

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

April 14, 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

Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director

Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Malisa Files, Financial Planning Manager

Don Cairns, Public Works Engineering Manager

Lori Peckol, Planning Manager

Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director

Sandy Yeager, Public Works Management

Analyst

Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:35 p.m.

Councilmember McCormick opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Councilmember Carson, Mayor Marchione, and Members of the Council welcomed Boy Scout Troop No. 611 to the meeting after receiving a tour of the City Hall.

Council Retreat Report

Members of the Council discussed:

- the retreat being a success;
- administration's development of a green agenda – what does “sustainable building” mean, as well as other sustainable items;
- staff mapping out a path of what constitutes “community vitality;”
- “Council Norms;” and
- holding future meetings with other cities; Members of the Council agreed to meet with the City of Bellevue this year regarding the BROTS Agreement; and
- staying in touch with the City of Woodinville regarding transportation linkages between the two cities.

With regard to creating a green agenda for the City, Mayor Marchione stated that staff should be able to begin formulation within the next two-three weeks. He suggested the formation of an ad-hoc committee to develop a framework of the agenda to bring to Council for their consideration.

Councilmember Allen expressed her desire to see an inventory of what the City is currently doing to be “green” and other strategies/considerations of what the City would like to be doing.

Mayor Marchione stated that a study session could be scheduled in May to discuss the topic further.

Lobbyist Report

Mr. Doug Levy, City Lobbyist, and Members of the Council discussed:

- priority issues in the Legislature;
- impacts to the State’s operating and capital budgets;
- local options legislation; and
- the status of various bills currently in debate at the State level.

Councilmember McCormick noted that Mr. Levy would be back with a follow-up report before Council after the session concludes.

2022 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) Update

Ms. Lori Peckol and Mr. Don Cairns, Public Works, presented a staff report.

The purpose of the presentation was to:

- (1) confirm the proposed updates to the 2005-2022 TFP project listing;
- (2) determine if additional revenues are needed to close the resulting “gap” between the proposed project list and projected revenues; and
- (3) seek Council direction for potential new revenues to provide additional TFP funding through 2022.

Members of the Council concurred with the need to re-visit both line items addressing Overlake Pedestrian and Bike improvement. Discussion ensued regarding the costs of the project and a need to wait until the results of a traffic study for the 40th Street intersection can be conducted and reviewed.

Councilmember Margeson inquired how light rail in Overlake will impact pedestrians, whether the transit option will reduce the need for a bridge at the 40th Street intersection.

Councilmember Carson stated that he would like to see Project No. 83, Overlake Pedestrian and Bike Improvements, broken out into their respective projects, as opposed to lumped together.

Members of the Council discussed which potential revenue sources they supported, and those they did not.

Mr. Cairns advised that he would take the list of projects back to the Planning Commission for further discussion, and would report back to Council in July/August.

Ms. Peckol advised that only the project list would be reviewed by the Planning Commission and that their action would be to update their revenue forecast.

(The study session recessed at 9 p.m. and reconvened at 9:11 p.m.)

North Redmond Wedge Subarea Plan

Councilmember Margeson introduced Kim Dietz, staff lead on the North Redmond Wedge Subarea Plan.

Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, provided a staff report. She overviewed follow-up items from the last study session before Council on the North Redmond Wedge Subarea Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- primary street access from Red-Wood Road;
- the Red-Wood Road cross-section and corridor views through that area;
- residential structure setbacks;
- visualization and character of development;
- illumination;
- four-plex structures;
- private and public fencing;
- retaining walls on Red-Wood Road; and
- benches along the road.

Members of the Council concurred that:

- they would rather not see access to Red-Wood Road listed as alternative access in the proposed plan;
- they did not support multi-plex structures being included in the proposed neighborhood plan; referencing language currently existing in the Green Infrastructure Program and in the Innovation Housing ordinance;
- fencing requirements in this area should not differ than those already established; and
- placement of a bench at the trail head at 116th Avenue is supported, but not anywhere else along the corridor; members of the Council did support enclosed areas at bus stops.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Margeson spoke regarding the last Suburban Cities Public Issues Committee (PIC) and their discussion on setting aside funding for maintenance projects. He noted that the matter was postponed.

Members of the Council discussed:

- winter yard waste pick-up and current activities in this regard in the City of Renton; and
- possibly planting a pea patch on the Art Hill site.

Mayor Marchione noted that the Art Hill matter is before the Parks and Trails Commission for review and recommendation. He advised that Mr. Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director, would send an email to the Members of the Council in a week's time regarding the status of the process.