

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Meeting Summary

Council

Tom Flynn (Chair)
Kim Allen
Byron Shutz
Hank Margeson (*Attending Councilmember*)
John Stilin (*Attending Councilmember*)
Hank Myers (*Attending Councilmember*)

Staff

Patrick McGrath, Planner
Rob Odle, Planning Director
Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner
Jeff Thompson, Senior Engineer
Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner
Andy Rheaume, Senior Planner
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

Committee Chair Tom Flynn opened the meeting, noted Council members in attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Waive Competitive Bidding Requirements Re: Telemetry System Improvements

Mr. Jeff Thompson, Senior Engineer, reported that one of the parts of the Scada System is no longer in production. The system upgrade will cost \$260,000. The Council will need to adopt a resolution to waive the competitive bidding process. The resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Grant and Consultant Agreement for Rain Garden Monitoring

Mr. Andy Rheaume, Senior Planner, stated that from 2010-2013 a rain garden was monitored on 185th Street in partnership with the Transportation Department. The rain garden did not function as well as it was expected to. Other rain gardens have an adjusted design. Redmond received a \$345,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology for monitoring the redesigned rain garden. The consultant and grant agreement will be on the next City Council Regular Meeting agenda, which will allow six more bioretention swales to be monitored.

General discussion ensued regarding how it was known that the first rain garden did not function as anticipated; how has the design changed; what is being filtered out; and how long is the study.

Comprehensive Plan/Zoning code Amendments Monthly Update

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, and Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, stated there is a Planning Commission recommendation for housing-related amendments. The proposed

amendments are meant to improve clarity and consistency. The Innovative Housing Program has ended so it will be removed from the Comprehensive Plan. The information will be provided on a staff report for the Council meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The amendments came about through identifying:

- Parking Lot items;
- Housing Strategy Plan's high priority items;
- Ambiguity in housing regulations; and
- Repeal H033-Innovative Housing Program.

General discussion ensued regarding the process for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's); how much property in Redmond have a Homeowner's Association (HOA); do HOA's prevent ADU's; is there a history of ADU's in Redmond; how number of amendments; and if the amendments will be listed out in the staff report.

Undergrounding of Utility Lines

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, provided a follow-up to the Council's questions on utility undergrounding and addressed the next steps. A staff report will be presented at the Council meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

- The cost sharing with Puget Sound Energy in Bellevue is a 60/40 split, comparable to Redmond. The cost is set by the Utility and Transportation Commission.
- The Kirkland undergrounding model (undergrounding requirements are waived if a no protest agreement for a future LID is signed), has not been used yet.

General discussion ensued regarding if there are any proposals for development that will affect the lines that are not undergrounded now; in Kirkland who bears the cost of the filing of the no protest agreement; is there a criteria on when undergrounding is considered burdensome; and has there been a time the Technical Committee decided that an applicant has not met the criteria of burdensome?

Energize Eastside

Mr. Pete Sullivan, Senior Planner, stated that there is a postcard being circulated for an open house regarding Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) proposed connection of the substation in Redmond to a substation in Renton. There are two route options with right-of-way acquisitions and easements. The open house will be held on January 29, 2014.

General discussion ensued regarding the equipment PSE is going to use for the new routes.

160th Avenue NE Senior Housing

Ms. Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner, provided an update on the recent activities for the affordable senior housing development. It will have 74 units for seniors who are 62 years of age and older. It will also include a Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) medical center. Last fall the Design Review Board approved the concept. They are currently working on submittal requirements for a complete application; have been chosen as a case study for the King County green tools sustainability workshop; are working with A Regional Coalition for Housing

(ARCH) and the City Attorney on the lease; and are trying to secure funding. The total project cost is approximately \$19.3 million.

General discussion ensued regarding the financing and groundbreaking.

Electronic Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Patrick McGrath, Planner, provided a preview of a staff report for the Council meeting on January 21, 2014. There have been some online enhancements to the Transportation Master Plan. Phase one includes enhanced access to the Transportation Facilities Plan and the three year action plan. Phase two will have additional features including an online publishing version of the document and an interactive map of the projects.

General discussion ensued regarding collaboration with the Communications Department to engage the citizens of Redmond with the Transportation Master Plan.

Interim Land Use Regulations for Marijuana Related Uses

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning Director, stated that they are in the process of developing permanent regulations for marijuana production and retailing. They have yet to receive an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the ability of cities to regulate marijuana related uses. They are developing a couple of alternatives to take to the Planning Commission. The interim regulation that prohibits uses in the City will expire on March 2, 2014. The Council will be asked at the February 4, 2014, meeting for one final six-month extension of the interim regulations.

General discussion ensued regarding the effects of a processing plant near schools or residential areas; how the buffer zones are calculated; and necessary safety requirements.

2014-15 Committee Work Plan

Members of the Committee discussed modifications to their work plan adopted at the beginning of 2013. Items that have been completed were removed and the Committee discussed items that they would like to see on this year's plan