

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen (Chair)
Tom Flynn (*not in attendance*)
Hank Myers
Hank Margeson (*Attending Councilmember*)
Pat Vache, (*Attending Councilmember*)
Byron Shutz (*Councilmember Elect*)

Staff

Lori Peckol, Planning Manager
Rob Odle, Planning Director
Scott Thomasson, Engineering Manager
Jeff Thompson, Senior Engineer
Mike Roy, Maintenance and Operations
Supervisor
Ron Grant, Assistant Director of Public Works
Lisa Singer, Senior Engineer
Andy Rheaume, Senior Planner
Debby Wilson, Real Property Manager
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:08 p.m.

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

Growing Transit Communities Compact

Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Manager, provided an update on the Growing Transit Communities Compact. A staff report will be provided on November 19, 2013, with Council action on December 3, 2013. The City of Redmond is invited to continue to participate with the signing of a compact. The three regional goals of the agreement are: to attract growth to the transit communities, provide affordable housing options, and to increase access to opportunities. The compact is non-binding and has no particular strategies. It is a commitment to continue to work together.

General discussion ensued regarding if there is a back-up document that gives more information; if infrastructure is part of the compact; and if there has been outreach to Bellevue.

Ordinance: Repealing Utility Business and Occupation Tax on City of Redmond's Public Water Utility

Mr. Scott Thomasson, Engineering Manager, stated that in response to a lawsuit in Seattle, the courts ruled that the cost of the water that goes into providing fire protection needs to be provided by the general government. Redmond's solution was to send a bill to the general government, and a utility tax on water was created. In response to a lawsuit in Tacoma, the

courts ruled again, making the law less clear. During this legislative session the water industry went to the Legislature and a new law was adopted to clear up the intention. The Legislature gave the ability to go back to the original way of collecting the money. This new ordinance will undo the Utility Tax.

Cascade Water Alliance Use Efficiency Goals

Mr. Jeff Thompson, Senior Engineer, stated that a staff report on the Cascade Water Alliance will be provided on November 19, 2013. Six years ago, the City of Redmond had to create conservation goals for water, based on regional goals that Cascade Water Alliance set. Goals were adopted based on input from a public meeting, and were good for six years. New goals need to be set for the next six years. Cascade used a survey to set the new goals themselves, instead of requiring each member to make their own goals. Cascade is still evaluating whether or not they will have a public meeting.

General discussion ensued regarding if the goals for the previous six years were reached.

Disposition of City-Owned Property

Ms. Debby Wilson, Real Property Manager, stated that an action item is coming to the Council on November 19, 2013. A Redmond property owner requested to acquire a condemned remnant property that the City owns. No other City use for the property has been found. The purchase price will be the assessed value.

General discussion ensued regarding the price the City originally paid for the purchase of the remnant property and if there should be a premium over the assessed value included.

Watershed Plan Update

Mr. Andy Rheume, Senior Planner, provided an update on the Watershed Plan. Staff has worked with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Department of Ecology, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to address concerns about the Watershed Plan. The plan is currently being reviewed as staff is preparing the document for the December 3, 2013, Council Meeting.

Update on Cleveland Streetscape Award of Bid

Ms. Lisa Singer, Senior Engineer, provided an update on the Cleveland Streetscape. On December 3, 2013, the bid will be awarded for the project. Construction will start in January 2014, and be completed near the end of 2014. It includes Cleveland Street from 161st Avenue NE to 164th Avenue NE, landscaped areas, signature lighting, pedestrian crossings, and planning for the future couplet conversion. The engineers estimate was under the low bid, because the economy is improving. The agenda memo will show the full project costs.

Fleet Anywhere Software Implementation

Mr. Mike Roy, Fleet Supervisor, stated that in 2011 the City purchased Fleet Anywhere software that included implementation services. The project was put on hold due to not having a project manager and high staff turnover at the time. Now the timing is right to start the project. A project team has been put together and a launch date to start the implementation is set for January 2014. It will take six months for full implementation. The system tracks all the costs to operate the fleet. The output is then used to determine rates.

Mr. Roy also stated that the City owns and operates the fuel island at the Maintenance and Operations Center (MOC), which has its own software program. The current system will no longer be supported. It will be upgraded to a product that works with the Fleet Anywhere software. The estimate for the software, hardware, support services, and implementation package is approximately \$42,000.

General discussion ensued regarding why the project was originally delayed.