

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

June 9, 2009

Mayor

John Marchione (*excused absence*)

Members of the Council

Nancy McCormick, Council President

Kim Allen

David Carson

Richard Cole

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Pat Vache

Staff

Rob Odle, Planning Director

Mike Bailey, Finance and Information Services
Director

Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor

Linda Hermanson, Information Services Manager

Kelsey Larson, Planner

Judd Black, Development Review Planning
Manager

Cathy Beam, Principal Planner

Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager

Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10 p.m.

Council President Nancy McCormick opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Redmond's Green Agenda

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, presented information on Redmond's Green Agenda:

- A draft of the Green Redmond Partnership: 20-Year Forest Management Plan was presented
- The plan is unique to Redmond in that
 - It represents a detailed analysis of nearly 1200 acres of forested parkland;
 - It reflects the high potential of community involvement in Redmond;
 - It provides adaptive management tools and goals specific to Redmond;
 - It sets a goal of placing 1035 acres of forested parkland into active management;
- A key element of the success of the plan is to continue Redmond's partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy.

Members of the Council and staff discussed:

- the need for baseline data;
- the necessity for building codes to keep up with changes in the industry in an effort to not preclude green building;
- the City of Redmond leading by example;
- conducting a debrief of the regional stakeholders;

- embarking on efforts related to energy conservation and carbon reduction first, as these are attainable and can be done immediately;
- concurrence of the Council with staff's proposal for grants;
- revisiting the tree retention standards for the City;
- watershed management;
- implementing a procedure for battery recycling;
- staff reporting back to Council on the update of the Green Initiative three times per year;
- incorporating energy conservation and carbon reduction into the Budgeting by Priorities process in order to show metrics; and
- placing information related to the Green Initiative on the City's website.

IT Strategic Plan Follow-Up

Mr. Mike Bailey, Finance and Information Services Director, and Ms. Linda Hermanson, Information Services Manager, spoke regarding the history of the strategic plan to date and inquired if there were any further questions from the Council at this time. Hearing none, Mr. Bailey reported that an agenda memo would be prepared for Council's consideration containing a motion for approval of the strategic plan. Mr. Bailey also informed that the Members of the Council can anticipate seeing a memo in the future as well regarding performing a needs assessment for the City's website; Information Services will be implementing the actual technology. Mr. Bailey concluded that the five positions recommended in the strategic plan would not be authorized through adoption of the strategic plan.

(The study session recessed at 8:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.)

Metro Service Reductions

Mr. Terry Marpert, Principal Planner, provided a presentation to the Members of the Council regarding Metro Transit's proposed service reductions.

The presentation addressed:

- current Metro policy;
- Metro service reduction scenarios;
- Transit NOW;
- Suburban Cities Association's (SCA) adopted policy;
- SCA's proposed principles and policy for June 10, 2009, Public Issues Committee action;
- budget shortfalls being experienced by Metro Transit and Sound Transit;
- revenue options;
- service changes to establish level/type of service provided;
- no policy in place for service restoration;
- Metro Transit service reductions guiding principles; SCA's proposed policy:
 - strive to maintain at least a minimum level of transit service, providing transit access to all geographic areas of the county;
 - preserve Transit NOW to fullest extent possible within current revenues;
 - implement reductions in communication and consultation with sub-area boards;
 - make reductions proportionately within each subarea at each major service change;

- staff proposes adding the following principles:
 - eliminate any duplicative service between Sound Transit and Metro; and
 - tailor service type to the needs of each sub-area (take a different approach to service/cuts in each sub-area); and
- proposed service cuts on a regional basis.

Members of the Council supported the staff's recommendation and relayed their position to Councilmember Margeson to take back to the next Public Issues Committee where the matter will be discussed. Redmond City Council does not believe that the Suburban Cities Association has jurisdictional oversight over the matter.

Manufacturing Park/Business Park Phase I, Comprehensive Plan and Development Guide Amendment (L090018, L090019, SEPA)

Councilmember Carson recounted the status of the continued conversation from the previous study session.

Members of the Council and staff discussed the remaining proposed uses as follows:

- Auto Repair (no sales) as outright permitted use – no objection was noted;
- Auto Repair with limited number of vehicles for sale – no objection was noted
- Eating/Drinking Establishments – no objection was noted
- Medical Diagnostic -- Mr. Odle is to provide a prototype site plan of one of these types of facilities; Members of the Council discussed placement of use in Business Park vs. Manufacturing Park; those who supported placement of the use supported the use in BP, not MP; Councilmember Allen requested to see a traffic impact analysis for this use in BP and MP;
- Site Requirements – no objection was noted;
- Proposed Clarification, use of TDRs – no objection was noted;
- Housing in the Business Park – should it continue? Members of the Council asked staff to craft criteria that would address size, bulk, scale, and noise concerns; there was a majority support heard for retaining the current provision; Councilmember McCormick spoke to not precluding issues that the City is not yet aware of, and asked staff to include the same flexibility language in the ordinance that was previously placed in the Overlake Plan.

Council Talk Time (Begins at 2 hours, 10 minutes)

Members of the Council discussed the poor sound quality in the Chamber, and upgrading where necessary so that the public's participation is not impeded by poor sound.

Members of the Council also discussed the Derby Days Council booth; everything is set and ready to go.