

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 6, 2010
Meeting Summary

Council

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

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director
Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning Director
Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering
Manager
Dennis Lisk, Associate Planner
Jayme Jonas, Senior Planner
Lei Wu, Transportation Senior Engineer
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner
Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director
Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst
Jon Spangler, Public Works Engineering Manager
Bob Franklin, Public Works Engineering Supervisor
Traci Disher, Depart. Systems Support Coordinator
Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner
Kelsey Larson, Assistant Planner
Steven Fischer, Principal Planner
Erika Vandenbrande, TDM Program Manager
Andy Rheaume, Public Works Senior Planner
Jerallyn Roetemeyer, Public Works Engineering
Supervisor
Mike Paul, Public Works Engineering Manager
Linda Hermanson, Information Services Manager
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Zoning Code Update

Ms. Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner, provided a monthly update regarding the activity of the Code Rewrite Commission (CRC), including: a synopsis of a public open house held to discuss proposed changes in Downtown and Overlake; a report given by Ms. Cathy Beam to the CRC regarding sustainability; and the joint meeting with the City Council and the CRC, scheduled for June 22, 2010.

Mr. Dennis Lisk provided an update regarding Residential and Urban design regulations and Mr. Steven Fischer, Principal Planner, spoke regarding bonding in response to Councilmember Carson's inquiry about industry difficulties in obtaining performance bonding. Mr. Fischer noted that staff will be discussing other ways assurances can be made other than bonding, such as restoration bonding.

EnerGov Permit Tracking Software

Mr. Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning and Land Use Director, stated that the City has outgrown its current system and new software has been selected.

Ms. Linda Hermanson, Information Services Manager, noted that the project is in the Information Services adopted Strategic Plan for replacement. The City of Redmond joined six other cities to investigate and negotiate a new permitting system on a regional basis. The City of Redmond observed benefits to the partnering. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and 14 vendors responded. The process resulted in five cities choosing the EnerGov system. Ms. Hermanson discussed strengths of the application, functionality, how it will retire several other applications currently in use at the City, and costs.

Redmond Landmarks Nomination of the Justice White House

Ms. Jayme Jonas, Senior Planner, spoke regarding the confirmation of City designation of landmarks and advised that four public meetings are planned; two already held, for all property included as City landmarks. Two properties expressed concern regarding their designation. The City is planning on continuing with the nomination and designation process. There are no new designations; and the current provision in Code does not require property owner consent for the designations. Ms. Jonas noted increased incentives to the properties. She concluded that there is a church at issue in which case the City of Redmond's designation is "advisory" under the law.

Downtown Parking

Ms. Erika Vandenbrande, TDM Program Manager, reported that:

- the program is working as planned; cars are no longer parking all day in parking spaces in the downtown area;
- 65 people are purchasing monthly passes;
- 92 citations have been issued in the first quarter;
- positive comments have been received from customers and merchants;
- there is a question regarding a way to register for overnight parking;
- additional parking is sought, with the possibility of two sites – the former Art Hill parking area and the Bear Creek shop site;
- parking cannot be enforced by specific day only, and should be applied consistently throughout the week;
- additional possibilities of parking in the Downtown area; and
- a cost estimate is needed for parking at the Bear Creek shop site.

Revisions to RMC 15.24, Clearing, Grading, and Stormwater Management

Mr. Andy Rheaume, Public Works Senior Planner, reported that modifications are due to permits received from the State for development and redevelopment and the stormwater associated with both. The City Code, therefore, is in need of modifications to meet the permit requirements.

Members of the Committee asked that this matter be forwarded to a Council Study Session for further discussion.

Solid Waste and Recycling Contract

Ms. Jeralyn Roetemeyer, Public Works Engineering Supervisor, noted that the City's current contract for solid waste and recycling will expire in 2011. She provided options for renewing a contract for these services including: (1) extending the current contract two years; (2) extending the current contract with modifications; and (3) distributing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek responses from other haulers. Ms. Roetemeyer noted a contract amendment would be coming forward to Council in June.

Councilmember Cole inquired about retrieving trash and recyclables pick-up every two weeks. Mr. Bill Campbell, Public Works Director, stated that staff can look into that at the contract renegotiation stage.

Councilmember Allen stated that she would like to see multi-family residential organics recycling set-up.

Ms. Roetemeyer responded that the process can take place now, so long as the complex owner is amenable.

Councilmember Allen stated that she would like to see curbside recycling as well for multi-family residences.

Members of the Committee agreed that they would like to see the current contract extended and renegotiated.

NE 76th Street Public Outreach

Ms. Lei Wu, Transportation Senior Engineer, reported that an open house on the matter will be held in June. Her report addressed:

- location of the corridor design;
- corridor is designed for truck traffic;
- corridor is divided into four segments; and
- other improvements planned for the corridor.

Septic to Sewer Conversion

Mr. Jon Spangler, Public Works Engineering Manager, and Mr. Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering Manager, provided a report to the members of the Committee. The report addressed:

- zoning maps;
- the project being a potential budget offer;
- the goal is to develop a septic to sewer conversion program; and
- the City of Kirkland's conversion project.

A staff report will come forward to the Council for their information at a future meeting.