

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION**

August 23, 2011

**Mayor**

John Marchione (*Not in Attendance*)

**Members of the Council**

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

**Staff**

Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator  
Marta Gronlund, Communications Program Manager  
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner  
Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

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**STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:58 p.m.

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

**Biennial Citizen Survey Review**

Deputy City Administrator Jane Christenson and Communications Program Manager Marta Gronlund provided an update to the Members of the Council with respect to presentation of the 2011 Benchmarking Citizen Satisfaction Survey. The survey has been conducted at the City every two years since 1998.

Members of the Council and staff discussed the questions posed in the survey, how questions were framed, what staff hoped to extrapolate from the answers to the questions, and how data would be qualified and quantified.

**Limited Shoreline Master Plan/Natural Environment Element/FEMA Update Development Guide Amendment**

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, provided a report to the Members of the Council noting that two requests have been made to refine two separate policies in the Natural Environment Element since the Planning Commissions' review and recommendation of approval of the Limited Shoreline Master Program Amendment.

- (1) Off-site tree planting – minor edit to Policy NE-104 is needed; and
- (2) Change to Policy NE-94 – to more closely align Policy NE-94 with a similar policy in the Parks Element.

Ms. Beam also advised the City is still awaiting written verification from FEMA with regards to its compliance with the Washington State Department of Ecology's Biological Opinion.

Discussion ensued between Members of the Council and Ms. Beam with regards to the City's leadership with regard to policy and regulation compliance. The question at hand was whether the City is getting too far out in front of the regulations.

Councilmember Vache spoke regarding incorporating sustainability into the City's policies.

Councilmember Cole spoke regarding the City's Dark Skies lighting policy.

### **Council Talk Time**

Councilmember Cole reminded Members of the Overlake Area Walk Audit, to be held Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 5 p.m.

Members of the Council spoke regarding Councilmember Lambert's and Hague's efforts to minimize the impact of service cuts to the Eastside with regards to Metro Transit. Members opined that recognition for their efforts is in order.