

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE**

January 27, 2009

**City of Redmond**

**Mayor**

John Marchione

**Members of the Council**

Nancy McCormick, Council President

Kim Allen

David Carson

Richard Cole

Hank Margeson (*Excused absence*)

Hank Myers

**City of Woodinville**

**Mayor**

Scott Hageman

**Members of the Council**

Bob Vogt, Deputy Mayor

Chuck Price

Jeff Glickman

Hank Stecker

Liz Aspen

Don Brocha

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Convened: 7 p.m.

Adjourned: 8 p.m.

**Joint Study Session with the Redmond and Woodinville City Councils**

Mayor Marchione opened the meeting and welcomed Woodinville City Mayor Scott Hageman and Woodinville City Council Members.

Mayor Hageman thanked Mayor Marchione and Members of the Redmond City Council for hosting the meeting this evening. The elected officials introduced themselves.

**Economic Development Report**

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director, City of Redmond, and Mr. Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning Director, City of Redmond, presented a report regarding economic development in the City of Redmond.

The presentation addressed:

- the goals of economic development;
- ongoing and current development activities/projects in the City of Redmond; and
- new roles of staff regarding the economic development effort.

Members of the councils discussed economic development on a regional basis, Woodinville's tourist district, and their desire to partner with other cities in this regard.

Mayor Marchione opined that this was a good way to showcase and share the strengths of the cities. He stated that staff should work together further regarding the effort.

Discussion continued regarding:

- the strategic planning process for economic development;
- Redmond's strategic perspective of looking at commonalities, diversity in the economy, and compatibility between a livable, economically sound city in coordination with land use;
- the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's corridor through Redmond in relation to economic development; and
- Redmond's vision of the downtown and the connection of its transportation grid with the transfer of the corridor to the City.

Councilmember Price opined that the corridor was the biggest common economic development factor for the cities of Redmond and Woodinville.

### **Willows Road Extension/522 Interchange/Redmond-Woodinville Road Future Visions**

Mayor Marchione noted that the City of Redmond would like to extend Willows Road to SR 522.

Members of the Councils discussed:

- the North Education Hill neighborhood plan and the widening of Willows in that area;
- three alignments of a possible expansion and the effects on traffic in those areas;
- the State's interest in extending Willows Road and a joint regional effort to approach the Legislature with the project;
- the need to improve Red-Wood Road and improvement efforts by both cities;
- needed improvements to Avondale Road, and most of these improvements needed in the King County portion of the road; and
- potential traffic displacement that may occur if traffic is drawn off of SR 405.

Councilmember McCormick suggested a working group be established to discuss the extension of Willows Road in order to examine which corridor would have the greatest cost benefit.

Discussion continued regarding:

- King County's plan to build a road parallel to Avondale Road with the hope of creating more fluidity in that area;
- additional mass transportation and the effects that it could have in these high-traffic areas; and
- the proposed flyover in the Redmond area at SR 520.

### **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Corridor**

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Corridor through Redmond, the use of light rail, and the use of the existing rail system for mass transit purposes was discussed.

Mayor Marchione shared that the City of Redmond views the corridor as a light rail hook up, and that there is no planning effort discussed beyond that at this point; the Sound Transit Board's report, due to issue, regarding plans for light rail was also discussed.

Members of the Councils shared final comments and thanked each other for the joint meeting discussion.