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## **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Angela 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 Anderson, Fields, Forsythe, Kritzer, Nuevacamina, Salahuddin 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:

- Alex Tsimerman - spending of city funds;
- William King - supportive of multimodal funding and protecting infrastructure;
- Hank Myers - homelessness funding and participating the One Night Count;
- Amandine Denis-Laroque - concerns with the proposed permanent supportive housing and safety;
- Aparna Varadharajan - water supply plan and the Cascade Water Alliance plan is overdue;
- Mary Comstock - Regional Manager for the Redmond Library, statistics, events at the Library, and City of Redmond partnership;
- Ivar Fredrikstad - revitalization of Downtown Redmond;
- David Morton - being a leader in environmental sustainability and maintaining community wellbeing;
- Radka Chapin - large houses being built are affecting neighborhoods near Grasslawn Park;
- Aspen Richter - inadequate city action to protect businesses from damage;
- Bob Yoder - use and progress of the Silver Cloud Inn for housing;
- Paul Quinn - Processes for increasing diversion rates;
- Joe Kunzler - enforcing items from the audience rules; and

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- Amber Wise and Jack Hyder (written comment)- in support of AM No. 24-122 for the resolution in opposition to the Albertsons-Kroger merger.

## 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: August 5, 2024, Special Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks

#188383 through #188401  
 #170687 through #171505  
 #1739 through #1743

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#188402 through #188429  
 #171506 through #172307  
 #1744 through #1748

\$4,573,771.46

#172308 through #172315  
 #1749 through #1749

\$11,194.81

#6607 through #7158

\$11,354,851.90

3. AM No. 24-120<sup>1</sup>: Confirmation of Salary Commission Candidates
4. AM No. 24-121: Approval of a Fee for the Extended Use of Right of Way for Construction Activities

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<sup>1</sup> This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately.

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- a. Resolution No. 1585: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending the User Fee Schedule for Public Works to Add Fees Associated with Extended Usage of the Rights of Way for Construction Activity
5. AM No. 24-122: Adoption of a Resolution Opposing the Kroger-Albertsons Merger
  - a. Resolution No. 1586: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Opposing the Kroger - Albertsons Merger

Mayor Birney read the resolution titles into the record.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

3. AM No. 24-120: Confirmation of Salary Commission Candidates

MOTION: Councilmember Kritzer moved to approve AM No. 24-120. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stuart.

Following Councilmember discussion,

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

The newly appointed Salary Commission members in attendance were sworn in at this time.

**HEARINGS AND REPORTS**

Public Hearing:

1. AM No. 24-123: This Public Hearing is being Held for the Purpose of Considering Passage of a Resolution Opposing Initiative 2117, the Ballot Title of Which is as Follows:

Initiative Measure No. 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading.

This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [ ]  
No [ ]

- a. Resolution No. 1587: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Opposing Initiative No. 2117, Relating to the Repeal of the Climate Commitment Act and Prohibiting Carbon Tax Credit Trading, Scheduled for this November 5, 2024, General Election

Mayor Birney opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of the resolution: William King, TJ Horner, Kelli Refer, Kirk Hovenkotter, Scott Aldridge, Rheya Wren, Yuanmeng Zhao, Chelsea Liekhus-Schmaltz, Aparna Varadharajan, Aspen Richter, Sophia Escelona, David Morton, Devon Kellogg, Bob Yoder, Ben Benoy, Joe Kunzler, and Marilyn Subala (written comment).

The following persons spoke in opposition of the resolution: Darran Littell, Lisa Tracy, Michele Sackman, Steve Tracy, Adam Powell, Nate Neiderhausen; Hank Myers; Eric Rohrbach (written comment), Kathy Captain (written comment), and Ann Streit (written comment).

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Birney closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Kritzer moved to approve AM No. 24-123/Resolution No. 1587. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stuart.

Following Councilmember discussion,

RECUSAL: Councilmember Anderson was recused from voting due to a conflict of interest.

VOTE: The motion to approve passed without objection. (6 - 0)

Staff Reports:

- a. AM No. 24-124: Informational Briefing on Cascade Water Alliance (CWA) 2025-2026 Budget and Rates Proposal

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Amanda Balzer, Public Works Policy and Planning Manager, provided a report to the Council and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

b. AM No. 24-125: Redmond 2050: Final Planning Commission Recommendations for Adoption in 2024

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced this item and staff provided a report to the Council and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Ombudsperson Reports:

Councilmember Salahuddin reported receiving resident contacts regarding: National Night Out; shooting range noise; public access defibrillators; participation in Diwali events; rumble strips on West Lake Sammamish; tree root issue; open enrollment in space manufacturing; Redmond Senior and Community Center issues; mural artwork; unpaved road; Hashtag burglary; Eastside Pathways; Port of Seattle tour; and SpaceX and Starlink facility tour.

Councilmember Anderson reported receiving resident contacts regarding: school expansion with additional housing being built; initiative; Site Plan Entitlement; biking and trails in the city; economic instability; tribunals; and bribery.

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: National Night Out; housing; paving; tree code; racing cars; home based business; traffic pattern change; crisis response; HOA issues; construction of large houses; school crosswalk; and Hashtag.

Councilmember Stuart reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Council conversations in Downtown Redmond Park; MoveRedmond and Redmond Pride events; recycling; retail delivery fee; construction of large houses; small business owner; and composting.

Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Port of Seattle tour; Rockin' on the River; greener process for catering for city events;

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climate change; development; public safety; and crisis response.

Councilmember Fields reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Hartman Park field lights.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Kritzer provided a committee report:

- Public Safety Funding Subcommittee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A. Potential Litigation [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)] - 20 minutes

Mayor Birney announced the Council will now leave the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) for 20 minutes. Per state law, public attendance is not allowed. Action will not take place following the Executive Session.

*Executive Session convened at 10:20 p.m., and ended at 10:40 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council the regular meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Signed by:



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ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

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*Minutes Approved: September 17, 2024*