

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

March 10, 2009

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Nancy McCormick, Council President

Kim Allen

David Carson

Richard Cole

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Pat Vache

Staff

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director

Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director

Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Colleen Kelly, Human Services Manager

Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner

Brooke Buckingham, Senior Planner

Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:37 p.m.

Councilmember McCormick opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Lobbyist Report – Mr. Doug Levy

Mr. Doug Levy presented a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- stimulus funding for the 36th Street Bridge project;
- the status of bills in the Legislature regarding tolling in the SR520 corridor;
- the proposed Downtown Park project;
- local government financing bills in the Legislature;
- mental illness and drug dependency court bills in the Legislature;
- deadlines for the various bills to leave the House before they die on the floor;
- getting the City's comments to various Legislators regarding tolling in the SR520 corridor;
- the status of various annexation bills in the Legislature; and
- the difference between fees and taxes.

Human Services Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Colleen Kelly, Human Services Director, provided a presentation to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Human Services Strategic Plan revisions that were made since the topic was last before Council for discussion.

The presentation addressed:

- the goals of the presentation
 - review the Human Services Strategic Plan
 - provide updates since the first study session
 - respond to specific issues/questions that were raised
 - answer final questions/make final revisions in preparation for adoption;
- the reasons why a strategic plan is needed
 - no comprehensive examination of the City's Human Services activities in recent history
 - rapid rate of development and population growth in recent years
 - little in-depth understanding of Redmond's changing demographics and their implications on the City's work
 - dramatic changes in the regional Human Services landscape over the last three years
 - need for clear guidance going forward;
- process for developing the plan
 - worked with Strategic Learning Resources
 - demographic data collection
 - best practice research
 - stakeholder interviews and focus groups
 - series of intensive meetings with staff;
- major elements of the plan
 - environmental scan
 - demographic data
 - stakeholder interviews
 - focus groups
 - critical issue areas
 - strategic directions
 - specific recommended strategies
 - recommended performance measures
 - implementation plan (added);
- updates since last fall's presentation
 - significant revisions made to the plan in response to questions/concerns raised by City Council
 - 2009/2010 Human Services funding allocations approved with the budget
 - Dramatic economic changes;
- specific issues raised
 - level of City investment
 - City as a direct service provider
 - involvement in regional/sub-regional activities
 - affordable housing
 - implementation timeline;

- issues raised at the last Study Session for the strategic plan and responses to those concerns; and
- the plan being meant to serve as a living document that truly drives the Human Services work of the City over the next several years.

Members of the Council discussed and supported the revisions that were made to the initial draft plan.

Ms. Kelly will be finalizing the document and preparing it for final Council consideration at a future business meeting.

(The study session recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.)

Community Development Guide Rewrite

Mr. Rob Odle and Members of the Council discussed Phase I of the planned re-write.

Discussion ensued regarding the relationship of the Development Guide with the Comprehensive Plan; the purpose of the re-write project, to implement clear regulations for the City's adopted vision; streamlining existing regulations to make them clear and predictable; and the creation of a code commission to review the revisions.

Councilmember Allen requested that the commission be entitled something along the lines of "Zoning Code Commission."

Councilmember Cole requested that intent language be crafted as a mission statement of the revision project.

Members of the Council requested that staff prepare a sectional analysis for the revisions so that it is clear what is being proposed to change from the old code to the new code.

Councilmember Allen requested that a clear mission statement also be crafted for the Zoning Code Commission.

Council Talk Time

Members of the Council discussed:

- preparation for the Saturday Council Retreat; and
- items for discussion before the Suburban Cities Association's PIC Committee.