REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION

February 22, 2011

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Dennis Lisk, Associate Planner
Kim Dietz, Senior Planner
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m. Adjourned: 9:55 p.m.

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

Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

Mr. Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, presented to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding outstanding issues to be addressed this evening with regard to the Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan. Members of the Council concurred that they preferred the language presented in Alternative No. 5. This item was closed for discussion and it was noted that the matter would come before the Council for consideration at their March 1, 2011, meeting.

Redmond Code Rewrite Topics from February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Municipal Code Changes Resulting from Code Rewrite – Impact Fees

Ms. Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner, and Mr. Dennis Lisk, Associate Planner, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council with regards to follow-up items resulting from the February 15, 2011, public hearing on the City's Zoning Code Rewrite Project. Remaining issues were addressed as follows:

- Issue No 1 – Members of the Council noted their preference for Alternative No. 1; Closed;
- Issue No. 2 – Closed;
- Issue No. 3 – Closed;
- Issue Nos. 4 and 5 – Closed; and
- Issue No. 6 – Members of the Council agreed to exempt single-family residential homes from the provision; Closed.

Neighborhood Commercial Amendments to Comprehensive Plan and Development Guide

Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council with regards to proposed Neighborhood Commercial amendments. Issues identified were addressed as follows:

- Issue No. 1 – Members of the Council generally supported a ¼ mile distance from urban centers; Councilmember Cole requested staff to review whether or not this change would require an additional public hearing on the matter;
- Issue No. 2 – Members of the Council concurred that a ¼ mile proximity to parks standard should be a parameter, and not a criteria; Closed;
- Issue No. 3 – Members of the Council concurred that the threshold should be lowered to one tenant; Closed;
- Issue No. 4 – Members of the Council concurred that a survey is not needed; Closed;
- Issue No. 5 – Closed;
- Issue No. 6 – R1 and possibly R2 exempted from Neighborhood Commercial; Closed; and
- Issue No. 7 – Members of the Council concurred that this parameter should be allowed, but not required; Closed.

With regards to Issue No. 1, staff relayed that additional information would be provided regarding the proximity of Neighborhood Commercial zoning to urban centers at the next study session on Neighborhood Commercial amendments, currently scheduled for March 8, 2011.

Council Talk Time

Members of the Council discussed having a formal process in which items previously brought forward by committee members in a committee forum are approved for further allocation of staff resources through a majority vote of the entire Council.