

 Redmond WASHINGTON	REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY July 14, 2026, 7 p.m.
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Council President Melissa Stuart called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda¹. The meeting was held in City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum:

- ☒ Jessica Forsythe
- ☒ Vanessa Kritzer
- ☒ Angie Nuevacamina
- ☒ Sayna Parsi
- ☒ Vivek Prakriya
- ☒ Menka Soni
- ☒ Melissa Stuart

1. 2026 Annual Community Survey Results

Department: Executive

Action: Informational

Zach Houvener, Deputy Director of Equity & Strategic Services, and Kelly Schutz, Communications Manager, were joined by a Consultant, and reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- General satisfaction survey;
- Random sample survey;
- 528 total interviews;
- Multiple languages;
- Online survey is available;
- Responses by neighborhood;
- Demographic profile;
- Context and timing;
- Ratings;
- Information sources;
- Priorities;
- Job ratings;
- Services gap analysis;
- Police and Fire Department ratings;
- Safety; and
- Findings summary.

Discussion ensued regarding: demographics of communities that report feeling safe or not in the City; utilizing community feedback; percentage of people who don't feel safe;

¹ Agenda items 2 and 3 were switched at the time of the meeting.

comparison with other jurisdictions; information sources; obtaining information through social media; change in the survey process over time; cost of living and affordability; data broken down by neighborhood; and managed Police services.

2. Recreation Program Plan Overview

Department: Parks and Recreation

Action: Informational

Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, Jen Newton, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, Erica Chua, were joined by consultants, and reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Guiding document for recreation staff;
- Project started in June 2025;
- Extensive community engagement;
- Future of recreation services;
- First recreation program plan;
- Builds off of the City's other plans;
- Statistically valid survey;
- Service gaps;
- Activation gap;
- Key takeaways;
- Grow and refine the program portfolio; and
- Activate underserved communities and spaces.

Discussion ensued regarding: anecdotal feedback; impacts of focusing on stronger programs; adult fitness and wellness programs; participation levels; and the senior trip program.

3. Pavement Management Program Update

Department: Public Works

Action: Informational

Brandon Buehler, Interim Public Works Deputy Director, and Adnan Shabir, Senior Engineer, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Important part of the City's infrastructure;
- Condition of staff and the consultant;
- Pavement Condition Index and examples;
- Existing conditions assessment;
- Cost of not investing in this program;
- Investment strategy;
- Program delivery, current and proposed;
- Phased approach;
- Frequently asked questions;
- Milestones; and
- Council feedback requested.

Discussion ensued regarding: road damage due to EVs; increasing freeze and thaws; robust infrastructure goal; budget; Transportation Benefit District; pavement cut moratorium; dashboard; immediate needs; construction traffic issues; planning in conjunction with other jurisdictions;

4. Tenant Protections Update and Discussion

Council

The Council's Tenant Protections Subcommittee provided a report to the Members of the Council:

- Possible policy and budget options;
- Community identified issues;
- Amendments to City code;
- Rent fixing software;
- Near term considerations; and
- Budget options.

Discussion ensued regarding: notice of rent increase; fee transparency; rent fixing technology; posting of tenant rights; language access; property management company mergers; City values; aspirational goals; landlord violations; preventing people from becoming homeless; budget options; staff support; renter handbook; continued subcommittee evaluations; website; engaging with Communications; Frequently Asked Questions; policy review; equitable outcomes; enforcement; having comprehensive discussions; and support for policy option 1.D.

5. Council Talk Time

- Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided a verbal report on the business license process for the Interlake Sporting Association; and
- Flock close out agreement has not yet been received and a vote will be taken regarding ending the contract.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.