

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 7, 2010
Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen, Chair
Pat Vache
David Carson
Richard Cole (*Attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*Attending Council Member*)
Hank Margeson (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director
Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director
Mike Paul, Engineering Construction Manager
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner
Deborah Farris, Code Enforcement Officer
Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner
Joel Pfundt, Transportation Principal Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:27 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Wagner Public Benefit Rating System

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director informed the Members of the Committee regarding the Wagner Public Benefit Rating System request and application coming forward to the Council at their October 19, 2010, regular meeting for public hearing. Mr. Odle discussed with the Members the declaration of 'open space' and tax incentives sought by the petitioner; and staff's recommendation to deny the request based upon the lack of public value provided to the City.

Award and Acceptance of Small Works Roster Projects

Mr. Mike Paul, Engineering Construction Manager, provided an update to the Members of the Committee with regard to staff's desire to contract under a small works roster, and to increase the Mayor's authority to award projects up to \$300,000. Mr. Paul provided information related to the average number of contracts the City sees under \$300,000; the amount of staff time that is needed to put a project forward for Council approval; the need to efficiently address projects; and reporting plans for contracts under \$300,000.

After discussion, Members of the Committee determined that they would not be interested in increasing the Mayor's authority to award projects under \$300,000, and rather, would be interested in adjusting the authority limit to account for inflation over the years, to a ceiling of \$100,000.

Mr. Bill Campbell, Public Works Director, noted that he will send a memo to the members via email addressing the inflationary adjustment sought.

Zoning Code Rewrite

Ms. Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding the status of the Code Rewrite Commission's task of rewriting the City's zoning code. Ms. Aparicio discussed conducting a 'test drive' of the rewritten code after the code has been rewritten for approximately 1 to 1 ½ years. Staff intends to keep track of issues raised during this time and to implement and collect data with regard to a user survey. Staff stated that they would be prepared to report their findings back to the Council within a year after enacting the ordinance; such ordinance to include a provision regarding conducting the test drive. Quarterly reports will also be provided to the Planning and Public Works Committee and half-yearly reports provided to the full Council.

Members of the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation.

Ms. Aparicio concluded with an update to the members regarding the Development Standards and Design Standards packages.

2010 Amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies

Mr. Odle overviewed the two amendments being presented in the Countywide Planning Policies package of amendments. He noted that he is comfortable recommending approval of the amendments by the City Council. Councilmember Allen concurred that the City of Redmond is well served by the proposed amendments.

Neglected Residential Properties Follow-Up

Ms. Deborah Farris, Code Enforcement Officer, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding staff's needs/desires for addressing neglected properties in the City. Ms. Farris relayed that staff would like to receive training with regard to hoarders; would like the ability in the code to trim weeds over three-feet tall with regard to abandoned properties; would like more authority to address temporary storage containers with regard to location, length of time on the property, and size of the container; and staff would be interested in working with the attorneys and Council with regard to allowing the authority to lien properties required to be cleaned up by the City.

AM No. 10-198: Acceptance of Grant Award from Public Health – Seattle and King County in an amount of \$71,750 for Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Planning and Policy Changes to Increase Access to Healthy Foods

Mr. Joel Pfundt, Transportation Principal Planner, provided a report the Members of the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding:

- the objectives of the grant;
- needed staff effort to execute the grant requirements;

- Public Health's ability to review the City's process;
- the grant providing the City access to consulting expertise;
- the PARCC Plan's support of the health policy;
- providing the opportunity for choices, not mandates;
- creating a regional change for how people view health;
- addressing budget shortfalls through the grant award; and
- the grant timeline.

Members of the Committee voiced concerns with regard to the agency's ability to prescribe policy to the City. Members of the Committee concurred that they would re-read the grant document, and that staff should plan on moving the item forward to the October 19, 2010, regular Council meeting under Unfinished Business, for further consideration.