# REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

April 27, 2010

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# **Members of the Council**

Richard Cole, Council President Pat Vache, Council Vice-president

Kim Allen (Absent) David Carson Hank Margeson Hank Myers John Stilin

# **Staff**

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager Kristi Wilson, Police Commander Tim Cox, Parks Planning Manager Terry Marpert, Principal Planner Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager Carolyn Hope, Senior Planner

Jeanne Justice, Public Works Engineering Supervisor

Steve Hitch, Public Works Senior Engineer Tricia Thompson, Public Works Senior Engineer

Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

#### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Convened: 7:45 p.m. Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Council President Richard Cole opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda for the evening.

### **Sound Transit East Link Update**

Mr. Terry Marpert, Principal Planner, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the new preferred alignment of light rail from the westside to the eastside through Overlake.

Discussion ensued regarding the East Link light rail schedule, fare policy and rate changes.

Members of the Council thanked Mr. Marpert for his work on the project.

#### **Overlake Village Stormwater**

Mr. Steve Hitch and Mr. Tim Cox provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Overlake Village Stormwater and Park Facilities Implementation Plan. The presentation addressed:

- The study area
  - 323 acres
  - Village Area: 145 acres

- Overlake Business and Advanced Technology Area: 175 acres
- Bellevue Subarea: 142 acres
- Goals of the presentation:
  - Project status update
  - Identify coordination efforts
  - Present preliminary preferred alternative
  - Council support of preferred alternative
- Project status
  - Completed feasibility analysis
  - Developed alternative concepts
  - Adapting to East Link realignment and coordinating with 152<sup>nd</sup> Corridor Study
  - Finalizing implementation plan for July
- Stormwater and Economics
  - Topographic restrictions
  - Stormwater flow paths
  - Infiltration
  - Implementation cost considerations
  - Non-feasible areas
  - Feasible areas
- Neighborhood Planning
  - Land uses and density
  - Cornerstone sites
  - Neighborhood core areas
  - Street network
  - Light rail alignment
  - Summary planning for additional analysis
- Park Typology
  - Key Elements
    - > Accessible edges
    - Visible
    - Connected to active uses
    - > Proximity to residential or employment
    - > Development capacity
    - > Improves connectivity
    - > Proximity to village core
    - > Proximity to existing and future transit
    - > Frontage to potential development/catalyst
- Urban pathway
- Low impact development
- Concept alternative development
- January 21 community meeting
  - Analysis described
  - Alternatives presented
  - Well attended
  - Questions received during the meeting
  - Funding/schedule
- Concept Alternative A (revised)

- Preferred concept (A Modified)
- Preferred concept implements policy
- Preferred concept Phase 1
- Preferred concept Phase 2
- Preferred concept Phase 3
- Next Steps
  - Community meeting: May 26
  - Parks and Trails Commission: June
  - Planning Commission: June
  - Council action: July
  - Policy adjustments: Sept April
  - Study, property: 2011-12
  - Design: 2012-2013
  - Construction Phase 1: 2014-15

Councilmember Cole requested color copies of any applicable maps be sent to the Council.

Councilmember Stilin also requested that names be connected to the plan.

Members of the Council agreed to move forward with the preferred alternative.

## **BNSF Railway Corridor Plans Follow-Up**

Mr. Craig Larsen and Ms. Carolyn Hope provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the status of the BNSF Corridor Sale Agreement.

#### The report addressed:

- An update on the progress made toward the final sale since signing the Memorandum of Understanding last year;
- Since the start of the year, City staff and outside counsel have been attending meetings with the Eastside BNSF Corridor Partners almost weekly; the intent of the meetings is to discuss sale and easement agreement language that will be acceptable to all parties throughout the 42-mile corridor;
- The City and PSE have informally discussed trading easements value for value between (1) PSE crossings within the BNSF corridor and (2) City trail use of the PSE corridor running east-west across the City; meeting scheduled for May 6, 2010;
- Develop easement language for existing and proposed wastewater utility line. The current King County line crosses the BNSF corridor at the Sammamish River and runs along the north edge of the corridor from approximately 170<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to the East Lake Sammamish Trail. The county is relinquishing their authority to build a regional trail in Redmond to the City; therefore, the City does not anticipate easement language from King County regarding the trail; meeting May 5, 2010;
- Cascade Water Alliance does not, currently, have any infrastructure in Redmond; however, their long-term plans may extend into Redmond. At this time, the City foresees an easement agreement once their plans for Redmond are defined; and

• There are other jurisdictions and private parties that have existing facilities within the BNSF corridor; after the sale, the City will update those easement agreements, as necessary.

Next steps for staff includes anticipating closing the sale agreement and easement agreements before summer.

#### **Animal Services**

Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the current animal services agreement between the City of Redmond and King County.

The report addressed:

- the change in level of services currently proposed under the existing contract with the City of Redmond;
- the regional efforts happening to collectively address the question of providing animal services;
- the proposed regional model and draft sub-regional model options;
- financial impacts to the City of Redmond;
- a summary of the trade-offs between models; and
- next steps in the process.

An agenda item will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the May 4, 2010, regular meeting regarding how to proceed with the question of providing continued animal services.

## **Council Talk Time**

Councilmember Myers informed that the Business Tax Transportation Improvements Committee held their final meeting this evening, noting that it was a good scoring process.