

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

January 25, 2011

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Richard Cole, Council President
Pat Vache, Council Vice-president
Kim Allen
David Carson
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers
John Stilin

Staff

Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner
Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner
Tricia Thomson, Senior Transportation Engineer
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

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

Overlake Phase III Comprehensive Plan and Development Guide Amendments

Mr. Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, solicited any comments or inquiries from Members of the Council with regards to this matter; none were received at this time. Mr. Churchill informed the Members that an ordinance and resolution would be coming forward for their consideration with regards to the amendments at the February 15, 2011, regular Council meeting.

Redmond Code Rewrite – Final Development Standards Package

Ms. Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner, and Mr. Jeff Churchill reported regarding the final development standards package of the Zoning Code Rewrite Project. They reviewed questions previously received from the Members as follows:

- Issue No. 1 – Closed;
- Issue No. 2 – Members of the Council requested, and the Mayor concurred, to provide an annual report of any changes that occur to the Redmond Community Development Guide appendix, as such revisions are made administratively – Closed;
- Issue No. 3 – Members of the Council concurred they would like to place the issue of ‘portable signs in downtown’ in the Council ‘parking lot’ of issues to follow-up on at a later time, otherwise – Issue Closed;

- Issue 4 – Members of the Council discussed having a cross-reference of definitions in the code that are either changing location, or changing substance; Ms. Aparicio responded that staff will create a cheat sheet to help users of the new code navigate through the changes; otherwise – Issue Closed; and
- Issue 5 – Closed.

Mr. Churchill distributed a proposed definition related to ‘road, ground passenger, and transit transportation’. Members of the Council concurred with staff’s proposed definition.

Members of the Council concurred with staff’s recommendation of how to proceed with the zoning code rewrite evaluation plan. Councilmember Vache asked staff to let end users of the Code know in advance of the evaluation process, and that a survey would be forthcoming for their input.

Ms. Aparicio concluded by noting a public hearing will be held on the proposed zoning code rewrite on February 15, 2011.

Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

Mr. Churchill and Ms. Tricia Thomson, Senior Transportation Engineer, provide a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council with regard to remaining issues related to the Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan update. Discussion ensued as follows:

- Issue No. 1 – Closed;
- Issue No. 2:
 - Members of the Council concurred that they would like to see the elements of the neighborhood plan, including safety, incorporated into the elements of the SE Redmond Transportation Study;
 - Discussion revolved around the safety priorities established as Nos. 21, 22, 27, and 34;
 - Councilmember Vache asked that No. 34 be made into a positive statement reflecting ‘improved’ traffic flow; Councilmember Margeson opined that ‘improved’ doesn’t necessarily mean slower or safer to the neighbors; and
 - Mayor Marchione noted that a more thorough conversation related to the transportation aspects of the plan will be discussed during the February 8, 2011, Council study session in this regard;
- Issue No. 3 – Closed; and
- Issue No. 4 - Councilmember Allen stated that she would like to take another look at No. 34 regarding the ingress and egress concerns of the neighbors.

Mayor Marchione noted that the overall conversation on February 8, 2011, will be to bring back options regarding Priority No. 34 and to explain how concerns of the neighbors will be incorporated into the traffic analysis.

Council Procedures for Advancing Issues

Mayor Marchione provided a presentation to the Members of the Council with regards to Council Procedures for Advancing Issues. The presentation addressed:

- process to consider Council issues:
 - issues referred to Committee by a majority vote of Council;
 - Committee chair places item on agenda; and
 - Mayor's request for Council consideration;
- assigning staff time and resources:
 - executive function approved by the Mayor;
 - Mayor weights priorities, timelines, and resources before allocating staff to Council issues; and
 - Mayor requests the support of four Councilmembers to consider the issue, before assigning resources;
- ways to advance Council issues:
 - straight to the full Council
 - Council Talk Time; and
 - New Business on regular agenda;
 - request mayoral consideration
 - Mayor/Executive branch usually tests Council's interest at Committee level;
- Council committee route: and
 - ask Committee chair to place on agenda;
 - Committee discusses;
 - Committee decides to pursue or not;
 - Mayor assigns resources based on Council direction;
 - Council decides if they want further staff support; and
 - Committee chair makes report at business meeting;
- Summary:
 - three methods of advancing issues;
 - majority of the Council needs to agree to consider the issue before resources are assigned with regard to Council generated topics;
 - consider the best use of Council and staff time; and
 - public perception of chasing less important issues.

Members of the Council discussed the procedure for advancing Council issues, and concurred that no code changes were required to the process.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Vache reminded the Members that their retreat will be held on January 31, 2011. Members of the Council requested the recent Government Finance Officers' Association report on the Council's Budgeting by Priorities process be redistributed to them.

Members of the Council briefly discussed their performance measures and spoke about setting a Council study session to reevaluate them. No date was set as of this time.