REDMOND CITY COUNCIL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen, Chair Pat Vache (Arrived at 4:38 p.m.) David Carson John Stilin (Attending Council Member) Hank Margeson (Attending Council Member)

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director Rob Odle, Planning and Community **Development Director** Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor Kim Dietz, Senior Planner Tom Hardy, Senior Planner Mike Paul, Engineering Manager Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst Cathy Beam, Principal Planner Tim Cox, Parks Planning Manager Lei Wu, Senior Planning Engineer Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Resolution Opposing I-1125 Relating to Transportation

Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, distributed a resolution to the Members of the Committee opposing I-1125 relating to transportation. Ms. Rivkin explained that the initiative would require one flat toll rate, determines who sets tolls, and places restrictions on toll revenue. The matter is scheduled to come before the Council on October 4, 2011.

Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Mr. Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager, noted that a staff report will be presented to the Council at their evening meeting regarding public outreach on the projects contained in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). October 11, 2011, is scheduled for study session to go over the development process and prioritization criteria of the TMP.

On-Call Consultant Agreement Re: Transportation Modeling

Ms. Lei Wu, Senior Planning Engineer, stated that the agreement regarding transportation modeling will be on the consent agenda at this evening's meeting. The City has relied on consultant services for assistance over the past 10 years because these models tend to be very

complicated, require specialized skills, and the software is not user friendly. In the last two or three years, more than one consultant has been used for their on-call services. This has proven to be very effective and competitive. The recommendation is to keep the on-call consultant agreement that utilizes more than one consultant.

Update on SE Redmond Pond D Project

Mr. Tim Cox, Parks Planning Manager, stated that earlier this year the City of Redmond won three storm water and water quality grants from the Department of Ecology. On October 18, 2011, the Council will be asked to approve acceptance of the grant for the Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Pond D in the amount of \$937,000. The grant will fund 75% of the planning, design, and construction costs of this project. Last year Pond A was constructed as a collaboration between King County and the City of Redmond.

Restoration/Mitigation Site Monitoring

Mr. Tom Hardy, Senior Planner, reported that the on-call monitoring contract will be on this evening's council agenda. The contract is for monitoring, restoration, and mitigation projects primarily focused on vegetation and in-stream conditions. Using an on-call contract provides consistency in data collection, reporting results, and efficiency in contracting. Herrera Environmental Consultants responded to the Request for Proposal (RFP) and won the three-year contract in the amount of \$105,000 per year. Two project sites that will require monitoring are: 124th Ave NE (east of Redmond-Woodinville Road) and the Valley Estates Project. Two more projects are expected to be added in 2012.

The second contract is for the Washington Conservation Core, and will be on the October 4, 2011, Council agenda. It provides maintenance services, planting, help with volunteer events, and minor in-stream work. The five-person crew maintains 45 acres of restoration and mitigation sites throughout the City. The contract is in the amount of \$68,800.

Brightwater Reclaimed Water Flushing Facility Operation

Mr. Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director, stated that in October 2011 the Council is going to be asked to approve an interagency agreement between King County and the City of Redmond, with respect to the Brightwater Flushing Facility. The agreement will authorize King County to discharge reclaimed water for maintenance purposes through an existing structure into the City of Redmond sewer system. The location is behind the Overlake Christian Church.

Solid Waste Proposed Fee Changes for 2012

Ms. Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst, stated that the fees need to be increased in order to maintain the same level of service and to achieve the goal of having a new contract in place in 2015. In October 2011, a recommendation from staff will be brought to the Council study session to have a 1.7 % increase for the average customer, which is 20 cents per month. The goal is to increase the revenue for the solid waste fund in 2012 in order to have a Request for Proposal (RFP) in 2013, and negotiate and have the contract in place by 2015.

Decant Facility Proposed Upgrades and Budget Allocation

Mr. Mike Paul, Engineering Construction Manager, stated that they would like to seek a grant opportunity to expand the Decant Facility at the Maintenance and Operations Center (MOC). The existing facility is currently undersized, and not capable of meeting the current demand. To apply for the grant, a conceptual design and cost estimate is needed. The design effort is expected to cost \$35,000-\$40,000 in staff time and consultant fees. The grant application is due in mid-November 2011, so the conceptual design will need to be completed by mid-October 2011 to have enough time to get the environmental permits. Mr. Paul is asking for approval to spend up to \$40,000 on the conceptual design to support the grant. The grant requires a 25% match.

General discussion ensued regarding where the funds are coming from if not budgeted for this year. Can funds be moved from one year to another in the same biennium?

Planning Department Comprehensive Plan Amendments Preview

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, and Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, stated that the Planning Commission will be discussing the various aspects of chicken husbandry by residents including: shelter and runs, setbacks, proper storage of food, handling of the animal waste, and the ability to slaughter the chickens. Another amendment will be an update to the introduction of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect current conditions and incorporate sustainability principles. A Vision 2040 statement was written and will be used as a preface to the introduction of the Comprehensive Plan.

Interlocal Agreement with Duvall

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director, stated that the City of Duvall requested that some plan review services be provided by the City of Redmond. An interlocal agreement will be brought to the Council on October 4, 2011, for contract services with Duvall.

Carbon Footprinting

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, stated there will be a study session on September 27, 2011, on carbon footprinting. Staff decided on both short-term and long-term strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy use, and air pollution; and increase dollars saved. Ms. Beam has taken a comprehensive look at various reduction strategies, benefits, and examples of where these strategies have been successfully implemented locally and nationally. The biggest savings is in energy improvements and using the fleet vehicles more efficiently.

General discussion ensued regarding the lighting at City Hall, and how the City of Redmond can effectively model good energy reduction behavior.

Sign Ordinance

Committee Chair Kim Allen requested to discuss the ordinance for A-frame signs. She has heard citizens state that the sign ordinance should be either more restrictive or less restrictive.

Committee Chair Allen would like to know if the will of the committee is to move forward on this issue either way.

General discussion ensued regarding the signs may be a safety hazard. The current ordinance requires that signs can't impede pedestrians, but it is a challenge to enforce. The committee supports having a study session to discuss this issue.

Committee Holiday Schedule

Ms. Michelle McGehee, City Clerk, asked about the committee's holiday schedule, specifically regarding the November 22, 2011, and December 20, 2011, meeting, allowing staff to plan their schedules. The committee agreed on canceling the December meeting, and will decide later on rescheduling the November meeting.