

October 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Council President Vanessa Kritzer at 6 p.m. The meeting was held in the Redmond City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Present: Councilmembers Fields, Forsythe, Kritzer, Nuevacamina, Salahuddin, and Stuart

Absent: Councilmember Anderson

HUMAN SERVICES 2025-2026 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced this item.

The Human Services Commission was in attendance and reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Application timeline;
- Outreach;
- Equity training;
- Requirements;
- Redmond received 126 funding requests;
- There was an increase in new applicants and the amount requested;
- Changing community needs;
- Organizations have experienced a loss of funding from other sources;
- More grassroots organizations applying for funding;
- Non-eligibility;
- Criteria for reviewing applications;
- Full funding of requests that address multiple priority areas;
- Advancing equity;
- Prioritizing the most underserved in the community;
- Consistent framework for evaluating equity;
- Available funding;
- Opioid settlement funds;
- Funding investments;
- Cost of living increase;
- Partnering with 17 new programs; and
- Funding recommendations by category.

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Discussion ensued regarding: encouraging new programs; educational and employment platform; opioid funding locally; identifying need; prevention and empowerment; growth of funding need; elder care funding; housing assistance; changing the rate calculation; and request to adopt the recommendations at the same time as the budget.

Recess 6:56 p.m., reconvene 7:02 p.m.

**PRELIMINARY 2025-2026 BIENNIAL BUDGET: COUNCIL BUDGET
DELIBERATIONS**

Councilmember Fields, Presiding Officer of the Finance, Administration, and Communications Committee of the Whole, chaired the budget portion of the meeting and overviewed the process for the discussion.

Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, reported to the Council regarding:

- Preliminary budget review process;
- Public hearings;
- Budget overview;
- Citywide financial highlights;
- Scaled back programs during pandemic and are now coming back;
- Implemented new funding strategies;
- General Fund financial highlights ongoing and one-time funds;
- Revenue forecast;
- Capital Investment Program;
- Business Technology Investment Program; and
- Review of the Council question matrix.

City staff responded to Councilmember inquiries and general discussion ensued regarding the preliminary budget; bike infrastructure; SE Redmond neighborhood park construction timeline; and East Redmond Corridor implementation design.

Healthy and Sustainable enhancements:

- Utility system planning - Aaron Bert, Public Works Director, spoke to this enhancement and responded to Councilmember inquiries;
- Parks and Recreation Programs Cost Recovery - Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke to this enhancement and responded to Councilmember inquiries; and

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- Environmental Sustainability Action Plan - Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, spoke to this enhancement and Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, and Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Safe and Resilient enhancements:

- Vision Zero - Aaron Bert, Public Works Director, spoke to this enhancement and responded to Councilmember inquiries;
- Comprehensive Community Response Program - Darell Lowe, Police Chief, spoke to this enhancement and responded to Councilmember inquiries; and
- Fire & Medical Apparatus - Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief, spoke to this enhancement and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, spoke regarding follow up items and next week's budget meeting.


Discussion ensued regarding additional actions items; the budget process; and the subcommittee process.


COUNCIL TALK TIME

- Council retreat;
- Adding an item to the Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole;
- Reminder to return your ballot;
- Drop boxes are located outside of City Hall, at the Community Center at Marymoor Village and Redmond Ridge; and
- Budget Council meeting will be held next Tuesday at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the special meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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 CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: November 4, 2024