REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

February 14, 2012

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Kim Allen
David Carson
Tom Flynn
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers
John Stilin
Pat Vache

Staff

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor
Mark Hagreen, Police Commander
Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director
Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner
Don Cairns, Public Works Transportation
Engineering Manager
Lei Wu, Senior Transportation Engineer

Lei Wu, Senior Transportation Engineer Michelle, M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m. Adjourned: 8:56 p.m.

COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Council Vice-President Hank Margeson opened the meeting, overviewed the agenda, and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Animal Services Update

Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding animal services in the City of Redmond and regional animal services. Ms. Rivkin provided background of regional animal services, noting that King County currently provides animal care and control services for 26 cities and unincorporated King County. There is a current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the period of July 2010 – December 2012 for these services. The ILA is automatically extended for two years unless a party opts out of the regional system, which triggers a re-negotiation of the agreement.

Ms. Rivkin provided statistics related to the number of animal control calls received by King County from within the City, the number of intakes at the shelter from within the City, the number of animal licenses sold and the revenue generated from licenses sales for animals residing with owners within the City from 2008 - 2011. Ms. Rivkin noted the City of Auburn is opting out of the ILA and the total cost allocated to the cities will decrease under the proposed ILA, as the need for services have dropped. Services levels to the City of Redmond will be maintained.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- licensing volume;
- public services announcements regarding licensing;
- annual cost of providing animal control services at the City;

- the City of Kirkland is not participating in the model next year; and
- when the City will know what the cost model is for a sub-regional animal care model.

Ms. Rivkin finalized her report by providing the timeline of the re-negotiated ILA and next steps. The ILA is anticipated to be effective by July 1, 2012.

Potential City Ballot Measure Survey Results

Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director, and Ms. Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, provided a summary of the results of a statistically valid survey recently completed to evaluate the potential for a successful ballot measure in 2012 that could raise funds to supplement the Parks and Transportation capital budget needs. Public outreach efforts and data collected through those efforts were also discussed. It was noted that overall, the residents of Redmond are not convinced of the need and urgency for additional revenue at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- explaining the gap between projects and funding;
- next steps to evaluate funding strategies; to decide whether or not expenditure targets are realistic and the projects reasonable; and to evaluate a reallocation of plans based on revenues; and
- if and when a decision to go to the ballot is made, an explanation of levy funding vs. bond funding should be made.

Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update

Councilmember Tom Flynn hosted the conversation.

Mr. Don Cairns, Public Works Engineering Manager, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council.

The report addressed:

- purpose of the plan update;
- history of the plan;
- TMP development dating back to 2002;
- strategic delivery of the 2002 Action Agenda;
- the 2005 TMP;
- 2012 update highlights;
- comparisons of 2005 and 2012 TMP outcomes and processes; and
- a strategic approach for prioritizing transportation projects and programs aligning the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) with the City's vision;
 - o stewardship keeps preservation and maintenance at current levels of performance;
 - o urban centers focuses on a short list of investments to advance urban centers; overall, citywide infrastructure lags behind growth; and
 - o neighborhood connections focuses on the most critical complete street and pedestrian and bicycle projects within and connecting to urban centers.

Mr. Cairns concluded that this approach will inform the projects and program selection the Council will see at a future study session.

Councilmember Stilin spoke to working in concert with all other departments as improvements take place and to ensure there is a public education element included. Members of the Council concurred.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Myers reminded the Members of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon being held tomorrow, February 15, 2012, to discuss the "One Redmond" economic development effort.

Councilmember Carson spoke regarding the February 26th event to benefit Hopelink; 5-k walk at the Redmond Athletic Club.

Mayor Marchione spoke regarding a transportation bill currently being discussed in Olympia which has a local option component regarding vehicle excise tax; the debate is how to distribute that money, allocation to the eastside is at issue. Discussion ensued regarding the AM vet motor vehicle car tab tax.

Councilmember Margeson advised the Members that a mid- to- late March Council retreat was discussed. Facilitators will be interviewed in late February.

Councilmember Flynn asked the Members to forward any ideas to him for the newsletter.