REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

November 7, 2011

Mayor

John Marchione Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator

Staff

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Lori Peckol, Comprehensive Plan and Policy Manager **Members of the Council** Richard Cole, Council President

Kim Dietz, Senior Planner

Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development

Director

David Carson Deb Farris, Code Enforcement Officer Hank Margeson Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Hank Myers John Stilin

Kim Allen

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

SESSION SUMMARY

Councilmember Cole called the meeting to order and overviewed the agenda.

2012 State Legislative Agenda

Pat Vache, Council Vice-president

Ms. Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator, provided a report in concert with State Lobbyist Doug Levy and Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor. Ms. Christenson presented the draft 2012 legislative agenda and Mr. Levy spoke regarding the budget of the state and challenges presented to the Legislature in the coming sessions.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- a special session beginning on November 28, 2011, with the focus of addressing the \$2 million worth of projected cuts;
- initiatives proposed to be voted on in the November general election;
- top priorities for the City of Redmond;
- the status of the street ramp project envisioned for 124th Avenue NE;
- ranking of the street ramp project by the Puget Sound Regional Council;
- small energy facilities, and what that means;
- placing a priority need on preserving local funding;
- removing/lowering annexation as one of Redmond's top priorities from the list and liquor revenues;
- support for municipal research funding being added as a priority;
- emphasizing the efforts of Redmond to minimize expenses and detailing what specific transportation needs are in the City;
- reflecting Eastside Human Services Forum's legislative agenda in Redmond's legislative agenda:

- recent news that the State closed the last fiscal year in the red, and potential impacts of that going forward;
- establishing talking points for the upcoming joint meeting of the Council and the 45th and 48th Legislative Delegations; and
- partnering with employees on health care costs and other efforts of the City to respond to more demands on services and less incoming revenues.

2010-11 Comprehensive Plan Update: Amendments to Small Animal Husbandry Policies and Codes, Introduction and Reconciliation

Councilmember Allen hosted the discussion.

Ms. Lori Peckol, Comprehensive Plan and Policy Manager, and Ms. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council. The report addressed:

- outstanding issues;
 - o policy addressing increased awareness of energy consumption and improving energy efficiency strike last four words of the proposed language;
 - o cost of code enforcement if clean-up is needed;
 - complaint history;
 - difficulty in ascertaining costs for enforcement;
 - o permit vs. registration; and
 - very few jurisdictions have a permitting process;
 - establishing a mandatory, no-cost registration process by which staff distributes necessary educational materials to the applicants;
 - o number of chickens allowed;
 - approval of staff's proposed chart, minus the middle, which is the average minimum lot size; the chart will be included in the mandatory registration materials;
 - omitting R8 zoning;
 - in areas of clustering in R4 zoning addressing on a case-by-case basis to determine setbacks; home owners' associations also may simply not allow animal husbandry;
 - slaughtering up to one chicken per day in residential zones.

Councilmember Cole noted his opposition to the entire proposition of expanding animal husbandry.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Cole reminded the members of the Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m. meeting with the 45th and 48th Legislative Delegation, to be held here at City Hall, Council Conference Room.

Councilmember Margeson discussed the recommended appointments for the Suburban Cities Association and other regional appointments made.

Councilmember Cole added a reminder regarding the stormwater infiltration assessment program study session to be held next week.

Councilmember Stilin spoke regarding his attendance at a Division of Elections open house to view the ballot canvassing center. He spoke regarding the complexity of the process and the good opportunity for education.