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**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. PROCLAMATION: Pride Month

Mayor Birney read the proclamation into the record.

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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

- Erin Hamilton - started DEI initiatives for the City;
- Richard Ripley - noise ordinance concerns with the operations of the Interlake Sporting Association and noise mitigation;
- CK Cheruvettolil - in support of the Interlake Sporting Association;
- Wolfe Adriatico - teen services staff and services for the new teen center;
- Anjay Ajodha - prospective member of the Interlake Sporting Association, membership process and safety;
- Linda Seltzer - urban noise pollution;
- Mark Epstein - in support for the proposed noise ordinance;
- David Morton - gaps in Redmond's water system and the acquisition of a building for the Maintenance and Operations Center;
- Max Ruhlman - support for a former staff member of the Old Firehouse Teen Center and continuing the legacy in the new building; and

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- Henry Yuan<sup>1</sup> - in support of the Interlake Sportsman club and engineering solutions for noise mitigation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

1. Approval of the Minutes: May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting and May 21, 2026, Special Meeting

2. Approval of Payroll/Direct Deposit and Claims Checks

#189122 through #189138  
#204694 through #205509  
#1980 through #1984

\$4,922,708.35

#18619 through #18845

\$1,087,362.74

3. AM No. 26-082: Acceptance of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund Grant

4. AM No. 26-083<sup>2</sup>: Approval of Authorization for Acquisition of the Heidelberg Materials Property located at 18816 NE Union Hill Rd, Redmond, WA, for the Maintenance and Operations Center (MOC) - Campus Redevelopment Project from HM Pacific Northwest, Inc.

5. AM No. 26-084: Approval of the King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advanced Life Support Services Contract (PHSKC Agreement #14835 EMS) for the 2026-2031 King County EMS Levy

6. AM No. 26-085: Approval of the King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Basic Life Support Services and Mobile Integrated Health Services Contract (PHSKC

<sup>1</sup> A handout was provided to the Council.

<sup>2</sup> This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately.

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Agreement #14807 EMS) for the 2026-2031 King County EMS Levy

7. AM No. 26-086: Authorization to Execute Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Wildfire and Emergency Response Support
8. AM No. 26-087: Authorization to Execute Fire Mobilization Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Patrol (WSP)
9. AM No. 26-088: Approval of a Resolution for the Perrigo Park Turf Replacement Youth Athletic Facility Grant
  - a. Resolution No. 1628: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Authorizing the Mayor to Legally Bind the City With Respect to the Perrigo Park Turf Replacement Project for Which the City Seeks Grant Funding Assistance Managed Through the Recreation and Conservation Office
10. AM No. 26-089: Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting the Proposed Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendments for 6900 188th Ave NE and Referring Policy Questions to the SB 6026 Work Program
  - a. Resolution No. 1629: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Denying a Proposal to Amend the Redmond Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map that Was Included as Part of the 2025-26 Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Referring the Associated Policy Issues to the Planning Commission for Further Study as Part of a Future Work Program
11. AM No. 26-090: Approval of the 2025 Legislative Conformance, Business Improvement, and Fences Zoning Code Amendments
  - a. Ordinance No. 3261: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Amending Title 21 of the Redmond Municipal Code, known as the Redmond Zoning Code, Addressing 2025 State Legislation, Conducting Miscellaneous Clean-Up, Improving Business Use of Regulations, Clarifying Fence and Retaining Wall

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Regulations, Providing for Severability, and  
Establishing an Effective Date

Mayor Birney read the ordinance and resolution titles into the record.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

4. AM No. 26-083: Approval of Authorization for Acquisition of the Heidelberg Materials Property located at 18816 NE Union Hill Rd, Redmond, WA, for the Maintenance and Operations Center (MOC) - Campus Redevelopment Project from HM Pacific Northwest, Inc.

MOTION: Councilmember Stuart moved to approve AM No. 26-083. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

Aaron Bert, Public Works Director, spoke to this item and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

VOTE: The motion to approve AM No. 26-083 passed without objection (7-0).

**HEARINGS AND REPORTS**

Public Hearing

- a. AM No. 26-091: Public Hearing for an Interim Official Control Regulating Commercial Drone Land Uses

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

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

- Chris Kenny - representing Zipline, started delivering via drone years ago in other parts of the world, expanded into the United States, delivering goods directly to homes and businesses, reduces the amount of traffic on the streets, replacing car trips, supports Redmond's climate goals, safety;

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- Hector Solimon-Valdez - representing Zipline, sites that can be used based on the current Interim Official Control;
- Jake Robinson - representing Zipline, layered setback restrictions, requests a change to the setbacks, aligns with Redmond 2050;
- Linda Seltzer - drone process and use cases, trial run, decibel noise from drones, multiple drones in an area combine the amount of noise;
- David Morton - concerns with private ownership of drone ports, data collection without consent, privacy safeguards are needed;
- Aparna Varadharajan - requesting a moratorium on drone uses, privacy issues, intended uses, data sharing, data sharing, surveillance, noise, property damage, trees; and
- Harish Kulkarni - transparent public debate, data collection, sale of the data, privacy protections.

Mayor Birney closed the public hearing.

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided next steps and responded to Councilmember inquires.

MOTION: Councilmember Parsi moved to create a moratorium until we can hear from the Planning Commission and hold further Council deliberations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kritzer.

MOTION: Councilmember Stuart moved to amend Ordinance 3257, Section 3, in the Non-residential Use Table line for drone ports, change the "P" (permitted) to "N" (not permitted) for the MP (manufacturing park) and I (industry) zone. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Forsythe.

Following Councilmember discussion,

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

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection (7-0).

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Ombudsperson Reports:

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: ISA; noise ordinance; QFC opening; EID celebration; moving a historic carousel; bike rail on the staircase on East Lake Sammamish Trail; and Derby Days booth.

Councilmember Soni reported receiving resident contacts regarding: noise ordinance; interim official control; Pride Month event; renter controls; affordable housing; fireworks; ISA; parking lot; shade in the Downtown Park; elementary school groundbreaking; Seattle Metro Chamber of Commerce; civic youth event; and BAPS 5K.

Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: youth civic summit; tenant protections; drones; noise ordinance; and Flock cameras.

Councilmember Nuevacamina reported regarding: noise ordinance; ALPRs; drones; utility rates; letters installed in Downtown Park; destruction from moto ebikes; and lifecycles of salmon.

Councilmember Prakriya reported receiving resident contacts regarding: youth civic summit and communicating with youth.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Prakriya provided a committee report:

- Tenant Protections Subcommittee.

Councilmember Forsythe provided committee reports:

- Bike Everywhere Month; and
- Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works.

Councilmember Stuart provided committee reports:

- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee;
- Growth Management Planning Council; and
- OneRedmond Governmental Committee.

Councilmember Kritzer provided committee reports:

- OneRedmond Board;
- WRYA 8 Salmon Recovery Council; and
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

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Councilmember Soni provided a committee report:

- A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).

Mayor Birney spoke regarding Sound Transit Board; Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly; Cascade Water Alliance; and Redmond Week of Service.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. AM No. 26-092: Approval of Progressive Design-Build (PDB) Contract Amendment No. 1 with Lease Crutcher Lewis WA, LLC of Seattle, Washington, for the Maintenance and Operations Center (MOC) - Campus Redevelopment Project

MOTION: Councilmember Forsythe moved to approve AM No. 26-092. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parsi.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the regular meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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*Minutes Approved: June 16, 2026*