

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

October 25, 2011

**Mayor**

John Marchione

**Members of the Council**

Richard Cole, Council President  
Pat Vache, Council Vice-President  
Kim Allen  
David Carson  
Hank Margeson  
Hank Myers  
John Stilin

**Staff**

Mike Bailey, Finance and Information Services Director  
Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development  
Director  
Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager  
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager  
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner  
Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

**Members of the Human Services**

**Commission**

John Enslein, Chair  
Steve Daschle  
Diana Farrow  
Lynn Fleshman  
Jason Dick  
Kerry Smith  
Connie Stansberry (*Not in Attendance*)

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Convened: 9:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:06 p.m.

**SESSION SUMMARY**

Councilmember Cole called the meeting to order and overviewed the agenda.

**Joint Meeting with Human Services Commission**

Mayor Marchione, Members of the Council, and Members of the Human Services Commission introduced themselves.

Human Services Commission Chair John Enslein overviewed slides prepared by the Commission regarding their plan for strategic planning and long-term funding. Discussion ensued regarding:

- history of the Commission;
- agency/community landscape;
- emerging agency and community issues;
- strategic planning and investment;
- taking what was learned and moving forward;

- not only addressing immediate human service needs, but also concentrating efforts on long-term investments;
- job development and potentially partnering with local businesses to see what, if any, training they may be willing to provide;
- having a plan for the youth that do not go into college after school;
- the need for a capital investment, or working with outside agencies, when talking about delivering a long-term service;
- the goal being to encourage service providers to move into the area;
- the need to have a broader concept of success from cradle to path;
- having a start and stop time involved in the concept of moving a person toward being sustainable;
- working collaboratively with other communities/cities and their Human Service Commissions in order to partner with them – everyone is contributing to very similar organizations to make sure there is an equitable distribution among the needs;
- the criteria has worked best, or requires more clarification, for the Commission as they review funding requests;
- understanding how many Redmond residents are really being served by a specific agency; understanding the power of Redmond dollars being used;
- the need for a diversion program for community youths that are in trouble with the law;
- sources of funding available to support human services that are not based on tax payers' dollars;
- measuring effectiveness;
- the need for an educational component in the community with respect to human service needs; and
- including focused issues in the request for proposals that are prioritized and in this way, the Commission can then choose an issue to focus on.

Councilmember Cole encouraged the members of the Human Services Commission to bounce ideas off of the Council's Parks and Human Services Committee when they need to.

*(The study session recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.)*

## **Review of Long-Range Financial Strategy**

### **Fiscal Policies**

Councilmember Margeson noted the conversation would begin with the fiscal policies.

Finance and Information Services Director Mike Bailey suggested two substantive issues with respect to the policies: (1) use of REET funds for some operational purposes and for capital investment purposes; and (2) the establishment of an economic contingency reserve for the city at 8.5 percent and a second layer at 4 percent.

Discussion ensued regarding control of expenditures from a reserve. Mr. Bailey stated that expenditure would be at the Council's discretion. Administration would recommend expenditures and the Council would discuss them.

Mayor Marchione stated this would give direction to the Administration to bring a budget forward with a four percent contingency. Any change in policy would require a majority vote of the Council. Councilmember Allen noted she would feel more comfortable if this was explicitly provided for in the policies.

Mr. Bailey clarified the current contingency exists within the budget at 8.5 percent.

Councilmember Carson inquired once the reserve has served its purpose, what happens if there is an excess fund balance?

Mr. Bailey noted the funding would flow from each budget cycle to the next. Mayor Marchione noted that any unallocated fund balance would be a discussion with the Council on how best to utilize those funds.

Discussion continued regarding:

- the fire equipment reserve; and
- pension funding.

### Long-Range Financial Strategy

Mr. Bailey reviewed the history of the long-range financial strategy, noting the effort to take the previous 2005 City document to bring forward pertinent history with a today-focused approach, looking at where the City would like to be in the future. He noted the document is home for a six-year financial plan and it sets the stage for every other year in anticipation of a budget cycle. It provides policy direction before Administration even begins working on a budget.

Members of the Council and Mr. Bailey discussed modifications/updates that have occurred through the process of updating the document. Final modifications were made at this time.

After discussing final changes, Members of the Council concurred with sending it forward under the Consent Agenda for final consideration.

### **2010 – 11 Comprehensive Plan Update, Package 2 Amendments**

Councilmember Kim Allen hosted this segment of the study session.

Discussion ensued and final issues were addressed as follows:

- Issue No. 7 – Closed; all members agree to use ‘e.g.’ and retain the listing;
- Issue No. 8 – Closed;
- Issue No. 9 – Closed;
- Issue No. 10, Utilities – Closed;
- Issue No. 11, Energy Section – retain the policy and omit last four words – Open until Councilmember Vache’s return;
- Issue, UT 14 and 15 – Closed; and
- Issue, Art – Closed.

Ms. Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager, spoke regarding the remaining review timeline.

## **Council Talk Time**

Mr. Cole noted:

- November 1, 2012, is expected to be the Council's vote on continuation of the traffic safety program in Redmond;
- the financial and fiscal policies will be moved to the Consent Agenda for the November meeting; and
- November 15, 2012, has been tentatively scheduled as the Council's meeting with the Legislative Delegation.

Councilmember Margeson noted the next Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee will be meeting a week earlier in November. He stated he would take a few minutes at the end of next week's meeting to go over the SCA action items.

Councilmember Carson advised he has been asked if the City is interested in supporting "The Friends of Sixty Acres South."

Councilmember Allen noted that she and Councilmember Carson would be heading up the Redmond Lights Council chili cook-off this December and encouraged other members of the Council to submit their recipes.