

 Redmond <small>WASHINGTON</small>	REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY September 10, 2024, 7 p.m.
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Council President Vanessa Kritzer 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:

- ☒ Jeralee Anderson
- ☒ Steve Fields
- ☐ Jessica Forsythe
- ☒ Vanessa Kritzer
- ☒ Angie Nuevacamina
- ☒ Osman Salahuddin
- ☒ Melissa Stuart

1. City of Redmond 2025 State Legislative Agenda

Department: Executive

Action: Study Session, October 8th

Amy Tsai, Chief Policy Advisor, and Briahna Murray, City Lobbyist, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Upcoming elections;
- Ballot initiatives;
- Policy committees;
- Governor's budget;
- Increasing revenue;
- Budget shortfall;
- Length of the session;
- Redmond's draft legislative agenda identifying top priorities;
- Funding requests;
- Regional priorities;
- Support issues; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: tenant protection and housing availability; testifying for the City; light rail; Maintenance and Operations Center funding; diversion target; human trafficking during large sporting events; drug education; welcoming community; advocating for City projects; light rail contingency plan during the World Cup; transportation projects; supporting the Housing Trust Fund in other jurisdictions; and transportation funding.

2. Fleet Study Update

Department: Public Works

Action: Informational

Vangie Garcia, Public Works Deputy Director, and Triston Osborne, Streets and Fleets Manager, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Evaluating current fleet policies, operations and procedures;
- 375 assets;
- Two departments: Public Works and Fire;
- Shared funding model across all departments;
- Manages procurement, maintenance, and disposal of all City vehicles, small equipment and fueling;
- Alternative fuels;
- Study components and recommendations;
- Centralizing the fleet, governance, and optimization; and
- Electrification.

Discussion ensued regarding: vehicle options; industry standards; tracking fuel usage; electrification; fleet integration; heavy duty vehicle tracking; diagnostics; and enhancing the motor pool.

Recess: 8:25 p.m., reconvene: 8:31 p.m.

3. Redmond 2050: Final Planning Commission Recommendations for Adoption in 2024

Department: Planning and Community Development

Action: Informational

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, Jeff Churchill, Long Range Planning Manager, and Susan Weston and Jannine Woodyear, Planning Commissioners, who responded to comments from the Members of the Council regarding: dwelling size; water quality testing; reclaimed water; parking; Overlake affordable housing regulations; and community design element.

Lisa Rigg, Senior Engineer, and Jeff Thompson, Senior Engineer, responded to comments from the Members of the Council regarding: water storage planning in Overlake; water supply; and Cascade Water Alliance.

Ian Lefcourte, Senior Planner, and Tim McHarg, Principal Planner, responded to comments from the Members of the Council regarding: updating the renter data; housing size; and electric vehicle spaces.

4. Recommendations on Amendments to the Redmond Municipal and Zoning Code for Conformance with State Legislation: Senate Bill 5290 and House Bill 1293

Department: Planning and Community Development

Action: Consent, October 15th

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, Jason Lynch, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, David Lee, Development and Implementation Manager, Tim McHarg, Principal Planner, and Kimberly Dietz, Principal Planner, and reported to the Members of the Council:

- Must enact changes by January 2025;
- Removal of the Design Review Board;
- Design Review Board authority;
- Reimbursement requirement;
- Communication plan for changes to regulations;
- Required amendments;
- Staff capacity;
- Climate readiness;
- Project and building design;
- Technical Committee;
- One percent for the arts; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: cost savings; visibility to the public; lack of innovation; City code; benefits; ad-hoc; expertise; and removing the Design Review Board piece.

Motion to extend for 10 minutes.

5. Council Talk Time

- Upcoming Council events;
- Photo;
- Updated ombudsperson process; and
- Joint meeting with the school boards.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.