

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
Meeting Summary

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**Council**

Kim Allen, Chair  
Pat Vache  
David Carson  
Richard Cole (*Attending Council Member*)  
John Stilin (*Attending Council Member*)  
Hank Margeson (*Attending Council Member*)  
Hank Myers (*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  
Tim Cox, Natural Resources Senior Planner  
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner  
Joel Pfundt, Transportation Principal Planner  
Gary Lee, Senior Planner  
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner  
Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst  
Tricia Thomson, Senior Transportation Engineer  
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

**Zoning Code Rewrite Status Update**

Mr. Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding:

- the upcoming February 15, 2011, public hearing on the Redmond Zoning Code rewrite, and a separate topic item on impact fees;
- adoption of the Zoning Code Rewrite - currently planned for April 5, 2011; and
- R4 and R5 use charts are recommended for adoption into the zoning code regarding light rail – a public hearing would be required the night of adoption in this regard.

**FEMA Regulations Update**

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, reported staff met with FEMA officials at the end of January to discuss the City's approach with regards to compliance of new FEMA regulations related to their biological opinion. Ms. Beam reported that a very positive meeting was held, resulting in the City's need to not model after FEMA's model ordinance.

## **Planning Department Upcoming Amendments Preview**

Mr. Gary Lee, Senior Planner, and Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding upcoming Comprehensive Plan amendments. The report addressed:

- goals, vision, and framework discussions to be held;
- work currently happening at the Planning Commission with regard to these amendments;
- staff has mapped out a framework for review of planned amendments and associated timelines;
- the first package of amendments will go to Council at their April 5, 2011, regular meeting; and
- with regards to the Redmond Village Square proposal – this is a privately initiated map and zoning code change; adoption is scheduled for April 12, 2011.

## **Neighborhood Commercial Introduction**

Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee regarding Neighborhood Commercial zoning in the City of Redmond. She relayed that a staff report would be provided at tonight's Council meeting in this same regard with the goal of bringing regulations up to date with policies. A study session is further scheduled on the matter for February 22, 2011. Councilmember Cole will be the Council liaison tasked with working with staff on this item.

## **Update on Downtown Post Office**

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Public Works Director, distributed a site map and discussed parking issues associated with the move of the Redmond Post Office. He noted that 45 parking stalls have been requested by the Post Office. The location will be a retail site only, and trucks will operate out of a different location. Traffic information has been requested from them with regards to 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, in particular to gauge circulation. The Post Office plans relocation by September/October 2011. Members of the Committee discussed the Derby Days Parade route, and impacts to the route as a result of the relocation. Mr. Odle noted that the 2011 parade would not be affected.

## **Chickens in Single-Family Neighborhoods**

Members of the Committee discussed whether or not to expand the City's current ordinance with regards to the keeping of chickens in single-family residential neighborhoods. Discussion ensued regarding:

- if a change were to occur – how it would be effected;
- effecting changes through the Comprehensive Plan amendment process through the scope of sustainability; and
- the sustainability approach would take a broader look at animal keeping within the City, not just specifically chickens.

Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager, stated that the matter would be brought to the Planning Commission for review later in the summer in order to facilitate a full public process.

### **Stormwater Department of Ecology Grant (Bear Creek Water Quality Facility)**

Mr. Tim Cox, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Committee, noting the grant is for a water quality facility and is in the amount of \$631,000. He noted that the item would come before Council for their consideration in March 2011.

Councilmember Carson asked staff to look into the business park on the other side of the area in order to ascertain if it is being treated, or if it can be treated through this facility. Mr. Bill Campbell, Public Works Director, stated that he would look into it.

### **152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE Corridor Study**

Ms. Tricia Thomson, Senior Transportation Engineer, noted that a study session would be held on this topic on March 8, 2011. The Planning Commission is currently looking at street requirements. Ms. Thomson referenced page 38, street types, and stated that staff anticipates using the design guidelines with private developers to ensure consistency and uniformity with the standards.

### **Sammamish Plateau Water System Wheeling Charge Update**

Ms. Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst, provided a report to the Committee regarding the City's biennial rate review for Sammamish Plateau water services. A resolution will be coming forward to the Council on March 1, 2011, to approve the rate increase, which is a result of direct cost increases to the City.

### **Avondale Way Channelization**

Mr. Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner, provided a report to the Committee, noting that the project is an opportunity to implement recommendations from the South East Redmond Transportation Plan. The report addressed:

- the current channelization of Avondale Way;
- future channelization of Avondale Way – one lane in each direction, plus bike lanes; one lane southbound, two lanes northbound, two-way left turn lane, plus bike lanes;
- a proposed Avondale Way cross-section;
- connectivity to the rest of the regional area;
- safety – pedestrian and bicycle collision data from 2005-2010:
  - pedestrian and bicycle collisions citywide: 102;
  - total pedestrian and bicycle collisions in project area: 10 (nearly 10 percent of citywide total); and
  - reduces potential bicycle and pedestrian conflicts on narrow sidewalks;
- past community involvement:
  - Transportation Master Plan – part of 2022 Bicycle System Priority Plan;
  - Greater Southeast Redmond Transportation Study – Action Plan; and

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee;
- proposed next steps:
  - include project in 2011 overlay project – spring 2011, advertise for construction bids; summer 2011, construction; and
  - project notification – press release and notification mailed to area businesses and property owners.

Mr. Pfundt noted that the project is estimated at \$60,000.