

 Redmond <small>WASHINGTON</small>	REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY June 24, 2025, 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. **Respect, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Program Update**

Department: Executive

Action: Informational

Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, was joined by consultants, Anita Page and Adrian Thompson, who reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- REDI goals;
- Council's role in the REDI plan;
- Ambassadors;
- Measuring success;
- Supporting implementation of the plan;
- Focusing on organizational health;
- Integrated approach;
- Change management;
- Assessment; and
- Strategy and performance.

Discussion ensued regarding: concerns with the recommendation; position shift; teams; partnership; Office of Equity; timeline; decision making outcomes and consequences; parallel process; and providing additional information.

Recess 8:16 p.m. reconvene 8:24 p.m.

2. **Redmond Municipal Code Update - Overview and Proposed Changes to Vehicles, Traffic, Streets and Sidewalks code**

Department: Public Works

Action: Study Session, July 22nd

Vangie Garcia, Public Works Deputy Director, Paul Cho, City Traffic Engineer, and Patty Criddle, Engineering Supervisor, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Accreditation process;
- Code review and APWA compliance;
- Topic review timeline;
- Types of proposed code changes;
- Outdated content;
- Alignment with recent changes to state code;
- Safety and process changes;
- New code sections; and
- Right-of-way updates.

Discussion ensued regarding: sidewalk speed limits; children unattended in cars; speed on shared use paths; discrimination; bike laws; parking fees and restrictions; and data governance policy.

3. Tree Canopy Update

Department: Parks and Recreation/Public Works/Planning and Community Development
Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Lindsay Falkenburg, Parks Planning Manager, Meg Angevine, Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, Maya Klem, Program Coordinator, Jo Nelson, Program Assistant, and Lauren Anderson, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Strategies;
- Past and current conditions;
- Expansion efforts;
- Tree health risk assessment and mitigation;
- Public Works tree canopy expansion efforts;
- Green Redmond Partnership;
- Tree giveaway;
- Environmental Sustainability Action Plan;
- Community questionnaire, workshop and Derby Days;
- Timeline; and
- Opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding: budget; rate of loss; shade for smaller parks in the city centers; updating the Council; sharing information with the public; and forest stewards.

4. Council Talk Time

- Noise issues;
- Council retreat follow-up;
- Meeting with community-based organizations;
- Communications Manager follow-up;
- Adding subcommittees into the Council Rules of Procedure;
- Federal engagement;
- Process for adding other items to the Council Rules of Procedure.

5. Executive Session regarding Complaints or Charges Brought Against a Public Officer or Employee (RCW 42.30.110(1)(f)).

Council President Kritzer stated that per state law, the Executive Session is closed to the public. Action will not be taken following the executive session and the meeting will adjourn at (state the time 30 minutes from now).

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.