment) - not in support of AM No. 26-058.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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1. Approval of the Minutes: April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting, and April 14, 2026, Special Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks
 - #189053 through #189060
 - #202316 through #203102
 - #1963 through #1967
 - \$4,996,065.66
 - #17763 through #18052
 - \$735,221.75
3. AM No. 26-056: Approval of Final Contract with Lakeside Industries Inc., in an Amount of \$995,650, and Acceptance of Construction for the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Pavement Preservation (Marymoor to Leary) Project
4. AM No. 26-057: Award of Construction Contract to Lakeside Industries of Issaquah, WA, in the Amount of \$609,496, for Schedules B-C of the Bel-Red Buffered Bike Lanes Project and Approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Bellevue
5. AM No. 26-058¹: Award Construction Contract to Dickson Company of Tacoma, WA, in the Amount of \$388,895, for the Old Fire House Teen Center Demolition Project and Increase the Total Funding for this Project
6. AM No. 26-059: Approval of the Final Contract with SCI Infrastructure LLC, in the Amount of \$1,267,396, and Acceptance of Construction for the Sidewalk Repair Project - 40th Street (156th Avenue to Bel-Red Rd)
7. AM No. 26-060: Approval of Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., in the Amount of \$74,950, for Purchasing Process Improvements
8. AM No. 26-061: Adoption of an Ordinance for the 2025-2026 Budget Adjustment #6 to Recognize the Expenditure Transfers Needed to Redeem the Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bond Series 2015 and 2016

¹ This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately.

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a. Ordinance No. 3252: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Ordinance Nos. 3196, 3215, 3224, 3229, 3236, and 3250, by Making Adjustments to the City's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, in Exhibit 1

9. AM No. 26-062: Confirmation of Appointment of the New Arts and Culture and Human Services Commissioners

Mayor Birney read the ordinance title into the record.

The new Arts and Culture and Human Services Commissioners were sworn in at this time.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

5. AM No. 26-058: Award Construction Contract to Dickson Company of Tacoma, WA, in the Amount of \$388,895, for the Old Fire House Teen Center Demolition Project and Increase the Total Funding for this Project

MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve AM No. 26-058. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stuart.

Following Councilmember comments and discussion,

VOTE: The motion to approve AM No. 26-058 passed (6-1), with Councilmembers Forsythe, Kritzer, Nuevacamina, Prakriya, Soni and Stuart in support and Councilmember Parsi in opposition.

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Staff Reports

- a. AM No. 26-063: Earth Month and Arbor Day Activities

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Program Manager, introduced this item and provided a report to the Council.

- b. AM No. 26-064: Capital Investment Program (CIP) Project Updates for Q1 2026

Aaron Bert, Public Works Director, introduced this item and staff provided a report to the Council.

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Ombudsperson Reports:

Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: renter protections; statewide drought; Marymoor parking restrictions; petition; technical issues with meeting recordings; loss of healthcare access; and invitations to community events.

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: tenant protections; wayfinding; housing future needs; bike lanes and safety; parking issues; and a crosswalk issue.

Councilmember Nuevacamina reported receiving resident contacts regarding: renter protections; parking restrictions; and statewide drought.

Councilmember Stuart reported receiving resident contact regarding: community outreach; respect, equity, diversity and inclusion; derby days application; septic to sewer conversion; and Council retreat matrix.

Councilmember Soni reported regarding: Eastside Transportation Partnership; Puget Sound Regional Council; ARCH Annual investment Celebration; Eastside For All; small businesses; domestic violence resources; Old Firehouse Teen Center; and affordable housing.

Councilmember Parsi reported receiving resident contacts regarding: sidewalk safety.

Councilmember Prakriya reported receiving resident contacts regarding: noise ordinance; renters bill of rights; and how to watch Council meeting videos.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Stuart provided a committee report:

- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee.

Councilmember Kritzer provided a committee report:

- Eastside Transportation Partnership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

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A. AM No. 26-065: Adoption of Ordinances to Formalize Updates to Redmond Municipal Code Titles 10, 12, 13, and 15

1. Ordinance No. 3253: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending RMC 10, Vehicles and Traffic, to Clarify Purpose and Modernize the Code's Applicability
2. Ordinance No. 3254: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending RMC 12, Streets and Sidewalks, to Clarify Purpose and Modernize the Code's Applicability
3. Ordinance No. 3255: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending RMC 13, Water and Sewers, to Clarify Purpose and Modernize the Code's Applicability
4. Ordinance No. 3256: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending RMC 15, Buildings and Construction, to Clarify Purpose and Modernize the Code's Applicability

Aaron Bert, Public Works Director, introduced this item and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

MOTION: Councilmember Prakriya moved to approve AM No. 26-065/Ordinance Nos. 3253, 3254, 3255, 3256. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stuart.

Following Councilmember comments and discussion,

VOTE: The motion to approve AM No. 26-065/Ordinance Nos. 3253, 3254, 3255, 3256 passed without objection (7-0).

B. AM No. 26-066: Adoption of an Ordinance for an Interim Official Control Regulating Commercial Drone Land Uses

1. Ordinance No. 3257: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Imposing an Interim Official Control to Amend Article I, Zone-Based Regulations, and Article VII, Definitions, of the Redmond Zoning Code to Establish Interim Regulations for Commercial

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Drone Land Uses, Adopting a Workplan, Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on the Interim Official Control, Providing for Severability, and Establishing an Immediate Effective Date

Glenn Coil, Senior Planner, introduced this item and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

MOTION: Councilmember Nuevacamina moved to approve AM No. 26-066/Ordinance No. 3257. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stuart.

MOTION: Councilmember Prakriya moved to amend to remove Manufacturing Park from the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

Following Councilmember comments and discussion,

VOTE: The motion to amend failed (3-4), with Councilmembers Kritzer, Prakriya, and Parsi in support and Councilmembers Forsythe, Nuevacamina, Soni and Stuart in opposition.

VOTE: The motion to approve AM No. 26-066/Ordinance No. 3257 passed without objection (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

A. Labor Negotiations [RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)]

Mayor Birney announced that the business meeting will adjourn at this time and the Council will go into Closed Session to discuss Labor Negotiations [RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)]. Per state law, public attendance is not allowed during the Closed Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council
the regular meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Signed by:

Angela Birney

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Minutes Approved: May 5, 2026