REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2013
Meeting Summary

Council
Kim Allen (Chair)
Tom Flynn *(4:55pm)*
Hank Myers
John Stilin, *(Attending Councilmember)*
Hank Margeson *(Attending Councilmember)*
Pat Vache, *(Attending Councilmember)*

Staff
Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager, PW
Rob Odle, Director, Planning and Community Development, Planning
Steven Fischer, Principal Planner, Planning
Jerallyn Roetemeyer, Engineering Supervisor, PW
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, Planning
Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer, PW
Kelley Cochran, Management Analyst, PW
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, Planner
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, Planning
Lori Peckol, Planning Manager, Planning
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:31 p.m.

Committee Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting, noted Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Ecology Tosh Grant Award

Mr. Steve Hitch, Senior Engineer, provided a map of the Watershed Plan showing the prioritization of basins, with Tosh Creek being high priority. The culvert along West Lake Sammamish Parkway will be replaced in the summer of 2013. Mr. Hitch identified additional projects in the basin that would improve water quality and the fish habitat. Redmond was awarded a $250,000 grant from the state, with a 25% required match. This grant is going to be used to identify future projects that will also qualify for grants. The consultant agreement and grant will be brought to the Council in July 2013.

Coordinated Prevention Grant Award

Ms. Jerallyn Roetemeyer, Engineering Supervisor, reported that the Coordinated Prevention Grant will be presented to the Council for approval on July 2, 2013. The Department of Ecology grant is in the amount of $82,689, with a 25% match required. It funds a consultant who provides outreach and technical assistance to businesses for recycling. The grant also funds a portion of the recycling events, supplies in the Eco Kit, and battery pick up stations around town. It covers a two year period beginning in July 2013 through June 2015, and was budgeted for in the City's 2013 budget. Funding depends on Legislature passing the State budget.

Kirkland Kingsgate Annexation

Ms. Kelley Cochran, Management Analyst, stated that in 2011 Kirkland annexed a large part of unincorporated King County property, including an area where Redmond provides water service. In July or August 2013 an amendment to the Rose Hill Water Agreement will be placed on the consent agenda to transfer approximately 55 water customers to Kirkland. Boundary line adjustments in the annexation area will also be on the consent agenda.

160th Street Senior Housing

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for affordable senior housing was published in March 2013. Six good proposals were received. A review team evaluated four of the proposals. Providence Shelter Resources is the recommended proposal because it includes the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Center that provides senior medical services in the building. There will be 72 residential units, including 36 units for low income residents, in addition to the PACE Center. The proposal does not rely on state Housing Trust Fund dollars for construction. The recommendation is going to the Council for approval on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, along with a request to authorize the Mayor to develop a long term lease project for the property.

Tent City

Mr. Steven Fischer, Principal Planner, reported that Tent City requests to set up encampment in Redmond at the Redwood Family Church. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2013, at Holy Cross at 7pm. A decision has not been issued yet. July 13, 2013, is the desired set-up date.

General discussion ensued regarding assurances that background checks will be performed and Share/Wheel will coordinate with other community services available to residents.

Update on Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, and Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, provided an update on the review of a Zoning Code amendment related to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) exemption thresholds. The Council took action in May 2013 on a Comprehensive Plan amendment, and part of that proposal included the SEPA exemption thresholds. The Council directed City staff to follow up. Currently, minor projects are exempt from the SEPA process, but the state exemption levels have increased. The Planning Commission had a study session on May 22, 2013, and a public hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, June, 12, 2013. The recommended thresholds for the Zoning Code amendment are consistent with the State's maximum. The Council will be provided with an amendment update on July 2, 2013.

General discussion ensued regarding the regulations that Redmond uses in addition to SEPA, the need of a checklist for public use, and for staff to provide information on when the amendments were created.