

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 1, 2010
Meeting Summary

Council

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

Mayor

John Marchione

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning Director
Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering Manager
Dennis Lisk, Associate Planner
Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager
Lei Wu, Transportation Senior Engineer
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Jeanne Justice, Engineering Supervisor
Tricia Thomson, Transportation Senior Engineer
Joel Pfundt, Transportation Principal Planner
Terry Marpert, Principal Planner
Stephen Hitch, Senior Engineer
Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner
Sandy Yeager, Public Works Management Analyst
Steven Fischer, Principal Planner
Roger Dane, Senior Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:59 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Zoning Code Update

Ms. Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner, provided an update regarding the activity of the Code Rewrite Commission (CRC), including a spreadsheet that provides an extended schedule of review topics for the Commission, as well as a list of key discussion points the Commission raised for topics currently under review. Ms. Aparicio reviewed the anticipated Council review schedule for the Commercial, Industrial, and Design District package, and the Administration and Procedures package. Mr. Steven Fischer, Principal Planner provided a brief overview of discussion points raised by the CRC with respect to the Environmental Regulations. Mr. Dennis Lisk provided a brief overview of discussion points raised by the CRC with respect to the Residential regulations.

Ms. Aparicio and Members of the Committee discussed the question of how to bring policy questions from the CRC forward to the Council, as they have previously been bringing items to the Planning and Public Works Committee as an interim review checkpoint. Members of the Committee agreed that, rather than waiting for feedback from the Council, the CRC should consider any such changes during the course of their review and flag any policy issues within the transmittal report to Council.

Water/Sewer Stub Fees (Bear Creek Parkway)

Mr. Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering Manager, provided a report to the Members of the Committee. He explained that the matter will be coming forward for Council consideration at the April 6, 2010, regular meeting, and that the action is a cost recovery for water main construction in Bear Creek Parkway and associated water and sewer stubs. The fees will apply to two city-owned parcels and one private parcel.

Travel Diary Survey

Mr. Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager, advised that a letter is going out on April 19, 2010, to participants of a survey – to households and to employers/employees in Redmond, regarding the travel diary. A report on the findings of the survey will come back to Council in July 2010. Mr. Cairns explained that this is a 1-day/24-hour diary that catalogs the travel habits of participants. Ms. Lei Wu, Transportation Senior Engineer, informed that the survey is completely random and that demographics will be reviewed thereafter.

Evans Creek Realignment

Mr. Roger Dane, Senior Planner, spoke regarding the current flow of Evans Creek near certain industrial properties, the concept of relocating the creek to the north and east, and a feasibility study which indicates that realignment will work. Staff requested that future allocated funds be moved up and allocated in 2010 in order to be able to begin the project, as it is their desire to have a consultant team under contract by the end of the year. Mr. Bill Campbell, Public Works Director, advised that the project has been on the Capital Improvement Program list for a number of years now. It is believed that the proposed realignment is actually a previous alignment of the creek.

Members of the Committee discussed whether the study will look at the financial impacts of the realignment and implications to wellhead protection and stormwater. Mr. Dane responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Campbell advised that the next steps are to create a project number and start allocating funds for the study.

Redmond Town Center Pump Station Odor Control

Mr. Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering Manager, advised that an agenda memo will be coming forward for Council consideration on April 6, 2010, regarding this item.

Members of the Council discussed the need/reason for mitigation at Redmond Town Center, noting odors generated from fats used at restaurants in that area.

Traffic Calming and Transportation Safety Improvement Program

Mr. Cairns and Ms. Tricia Thomson, Transportation Senior Engineer, provided a report to the Members of the Committee, stating that a more detailed presentation will be given at Council's upcoming study session on April 14, 2010. Mr. Cairns noted that Mr. Jeff Palmer would be providing the report to the Council regarding traffic calming projects.

Councilmember Vache stated that he would like to hear outcomes of the projects – did the City accomplish what they had set out to? Mr. Cairns responded that the City does have that data and would include it in the presentation. Standards will also be discussed at the request of Councilmember Myers.

Mr. Cairns continued that the update on the Transportation Safety Improvement Program will include a review of the three projects proposed in 2008, budget allocations, and a possible grant application for work on 164th Avenue NE; the grant application is due June 2011. Mr. Cairns advised that an application would be submitted for the grant and that staff would come back to Council on the item at a future date.

UPS Development Agreement

Mr. Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning Director, reported that the proposed development agreement would provide the owner with more of a guarantee that the owner will maintain rights to develop their land. An agenda memo will come forward to the Council at their April 6, 2010, regular meeting to set a public hearing on this matter in May. Negotiations with the property owner continue.

Redmond East Link Alignment Preference in Overlake

Mr. Terry Marpert, Principal Planner, reported that staff has been meeting with Sound Transit representatives to look at possible alignments in the Overlake area. He noted that the selected alignment was previously discussed at the charrettes held to gather information on rail to the Eastside and distributed a map of what is now being referred to as the "Preferred SR520 Alignment." A map of the alignment was requested to be distributed for the April 6, 2010, Council meeting.

Members of the Committee discussed the desired pedestrian bridge in connection with the rail alignment, capacity of the park and ride in the area, and the passage of a resolution that will come forward for Council consideration on April 6, 2010, regarding Council's support for the alignment.

BROTS Update

Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager, provided the history of the BROTS agreement between the cities of Redmond and Bellevue. She advised that at the end of 2009, staff from both cities concurred that the agreement should be rescinded, as both cities have moved beyond the agreement. In February 2010, the matter was removed from the City of Bellevue's Council agenda and never discussed. No options are moving forward with the agreement and Bellevue at this time and the commercial cap imposed by the agreement will expire at the end of 2012. Ms. Peckol advised that Bellevue staff will brief their Council on the status of the agreement at an upcoming May retreat.