

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

October 4, 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

Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development
Director

Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst

Jon Spangler, Natural Resources Engineering Manager

Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:15 p.m.

SESSION SUMMARY

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

Solid Waste Proposed Fee Change

Ms. Kelley Cochran, Public Works Management Analyst, and Mr. Jon Spangler, Natural Resources Engineering Manager, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council. The report addressed:

- extending the current contract through 2015;
- increasing the administrative fee in 2012;
- functions of the solid waste fund;
- funding sources;
- staff recommendations;
- financial forecast;
- revenues vs. expenditures;
- rate impacts;
- average monthly rate comparisons;
- financial forecast with rate adjustments; and
- timeline and process.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Option No. 1;
- subsidizing recycling;
- distribution of services for residential ratepayers; averaged across customers;
- commercial customers' rates as increasing slightly;
- the percentage of increase and what it relates to; and

- adding consultant services in order to look at services from a holistic standpoint prior to negotiating a new contract.

Members of the Council voiced their support for Option No. 1.

Residential Impact Fee Collection

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director, spoke regarding the residential impact fee collection program, noting that November 18, 2011, is the sunset date unless the Council takes action to change that.

Mr. Odle noted that the Master Builders' Association is requesting a change of the fee from collection at drywall to the time of closing.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- how neighboring jurisdictions are addressing the matter;
- what placing a lien on unpaid collection fees would entail and how much it would cost;
- staff's suggestion to maintain collection of fees at drywall for five years;
- the number of large plats still remaining in the City;
- Lake Washington School District's opposition to making any changes to the program;
- perhaps collecting an administrative fee based on a one-year pilot program if collection of fees is deferred until closing; and
- the need to have a consistent collection period.

Members of the Council agreed with:

- conducting a one-year test period for collecting at closing for a formal plat; and
- agreed with a five-year extension of the program.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Myers spoke regarding the traffic safety camera program and a study session to be held on the same on October 11, 2011.

Councilmember Margeson stated he would like to know how many times a camera flashed at each intersection.

Councilmember Stilin requested accident data – What type of accident occurred? What was the direction of travel? Etc.

Councilmember Allen inquired to know how many accidents reported were a result of someone stomping their brakes to avoid a red light.

Councilmember Stilin spoke regarding a planned food drive and asked the members to coordinate with him regarding the best date to conduct the event.