

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 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*)
Hank Margeson, (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Community
Development Director
Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Dennis Lisk, Associate Planner
Deborah Farris, Code Enforcement Officer
Jeanne Justice, Natural Resources Engineering
Supervisor
Amanda Balzer, Natural Resources Engineering
Technician
Roger Dane, Natural Resources Senior Planner
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Thara Johnson, Associate Planner
Terry Marpert, Principal Planner
Don Cairns, Transportation Engineering Manager
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.

Planning Department Comprehensive Plan Amendments Preview

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, and Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager, reported on the status of the 2010-11 Comprehensive Plan Review and Update elements discussions at the Planning Commission level, as well as at the Council level. The schedule of the elements was also presented. It was noted that the topic of Animal Husbandry will be brought forward in November, and not part of the Package II Elements.

Group Health Development Agreement – Council Review Process

Planning and Community Development Director Rob Odle and Associate Planner Dennis Lisk reported the City is working with Group Health on a development agreement to ascertain what development requirements will be in place into the future. Mr. Lisk reviewed the process for a development agreement and the schedule related to Group Health's development agreement. The City Council will be asked to hold a public hearing on October 18, 2011, regarding the matter. Final action is scheduled for November 1, 2011.

Members of the Committee requested a briefing prior to a study session to be held on the matter in order to gain a better understanding of the process.

Planning Department Deputy Director Position Disposition

Planning Director Rob Odle informed on his plans to disperse the responsibilities of the previous Deputy Planning Director position to other positions in the Planning Department. The FTE will be used elsewhere in the department. No budget implications exist due to this reorganization of duties.

Weed and Tall Grass Regulations

Ms. Deborah Farris, Code Enforcement Officer, reported in follow up to an earlier committee conversation where staff was investigating the potential need to adopt code language allowing access to properties to address tall grass and weed nuisance complaints. Ms. Farris informed that only five complaints were filed since the last conversation with the committee, and all were resolved without issue. Staff recommended to not move forward with a formal ordinance at this time, but rather, to reserve the potential ordinance for later in the future if the need arises.

Green Infrastructure and Green Incentive Program Zoning Code Amendment

Associate Planner Thara Johnson provided background to the Members of the Committee regarding the program; noting the intent to expand to non-residential zones and mixed use development zones in the City. A study session will be held on the matter before Council on September 26, 2011. Note – Bear Creek is exempted as it is an environmentally sensitive area.

Transportation Impact Fee Rates for Urban Centers/School Impact Fees

Principal Planner Terry Marpert provided a report to the Members of the Committee and advised a study session on the matter will be scheduled before Council on September 6, 2011. He inquired if a study session was desired prior to September 6th. Members of the Committee confirmed a study session would be in order. Requested was the formula for school impact fees. Chair Allen also noted she would like shorter trips and less impact fees discussed. Councilmember Stilin asked that the Council look at transportation impact fees with regards to neighborhood commercial areas.

Mr. Marpert noted there is a three-year phase in proposal for the fees.

Transportation Master Plan

Transportation Engineering Manager Don Cairns provided a report to the Members of the Committee highlighting the community outreach events that have taken place so far and the upcoming schedule of additional events. He concluded the Transportation Improvement Program criteria would be brought before Council for their discussion in September/October 2011.

Adopt a Street Update

Mr. Cairns reported there are three active programs in the City (clean-up programs at which the City provides supplies and safety considerations). Information about the Adopt a Street Program is also contained on the City's website. Adopt a Street Program signs are also placed on the streets by City staff. The City of Redmond's program is modeled after King County's. Members of the Committee discussed the potential partnering of the City with the Chamber of Commerce, for example, in order to garner additional interest in the program.

5050 Stream Relocation Project

Natural Resources Engineering Supervisor Jeanne Justice and Natural Resources Senior Planner Roger Dane provided a report regarding the location of the project, and the efforts to relocate the Tosh Creek channel. Future culvert replacement is also needed on West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE. The City of Redmond will need additional property rights to straighten the channel, and will need to coordinate with the respective property owner. Mr. Dane noted staff will come back to Council with a further update as the project progress. Councilmember Carson asked that staff look into the flow of a second channel in the area at the same time.

WSDOE Source Control Grant

Ms. Justice and Natural Resources Engineering Technician Amanda Balzer reported regarding an Interlocal Agreement with the State for pollution technical assistance. The grant will fund a two-year limited-duration contract employee for the City. Three hundred site visits and other grant criteria must be met in order to receive the grant. Regional collaboration, review of hazardous waste generation disposal practices, waste segregation, and other educational outreach topics will be included as criteria for the grant.