

 <p><b>Redmond</b> WASHINGTON</p>	<p><b>REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY</b></p> <p>June 23, 2026, 7 p.m.</p>
	<p>Current and past meeting agendas and materials: <a href="https://redmond.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://redmond.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a></p>

Council Vice President Angie Nuevacamina 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:

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

Councilmember Kritzer was excused from attendance at the meeting.

**1. Joint Redmond and Bellevue Electric Grid Capacity Study Findings and Next Steps**

*Department: Executive*

*Action: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability, June 23rd*

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Program Manager, Glenn Coil, Senior Planner, and consultants, reported to the Members of the Council regarding:

- Partnership with Bellevue;
- Significant growth over the next few decades;
- Transitioning from fossil fuels to electricity;
- Signs of increasing electricity demand;
- Opportunities and constraints;
- Process goals;
- Uses publicly available data;
- Technical assessment and PSE engagement;
- Substation level;
- Future demand forecast;
- PSE substation upgrades;
- Key findings;
- Recommendations; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: state legislative agenda; substation improvements; communication with PSE; data centers; budget and rates; City operations policy; Electrify Eastside; undergrounding; high density areas; equipment failure;

**2. RZC Amendments: Temporary Non-Commercial Signs**

*Department: Planning and Community Development*  
*Action: Consent, July 21st*

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, Jeff Churchill, Long Range Planning Manager, Lauren Alpert, Senior Planner, and Susan Weston, Chair of the Planning Commission, stated that this previously went to Committee of the Whole and a matrix is provided for Council discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding: Planning Commission discussion and recommendation; enforcement system; signage clutter; purpose for this change; coordinating with other jurisdictions; commercial signs; timeline for obtaining a permit; safety; education for the community; effective date; fiscal impact; and next steps.

### **3. Council Talk Time**

- Data centers;
- Water policy;
- Association of Washington Cities conference;
- Development Services Study;
- Data sharing agreement;
- Multifamily Tax Exemption program;
- Public Records Requests;
- Fifth Tuesday next week and there will be no meetings;
- Reaching out to the Lake Washington School District;
- Meet me at Marymoor; and
- Council store.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.