

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

August 30, 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

Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development
Director
Erika Vandenbrande, TDM Program Manager
Lori Peckol, Planning Policy Manager
Terry Marpert, Principal Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:12 p.m.

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

Community of Excellence

Representatives of the Redmond Economic Development Alliance, Realize Redmond and the Chamber of Commerce met with the Mayor and Members of the Council to discuss the Community of Excellence initiative, economic development efforts of the organization, goals of collaboration and consolidation, and future strategies to foster economic development in the region and in the City of Redmond.

Downtown Parking

Planning and Community Development Director Rob Odle and TDM Program Manager Erika Vandenbrande provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council with regards to the status of the City's 2-hour parking limit enforcement program. The report addressed: the vision of the program; status of current parking availability; possible partnership and demonstration parking programs; expanding the parking enforcement boundary; and accelerating the construction of the Old Redmond Shop Site area into a public parking lot and using the funds from the Metro Park and Ride lease funds.

Members of the Council requested:

- conduction of a survey of affected businesses and residents in the area proposed for incorporation into the enforcement zone in order to better understand if expanding the parking would pose any problems for them;

- consideration of a policy where residential areas are affected in the enforcement area to allow for visitor parking permits;
- placing the consideration of expanding the boundary on hold until the Food Bank relocates in order to reassess parking needs at that time;
- a report back to the Council in six months to better understand the parking needs in the areas posed for incorporation into the boundary;
- accelerating the construction of the Old Redmond Shop Site lot for parking purposes; without the use of the Metro Park and Ride lease funds previously earmarked for restoration of open space at the current City Hall parking lot (formerly referred to as Art Hill); and
- Councilmember Allen requested an accounting of funds for the restoration of City Hall open space; previously noted to be \$135,000, now noted as \$119,000 of available funds.

(The study session recessed at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m.)

School Impact Fee Rates

Planning Policy Manager Lori Peckol and Principal Planner Terry Marpert provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council with regards to school impact fee rates. The presentation addressed:

- request to update school impact fee rates;
- new six-year Capital Facility Plan (CFP);
- CFP identifies capital facilities needed to serve growth, revenue sources;
- under the Growth Management Act (GMA) local municipalities set rates and collect fees;
- current \$2,750/single-family and \$280/multi-family dwelling;
- unchanged since adoption in 2006;
- 2009 – review stopped/Lake Washington School District request;
- 2010- Council postponed action until Kirkland completed decision;
- City of Kirkland adopted a three-year phasing plan beginning June 1, 2011;
- Sammamish and King County rates; and
- staff recommendation – three-year phasing; 50 percent CFP rate in first year; 80 percent CFP rate in second year; and 100 percent in the third year, beginning January 1, 2012.

Lake Washington School Superintendent Dr. Chip Kimball and Ms. Denise Stiffarm addressed the Mayor and Members of the Council with regards to the formula used to calculate per dwelling fees and the use of portables in schools.

Staff advised this matter would come before the Council for final consideration in October/November 2011.

Council Talk Time

Mayor Marchione inquired if the Members of the Council would like to take a position on Statewide Initiative Measure 1125. The measure would prohibit the use of motor vehicle fund revenue and vehicle toll revenue for non-transportation purposes, and require that road and bridge tolls be set by the Legislature and be project-specific.

After brief discussion, Mayor Marchione noted that he would work with Council Leadership to find a study session date at which to discuss the matter in-depth.