

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 6, 2011
Meeting Summary

Council

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

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner
Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner
Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner
Deb Farris, Code Enforcement Officer
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Sewer Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kirkland

Staff reports this matter will come forward for Council consideration at the January 18, 2011, regular Council meeting. As part of the agreement, the Coptic Church will be Redmond's customer; however, the City of Kirkland's connection fees will be charged. This matter will appear on the Consent Agenda on January 18, 2011.

Zoning Code Rewrite

Ms. Lynda Aparicio and Mr. Jeff Churchill, Senior Planners, provided a report to the Members of the Committee and overviewed the current zoning code test drive analysis process, 'parking lot' (follow-up) items, and the upcoming schedule of zoning code rewrite issues. Ms. Aparicio noted changes discussed and proposed after the Code Rewrite Commission completed its work, which will require a public hearing before the Council, scheduled for February 15, 2011.

Members of the Committee discussed:

- parking lot requirements for mini-storage facilities; and
- items moving location from the Redmond Community Development Guide to the main body of the Redmond Municipal Code.

Impact Fee Exemption for Affordable Housing

Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager, provided a report to the Members of the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding:

- exemptions for impact fees with regards to affordable housing;
- the current code being unclear with regards to the exemption table; and
- staff's proposal to keep the title of the section, but to strike the language for now.

Councilmember Cole noted that the impact fees must still be paid.

Planning Department Upcoming Amendments Preview

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, and Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Council regarding upcoming Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Councilmember Allen noted that the definition of urban growth centers may be changed in the future, and noted that the City would have to address such changes in the future, if necessary.

Ms. Stiteler spoke regarding publicity efforts from the City to inform the public of proposed amendments.

Redmond's Neighborhood Program 2011-12

Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Council regarding current outreach efforts to inform of potential Neighborhood Commercial zoning code changes. Ms. Dietz noted that Neighborhood Commercial zoning is currently allowed in neighborhoods, if the neighborhood plans allow for it.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the presentation of a staff report on this item – January 18, 2011;
- a citizen's academy to be involved in the process; and
- the schedule for this topic in 2011.

Impact Redmond Website Content

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding the City's sustainability website. Ms. Beam noted that the project is part of a funding budget offer from the 2009-10 biennium; key elements of the site – including engaging and educational aspects; the history of the project; and integration between this site and other sites. Ms. Beam noted the matter is scheduled for Council consideration on January 18, 2011.

Code Enforcement – Municipal Code Miscellaneous Amendments

Ms. Deb Farris, Code Enforcement Officer, provided a report to the Members of the Committee. She spoke regarding needed code changes to address property maintenance, storage containers, and out of control weeds and grass.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- due process and the City's need to establish an appeal process; and
- the proposed definition of 'weeds'.

Meeting Day Time Change

Members of the Committee concurred they will now meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room.