

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

May 12, 2009

Mayor

John Marchione (*absent*)

Members of the Council

Nancy McCormick, Council President

Kim Allen

David Carson

Richard Cole

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Pat Vache

Staff

Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director

Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director

Lori Peckol, Planning Manager

Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning and Land Use
Director

Judd Black, Development Review Manager

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner

Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:50 p.m.

Councilmember McCormick opened the study session and overviewed the agenda for the evening.

Lobbyist Report

Ms. Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor, introduced Doug Levy, City Lobbyist, for his presentation of his end of session report.

Mr. Levy provided an end of session report noting that:

- he felt it was a fairly good session for the City of Redmond;
- stimulus funds helped the City of Redmond despite the economic downturn;
- programs that touched cities were less impacted than some other programs including mental health; streamlined sales tax mitigation; and police/safety programs;
- the capital budget was most impacted, as transfers to the operating budget were made to cover some of the shortfall; the Public Works Trust Fund was tapped considerably;
- the Legislature kept the transportation projects already in the works on track; reliable funding is available through 2015;
 - the Legislature will be looking to alternative funding methods in the future – including tolling;
 - \$2 billion was appropriated for the SR520 Bridge Replacement and Corridor Project;

- the Downtown Park project has \$2 million set aside in the budget, to be administered by the Public Works Board at the state level; it is not yet known how the appropriations will be disbursed; Mr. Levy will be in touch with staff when more is known;
- funding was passed through the Puget Sound Regional Council to the City of Redmond regarding the 36th Street Bridge project;
- funding for the 148th Slip Ramp project was not supposed to come out of the budget, but it did; Mr. Levy has been assured that a proviso will be included in 2010 to have any design projects in the area take into account the future construction of the slip ramp;
- regarding SR520 early tolling – it is believed that work on the eastside will be delayed for approximately one year due to the legislation that passed as written; noted that work groups have been formed;
- Senate Bill (SB) 5433 does have an allocation of property tax dollars for transit service in King County;
- House Bill (HB) 1322 will give the Cascade Water Alliance authority for eminent domain;
- annexation procedures have been modified, making the process less cumbersome for local jurisdictions;
- SB 5045 regarding economic development, funding is available for projects where added infrastructure will draw new business/industries; and
- most unfunded mandates/new requirements didn't make it through the system in this session.

Members of the Council supported the continuation of Mr. Levy's reports to the Council and thanked him for his efforts during the Legislative Session.

City Council's Quasi-Judicial Role

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director, facilitated a conversation with the members of the Council regarding the Council's quasi-judicial role in land use matters that come before them.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the types of actions that the members are asked to decide;
- the litigious nature of land use actions and the expertise in review that is required;
- the Council's ability to interface/not interface with the citizens of Redmond when quasi-judicial matters are before them;
- instituting a filing fee for appeals; and
- the rate of appeal to court from City Council quasi-judicial decisions.

A majority of the Council members concurred that there should be no code changes proposed in this regard, and no filing fee instituted for applications/appeals to the Hearing Examiner.

Manufacturing-Related Policy and Regulatory Updates, Phase I

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council.

The presentation addressed:

- a summary of statements received at stakeholder meetings;
- a history of changes to Manufacturing Park (MP) and Business Park (BP) uses;
- outcomes of the study;
 - Phase I – to identify specific actions that can be accomplished now, such as
 - expanding permitted uses in MP/BP
 - changes to site requirements
 - transitions between uses
 - Phase II – to provide direction, lay foundation for future actions, such as:
 - changes to land use designations and/or zoning
 - further changes to purpose statements, policies
 - changes to Comprehensive Plan/Redmond Community Development Guide; and
- Planning Commission recommendations.

Members of the Council and staff discussed the proposed recommended changes. A summary of that discussion is as follows:

- Corporate Conference Centers
 - no objection was heard to the recommendation
- Wholesale Trade
 - conversation on incompatible uses in MP
 - conversation on traffic/safety/infrastructure concerns/incompatibilities
 - the purpose of an MP zone; and
 - the driver of the proposed amendment
- Eating and Drinking Establishments
 - discussion on these types of businesses being ancillary to the establishments in the MP zone, as opposed to allowing them to locate there; and
 - lack of space in the existing Overlake and Downtown areas to put these types of establishments
- Auto Sales – Stand Alone
 - general consensus was heard in support of the recommendation
- Spa Uses
 - general consensus was heard in opposition to the recommendation
- Kennels/Animal Day Care
 - general consensus was heard in support of the recommendation
- Auto Repair
 - general consensus was heard in opposition to the recommendation
- Auto Repair – with Sales
 - general consensus was heard in support of the recommendation

- Medical Diagnostic and Short-term Treatment Facility
 - discussion ensued regarding shifting from purpose of an MP zone; and
 - there was no final comment heard regarding this recommendation at this time.

The Council postponed the discussion at this time, requesting that staff schedule a second study session to finalize the conversation.

Council Talk Time

Members of the Council discussed:

- that they would have a City Council booth at this year's Derby Days event;
- meeting further with the Arcadia Foundation;
- continuing the reports of the City Lobbyist during session; and
- Metro service reductions guiding principles being discussed at the May 13, 2009, Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee meeting, as well as growth target updates.