

November 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Council President Vanessa Kritzer at 6 p.m. The meeting was held in the Redmond City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Present: Councilmembers Anderson, Fields, Forsythe, Kritzer, Nuevacamina, Salahuddin, and Stuart

Absent: None

**PRELIMINARY 2025-2026 BIENNIAL BUDGET: COUNCIL BUDGET
DELIBERATIONS**

Councilmember Fields, Presiding Officer of the Finance, Administration, and Communications Committee of the Whole, chaired the budget portion of the meeting.

Kelley Cochran, Finance Director, spoke regarding:

- a budget meeting will be held on Thursday if necessary;
- updates to the preliminary budget;
- project changes;
- Darrell Lowe, Police Chief, spoke regarding the Sound Transit contract negotiations;
- Bike and traffic safety;
- Business license exemption threshold increase;
- World Cup communications staffing;
- Community based innovation fund;
- Affordable housing program;
- Additional one-time Human Services funding;
- Asphalt art installations;
- Staffing authorization for Development Services; and
- Budget review calendar.

Discussion ensued regarding: two contracted FTE's for Sound Transit services and retroactive reimbursements; amount of additional bicycle safety funding; Legislative Assistant position; proposed Communications positions; business license funding gap; advertising community events; funding for housing stabilization; unallocated General Fund surplus; supporting additional Human Services programs; cost of asphalt art installations and maintenance; informing the public; art design decisions; budget for the DEI Advisor; budget risk; grant position; public safety one time funding;

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independent investigation; ombuds office; cybersecurity investments; remaining matrix items; implementing fleet study recommendations; Maintenance and Operations Center construction; BIPOC organizations; social worker resources; and the Thursday, November 14, 2024, Special Meeting has been canceled.

COUNCIL TALK TIME

- No meeting will be held on Thursday, and the budget will be voted on Tuesday, November 19, 2024;
- Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan will be adopted on Tuesday, November 19, 2024;
- Committee of the Whole agenda setting;
- Right-of-Way Council Policy Proposal;
- No Council business meeting will be held on February 18, 2025, and a special meeting will be held with the state legislators;
- Lake Washington School District board will be available for a joint meeting in March or April; and
- A 30-minute recess will be taken during the November 19, 2024, Council business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the special meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Minutes Approved: November 19, 2024