

 <p><b>Redmond</b> WASHINGTON</p>	<p>REDMOND CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING SUMMARY</p> <p>April 28, 2026, 4:30 p.m.</p>
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Presiding Officer Menka Soni called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda. The meeting was held in City Hall Council Chambers.

Committee Members present and establishing a quorum:

- Menka Soni, Presiding Officer
- Jessica Forsythe
- Vanessa Kritzer
- Angie Nuevacamina
- Sayna Parsi
- Vivek Prakriya
- Melissa Stuart

Action Items

1. **Parks Department Web Configuration Contract with D2 Creative, in the Amount of \$141,900**

*Department: Parks and Recreation*  
*Action: May 5th*

Brittany Pratt, Parks Business Manager, Lindsey Tusing, Marketing and Events Supervisor, and Mack Leonard, Events and Marketing Coordinator, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Community concerns with finding Parks and Recreation information online;
- Fixing the underlying structure;
- Scope of work and deliverables;
- Scoring criteria;
- Consultant selection;
- Improving ability to find information;
- Community engagement;
- Design package and execution; and
- Integration of additional tools.

Discussion ensued regarding: volunteer resources; accessibility; preventing issues in the future; printed materials; overlap with other department webpages; measuring success;

Feedback for Study Session - N/A

Informational

## 1. Energy Smart Eastside - Residential Electrification Program Update

*Department: Executive*

*Action: Informational*

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Five priorities;
- Building emissions;
- Partnering with five neighboring cities;
- Heat pumps;
- Energy Smart Eastside;
- Phasing out fossil fuel heating;
- Partnering with community based organizations;
- Managing rising utility costs;
- Expanding to multifamily housing;
- Outreach and consultations.

Discussion ensued regarding: Home Owner's Associations; contribution and installation rates for the partnering cities; coverage; additional rebates;

## 2. Park Impact Fee Study Update

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Study Session, June 9th*

Lindsey Falkenberg, Parks Planning Manager, and Cameron Zapata, Senior Parks Planner, reported to the Members of the Committee: data received; feedback; and park impact fee options.

Discussion ensued regarding: community outreach; final report; commercial and residential fees; and information provided.

## 3. Dog Park Update

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Informational*

David Tucheck, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, and Darcey Rayner Shepard, Park Operations Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Dedicated spaces for dogs;
- Evaluate different locations for a permanent location;
- Permanent location at Luke McRedmond Park; and
- Communication to the community.

Discussion ensued regarding: construction during peak months; length of closure; and special needs dogs.

## 4. Climate Resiliency and Sustainability in Vegetation Management Plan Implementation Update

*Department: Parks and Recreation*

*Action: Informational*

David Tuchek, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, and Darcey Rayner Shepard, Park Operations Manager, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Plan development and implementation;
- Focus for 2026;
- Sustainable landscaping;
- Equipment electrification; and
- GIS green mapping project.

Discussion ensued regarding: celebration of Deputy Parks and Recreation Director Tuchek's tenure and retirement from the City of Redmond.

Read Only - N/A

#### Items from Other Committees

1. **Approval of Amendment to the Landau Associates, Inc. On-Call Contract to Provide Hydrogeological Support in the Amount of \$300,000**

*Department: Public Works*

*Action: Consent, May 19th*

Chris Stenger, Public Works Deputy Director, Ernie Fix, Operations Manager, and Jessica Atkinson, Senior Environmental Scientist, reported to the Members of the Committee:

- Expanded technical support;
- Strengthening and modernizing the groundwater monitoring system;
- Essential to have accurate data for the system;
- New monitoring wells;
- PFAS detection; and
- Funding.

Discussion ensued regarding: causes for the cost increase; testing for PFAS near Evans Creek; and location and timeline for testing.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.