

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION**

September 28, 2010

Mayor

John Marchione (*not in attendance*)

Members of the Council

Richard Cole, Council President

Pat Vache, Council Vice-president

Kim Allen

David Carson

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

John Stilin (*not in attendance*)

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director

Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director

Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager

Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering
Manager

Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner

Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management
Analyst

Thara Johnson, Associate Planner

Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:32 p.m.

Council President Richard Cole opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda

Joint Council/Human Services Study Session

Members of the Council and Human Services Commission met to discuss the process they used to review applications for human service funding in the 2011-12 City budget, the criteria and scoring methods used, and final funding recommendations.

Members of the Council queried with regard to the process and the recommendations, generally, and advised the Human Services Commission that they would like the Members to as well focus their future efforts on public relations/outreach. Members of both bodies are to meet in a joint study session during the first quarter of 2011 to discuss the funding process further, and to hear the Human Services Commission's approach to public outreach.

Members of the Council thanked the Members of the Human Services Commission for their dedication and effort in reviewing and recommending with regard to human service grant funding in 2011-12.

Water/Wastewater Rate Study

Councilmember Margeson introduced the discussion.

Ms. Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst, and Mr. Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering Manager, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council, in conjunction with Ed Cebron, consultant from the FCS Group. The presentation addressed:

- projected utility expenditure increases;
- additional pressure from reduction of revenues;
- 2011/12 revenue requirements;
- water cost-of-service findings: City Service Area;
- proposed water rates: City Service Area;
- key factors driving irrigation rate increases;
- proposed wastewater rates: City Service Area;
- sample residential bill impacts: City Service Area;
- cost-of-service findings: Novelty Hill Service Area;
- proposed water rates: Novelty Hill Service Area;
- proposed wastewater rates: Novelty Hill Service Area;
- sample residential bill impacts: Novelty Hill Service Area;
- regional monthly bill comparison; and
- requested Council actions;
 - approve City water revenue increases and proposed rates;
 - revenue increases: 5.0% in 2011; 5.0% in 2012; and
 - extend 'summer' for commercial and multi-family rates to include October;
 - approve City wastewater revenue increases and proposed rates;
 - revenue increases: 2.0% in 2011; 2.0% in 2012; and
 - reduce volume in the fixed charge to 650 cubic feet;
 - approve Novelty Hill water revenue increases and proposed rates;
 - revenue increases: 7.0% in 2011; 7.0% in 2012; and
 - extend 'summer' for commercial and multi-family rates to include October;
 - approve Novelty Hill wastewater revenue increase and proposed rates;
 - revenue increases: 28.0% in 2011; no increase in 2012; and
 - reduce volume in the fixed charge to 650 cubic feet.

Discussion ensued and the following items were noted for follow up:

- Councilmember Myers stated that when staff addresses stormwater, he would like the analysis to include 'water in, water out, water from the sky'; and
- Councilmember Carson stated that he thought the Council previously asked for a phasing in scenario with regard to the rate increases, but one has not been provided; the consultant noted that he would provide that scenario.

Redmond Code Rewrite: Land Division, Telecommunications, Performance Assurance

Ms. Thara Johnson, Associate Planner, met with Members of the Council in order to present the Land Division, Telecommunications, and Performance Assurance, element of the code rewrite. An issues matrix of outstanding Council questions was addressed at that time, resulting in the following actions:

- Issue No. 1 – Closed;
- Issue No. 2 – Closed;
- Issue No. 3 – Members of the Council would like staff to provide a definition of ‘parent lot’ via email to the Council for their consideration, and if they are satisfied – that the issue will be considered closed;
- Issue No. 4 – Councilmember Carson would like staff to confer with the City Attorney and the FCC regarding the City’s ability to place restrictions on the height of amateur radio towers; Councilmember Myers stated that he would like the same research performed with regard to T.V. antennas; and
- Issue No. 5 – Closed.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Cole advised that staff has asked for two members of the Council to provide input with regard to the website development. Councilmembers Stilin and Margeson were selected, with Councilmember Myers noting his interest if needed.

Members of the Council discussed the Council’s retreat goal of created a Council training manual. Councilmember Allen stated that she would work with Councilmember Carson in this regard.

Members of the Council discussed the restoration of the former Art Hill parking lot with regard to the status of action. Councilmember Allen requested to be provided with the amount of money the City currently has in its budget to restore the area to park land, and an estimate of how much it would cost to return the area to park land. Mr. Odle stated that he would also check regarding the availability of funding for parking at the library.

Councilmember Vache stated that he would like the Council to convene in a future study session with the focus of performing a Council self-evaluation (topic to be brought up at the next agenda setting meeting by Councilmember Vache).

Councilmember Carson inquired if members of the Council were interested in participating in a chili cook-off against the Redmond Police and Fire Departments during the Redmond Lights event. All donations from the cook-off will be given to a charity of Council’s choosing.