REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

April 12, 2011

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John Marchione

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STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m. Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.

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

Port Commission Briefing - Commissioner Gael Tarleton

Ms. Gael Tarleton, Port of Seattle Port Commissioner, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding strategic issues currently being addressed by the Port; such as: maintaining economic viability and cleaning up the Lower Duwamish River; the purpose and scope of the Port; the Port's upcoming 100th anniversary; regional efforts to work with the Port of Tacoma and other collaboration efforts; economic development; and the Port's efforts to create a twenty-five year strategic plan.

Draft Final Master Plan for Redmond Central Connector

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Senior Planner, and Mr. Dave Knight of The Berger Partnership provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Redmond Central Connector Master Plan development. The presentation addressed:

- project goals and policies;
- the master planning process infrastructure alignment, trolley study, public involvement, and master planning development;
- regional efforts taking place in the corridor;
- Sammamish Valley long-term development; less master plan detail;
- Downtown near-term development; more master plan detail;
- design principles;
- corridor elements;

- walking downtown; and
- next steps;
 - the Master Plan is a framework for guiding long-term development of the Redmond Central Connector, including design principles; design guideline recommendations, and conceptual plans;
 - edits are being accepted through April 22, 2011;
 - SEPA review;
 - Council adoption is planned for June 7, 2011; and
 - Phase 1 design is anticipated to begin in June 2011.

Comments from the Council included:

- placement of bike lanes;
- whether or not the City is able to continue planking over the trestle;
- the desire to show the trail along the Slough depicted on the map so people do not lose site that there is already a trail; and
- parking disappearing in the downtown and future plans to accommodate growth and parking needs.

Council Briefing Re: Reclaimed Water

Mr. Scott Thomasson, Water/Wastewater Engineering Manager, and Mr. Jon Spangler, Natural Resources Engineering Manager, provided a report regarding reclaimed water in King County and Redmond. The presentation addressed:

- King County has been operating a small reclaimed water system for years;
- Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) was adopted in November 1999;
- RWSP contains reclaimed water policies (water reuse policies);
- key policy phrases: "actively pursue", "water supply," "feasibility study", "financial analysis";
- feasibility study not well received by the region;
- set the stage to conduct Comprehensive Reclaimed Water Plan;
- existing King County reclaimed water facilities;
- why King County is pursuing reclaimed water;
 - goal diversion of wastewater from Puget Sound;
 - additional outcomes irrigation and industrial uses;
 - environmental enhancement streams and wetlands;
- Brightwater reclaimed water system the distribution of reclaimed water from Brightwater was planned after consideration of a small reclaimed water treatment plant south of the Sixty Acres Park soccer fields;
- comprehensive planning process;
 - to determine if, how, when, where, and by what funding mechanism King County's existing reclaimed water system should expand;
 - planning process began mid 2008;
 - steps and actions to be taken;
 - county seeking authorization from King County Council to proceed with steps;
- Redmond Bear Creek strategy;
- Redmond's concerns regarding Redmond/Bear Creek strategy;

- use of reclaimed water in critical aquifer recharge area will be harmful to drinking water supply;
- projections of demand are over-estimated;
- year-round addition of water to wetlands will increase flooding potential;
- distribution system will be disruptive and expensive;
- Redmond's letter to King County opposed to strategy;
- planning process next steps;
 - cost benefit analysis of selected strategies;
 - identification of alternative to reclaimed water that may achieve similar benefits;
 - develop guiding principles for reclaimed water financing plan;
 - decision point King County Executive transmits motion, transmitted to King County Council for approval of reclaimed water financing plan (4th quarter 2011);
- King County Council;
 - Executive proposed motion (January 2011)
 - > approve three strategies;
 - > move forward with steps 4, 5, and 6 of the planning process;
 - > cost benefit analysis, identification of alternative, financing plan principles;
 - Suburban Cities Association (SCA) supports motion
 - Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC):
 - approve policies for wastewater treatment;
 - February/March briefing and discussion;
 - > April 6th motion discussed decision deferred until May;
 - > Seattle amendment to motion;
 - King County potential action mid-May.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- whether or not King County purchases water from the City of Redmond; yes for Marymoor Park operations;
- King County's interest to make resources out of wastewater the City of Redmond does not have to put any of this water to use, but will pay for it through sewer rates;
- the question of whether we should be subsidizing reclaimed water through rate payers;
- rate setting and price setting policies are ultimately needed;
- wetland issues with sending reclaimed water into wetlands;
- resending the City's letter of opposition to King County noting that the City of Redmond does not wish to participate if King County wishes to run pipe, it can apply to do so through the City's permitting process; and
- issue deferred a month by the Regional Water Quality Committee.

Council Talk Time

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming Tuesday study session to review the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Discussion also took place regarding the City Council manual – Councilmembers Carson and Allen are working on the product.

Councilmember Cole:

- reminded all members that their Financial Disclosure forms are due on April 15th; and
- spoke regarding a press release for the closure of the east bound lane of Redmond Way.

Mayor John Marchione noted that the fifth Tuesday of May is following the Memorial Day holiday. Members of the Council concurred to cancel the study session currently scheduled for that day.

Members of the Council discussed holding a town meeting and the recording requirements necessary for that format.

Councilmember Margeson reported regarding the Suburban Cities Association's Public Issues Committee.

Members of the Council concluded by discussing a paperless packet environment, securing Adobe Acrobat licenses in order to mark-up electronic documents, and asked that an electronic equipment recommendation come through the Public Administration and Finance Committee for further discussion.