

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen, Chair
Pat Vache
David Carson (*Arrived at 4:36 p.m.*)
Richard Cole (*Attending Council Member*)
Hank Myers (*Attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*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
Tricia Thomson, Senior Transportation Engineer
Joel Pfundt, Senior Transportation Engineer
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Gary Lee, Senior Planner
Jon Spangler, Natural Resources Engineering
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:19 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Construction On-call Services

Mr. Mike Paul, Engineering Construction Manager, advised that on June 7, 2011, a contract approval will come forward for Council consideration with regard to providing on-call construction services. The services are applicable to transportation, natural resources, and development services. Staff does not currently have enough man-hours available to them to meet the workload and, therefore, supplemental services is sought. The agreements are for two years each; \$300,000 each.

Winter Street Damage – Potholes

Public Works Director Bill Campbell relayed that it has been a bad weather year for potholes due to the amount of rain received. He discussed the various ways City staff is notified of pothole existence and remarked that 50 locations have been addressed as of the meeting today; 1000 staff hours expended. Staff is currently coordinating additional repairs with the pavement overlay program. Currently, the City is within its maintenance budget.

Targeted Safety Improvement Program (TSIP)

Ms. Tricia Thomson, Senior Transportation Engineer, spoke regarding the purpose of the program; traffic safety improvements, and reviewed projects completed to-date. She identified the projects proposed for 2011-12 and discussed design and construction schedules. Councilmember Vache will host the discussion on behalf of the Council.

Transportation Master Plan Update (TMP)

Mr. Joel Pfundt, Senior Transportation Engineer, spoke regarding the community involvement to-date related to the TMP. Staff has scheduled 'walk audits' as a next step in order to get people out walking and data-gathering to identify what key issues are in the city. The groups of walk audits will be led by the organization 'Feet First.' Mr. Pfundt invited members of the Council to attend a walk audit specific to the Overlake area.

Members of the committee discussed:

- the methodology in which staff chose the walking routes;
- whether or not it would make sense to include Avondale Way in the audit; and
- expanding the audits to include council members on each audit if they so desire.

Planning Department Comprehensive Plan Amendments Preview

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, reported the Council has two study sessions currently scheduled with regard to the Comprehensive Plan amendment update; May 10 and May 24, 2011. She overviewed the items that would be discussed under Package I of the amendments, and stated that the Planning Commission would begin review of Package II within a week. Package II will be coming to Council for review in Fall 2011.

King County-Cities Climate Collaboration Briefing

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, spoke regarding a grassroots staff effort to establish a framework in which to work collaboratively on climate issues on a regional basis. She advised a climate pledge had been created in this regard and a kick-off event recognizing the pledge is scheduled for June 9, 2011, 12 noon, at Federal Way City Hall. Redmond staff will be bringing a resolution forward for Council consideration on June 7, 2011, authorizing the Mayor to sign the pledge.

FEMA Briefing

Ms. Beam and Mr. Jon Spangler, Natural Resources Engineering, reported on their recent meeting with FEMA staff and they support Redmond's flood plain plan. Only minor revisions to existing policies and regulations will be needed to be in compliance with FEMA's new regulations. The deadline for compliance is September 22, 2011.

Downtown Height Amendment

Mr. Gary Lee, Senior Planner, spoke regarding an updated map of the area that has been distributed. Councilmembers Cole and Allen remembered placement of a setback also on Redmond Way. Staff relayed that in order to expand the scope, Council would have to reschedule the public hearing on the matter scheduled for this evening, and re-notice the amended area to include Redmond Way. Members of the committee concurred with the reschedule.

Right-of-Way Vacation – Portion of the North-South Alley South of NE 80th Street Between 169th Avenue NE and 170th Avenue NE

Planning and Community Development Director Rob Odle and Public Works Director Bill Campbell spoke regarding an application for the vacation of a part of the alley, and distributed a map depicting the area to be vacated. They remarked that, per statute, a resolution setting the public hearing on the vacation must first be approved by the Council prior to actually setting the public hearing. Action can be taken after the public hearing is concluded. The directors noted the applicant is willing to allow public and utility accesses through the vacation and the City would reserve street easements.