

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY:

A. PRESENTATION: Cascade Water Alliance

Representatives from the Cascade Water Alliance provided a presentation to the Council.

B. PRESENTATION: VISION 2050 Award

The VISION 2050 Award was presented by a representative of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

- Antje Ihlefeld and Cathrine Moya - need for tree code enforcement on weekends;
- Max Ruleman - free and open expression at the Old Firehouse Teen Center and regulations on signage;
- Wolfe Adriatico - concerns with AM No. 26-114 and should not contain content based regulations;
- Erin Hamilton - community survey provided at the last meeting regarding safety;
- Garrett Wilkes - high level of distrust with the use of Flock safety cameras;
- Dhruv Iyengar - need for reservations for public pickleball court usage; and
- David Morton - concerns with critical aquifer recharge areas in the Southeast Redmond Manufacturing and Industrial Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. Approval of the Minutes: July 7, 2026, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks

#207195 through #207202
#1997 through #1998

\$17,220.59

#189168 through #189189
#207204 through #208050
#1999 through #2003

\$9,410,495.67

#19531 through #19810

\$588,590.32

3. AM No. 26-110: Award of Construction Contract to Earthworks Solutions, LLC, in the Amount of \$1,323,740, for the Willows Road Watermain Extension (NE 116th Street to NE 124th Street) Project, and Increase the Total Project Funding by \$264,000
4. AM No. 26-111: Approval of the Final Contract with Coast to Coast Turf LLC, in the Amount of \$1,595,835, and Acceptance of Construction for the Grass Lawn Multi-Use Field #1 and Hartman Park Baseball Infield Synthetic Turf Replacement Project
5. AM No. 26-112: Approval of a General Services Agreement with Technical Systems Inc. (TSI), in the Amount of \$2,409,370, for the Control System and Telemetry Upgrade Phase 4 Project
6. AM No. 26-113: Adoption of an Ordinance for the 2025-2026 Budget Adjustment #7

- a. Ordinance No. 3262: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Ordinance Nos. 3196, 3215, 3224, 3229, 3236, 3250, and 3252, by Making Adjustments to the City's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, in Exhibit 1
- 7. AM No. 26-114¹: Adoption of an Ordinance for the Redmond Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Temporary Non-Commercial Signs
 - a. Ordinance No. 3263: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Title 21 of the Redmond Municipal Code, known as the Redmond Zoning Code, Addressing Temporary Non-Commercial Signs, Providing for Severability, and Establishing an Effective Date
- 8. AM No. 26-115: Approval of the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Redmond and Teamsters Local No. 117 Representing the Police Telecommunicator Employees in the Police Department
 - a. Ordinance No. 3264: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Pay Plans "TC" and "TC-S," in Order to Set Salaries for Police Telecommunicator Employees Covered by the Teamsters Local Union No. 117 Bargaining Unit for the Year 2026; Providing for Severability and Establishing an Effective Date

Mayor Birney read the ordinance titles into the record.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- 7. AM No. 26-114: Adoption of an Ordinance for the Redmond Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Temporary Non-Commercial Signs
 - a. Ordinance No. 3263: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Title 21 of the Redmond Municipal Code, known as the Redmond Zoning Code, Addressing Temporary Non-Commercial Signs, Providing for Severability, and Establishing an Effective Date

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

MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve AM No. 26-114/Ordinance No. 3263. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parsi.

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Lauren Alpert, Senior Planner, responded to Councilmember inquiries.

VOTE: The motion to approve AM No. 26-114/Ordinance No. 3263 passed without objection (7-0).

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

Public Hearing

1. AM No. 26-116: Public Hearing for an Amended Interim Official Control Regulating Commercial Drone Land Uses and Adoption of an Ordinance Affirming the Amendment

- a. Ordinance No. 3265: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Affirming 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 Drone Land Uses, Affirming a Workplan, Updating Findings of Fact, Providing for Severability, and Establishing an Effective Date

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Glenn Coil, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Council and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Mayor Birney opened the public hearing. The following persons spoke:

- Adam Reineke - in support of commercial drone delivery, concerns with truck traffic to drone facilities, other jurisdictions can send drone deliveries into the City, lower carbon option, concerns with delivery drivers losing business;
- David Morton - in support of Ordinance No. 3265, and requested online community engagement, better definitions in the code, coordination with FAA and neighboring jurisdictions, and concerns with environmentally sensitive areas;

- Katie Kendall - representing Zipline, the goal in Redmond would be to effectively deliver to Redmond residents and would reduce car traffic, worked with City staff to understand their services, would like to continue to work with the City, and would like a temporary pilot program.

Mayor Birney closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Stuart moved to approve AM No. 26-116/Ordinance 3265. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

Following Councilmember discussion,

VOTE: The motion to approve AM No. 26-116/Ordinance 3265 passed without objection (7-0).

Staff Reports

- a. AM No. 26-117: Tree Code Update to the Redmond Zoning Code (RZC)

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, and staff, provided a report to the Council and responded to Councilmember questions.

- b. AM No. 26-118: Southeast Redmond Manufacturing and Industrial Center (MIC) Strategy Guide

Seraphie Allen, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, and staff, provided a report to the Council and responded to Councilmember questions.

Ombudsperson Reports

The following verbal ombudsperson reports were provided.

Councilmember Parsi reported receiving resident contacts regarding: renter protections; ALPR cameras; housing construction; Recology; Council meeting documents; and school supply donations.

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: heat advisory emails; ALPR cameras; sign code; drone as a first responder; and Derby Days.

Councilmember Stuart reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Derby Days; Meet Me at Marymoor event; Children's business fair; permanent supportive housing; Interim Official Control; public safety service levels; affordability; serving on boards/commissions; public art master plan; parks; and the next Council Conversations.

Councilmember Nuevacamina reported receiving resident contacts regarding: drone delivery; community resource officers; boards, commissions and Council seats; Derby Days; and a tour with Cascade Water Alliance.

Councilmember Soni reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Meet Me at Marymoor; immigration challenges; small business assistance; tenant protections; public safety; and a collision.

Councilmember Prakriya reported regarding: Maintenance and Operations Center tour and tenant protections.

Mayor Birney spoke regarding Meet Me at Marymoor and the World Cup.

Committee Reports

The following verbal committee reports were provided.

Councilmember Parsi provided a committee report:

- Eastside Transportation Partnership.

Councilmember Kritzer provided committee reports:

- OneRedmond Board;
- WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council; and
- Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications.

Councilmember Soni provided a committee report:

- Eastside Transportation Partnership.

Councilmember Prakriya provided committee reports:

- Tenant Protections Subcommittee;
- Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services; and
- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee.

Councilmember Forsythe provided a committee report:

- Eastrail.

Councilmember Stuart provided a committee report:

- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. AM No. 26-119: Council Vote to End Flock ALPR Contract

MOTION: Councilmember Stuart moved for the City to terminate its contract with Flock for the Automated License Plate Readers in Redmond. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Forsythe.

Following Councilmember discussion,

4VOTE: The motion to approve passed without objection (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Mayor Birney announced that, without objection, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the regular meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: August 3, 2026