# REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

October 11, 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

Ron Gibson, Police Chief

Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner

Sarah Stiteler, Senior Planner

Don Cairns, Public Works Transportation

**Engineering Manager** 

Shari Shovlin, Police Commander

Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:24 p.m.

#### **SESSION SUMMARY**

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

#### 2010 – 11 Comprehensive Plan Update, Package 2 Amendments

Senior Parks Planner Carolyn Hope and Senior Planner Sarah Stiteler provided an overview of the package II amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Stiteler advised this is the first in two study sessions to be held with regards to the package II amendments, the second study session to be held on October 25, 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Councilmember Cole noted he would like to see 'acquiring Marymoor Park' included in the policy; Issue No. 1 Closed;
- Councilmember Margeson requested that Bellevue College be included in the listing with regard to economic vitality and that other institution names be updated as needed; Issue No. 2 Closed;
- Issue No. 2; Housing Closed;
- Issue No. 4; members expressed interest in bringing a fair housing ordinance forward in the future for consideration Closed;
- Issue No. 5 Closed:
- Issue No. 6 Closed;
- Issue No. 7 Closed;
- Issue No. 8 Open; staff to clarify language on innovative housing regulations;
- Policy No. HO 41 all applications should be treated equally Closed;
- Policy No. HO 26 "predictability" should be changed to read "clarity" Closed; and

 Preamble – "capacity" rather than "lost units"; staff to look at rewording the language – Closed.

#### **TFP Criteria and Process**

Mr. Don Cairns provided copies of his presentation to the Mayor and Members of the Council. Key milestones, schedule, and criteria for the TFP projects was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- projects being listed in the build-out plan, as well as candidate projects;
- criteria ranking; would include cost as well as other criteria;
- the City's efforts to reduce emissions;
- aligning the TFP criteria with other agencies' policies; and
- whether or not the City is moving toward a more holistic approach with regard to the City's north/south transportation corridor.

Members of the Council confirmed that staff is headed in the right direction with their approach and criteria.

(The study session recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.)

## **Traffic Safety Camera Program**

Councilmember Myers presented a review of the history related to the City's traffic safety camera program.

Items discussed included:

- goals of the project;
- the pilot program, beginning in February 2011;
- locations of the traffic safety cameras;
- camera selection criteria used:
- how traffic violations are handled parking infraction by state law and does not become a part of a person's driving record;
- the first full month of gathered data;
- total events reported to-date;
- collision data is inconclusive at this point;
- findings and conclusions the use of traffic cameras in school zones has had a positive affect;
- policy decisions facing the Council with respect to the program;
- collecting data for a longer period in order to ascertain effectiveness of the program;
- whether or not the police rejection criteria had changed between the months of April and September;
- revenues, expenses, and residuals with respect to the program;
- surplus funds being directed to a safety fund;
- the success rate of collecting fines issued;
- non-responsiveness of repeat violators;

- seasonality affecting the current data;
- comparing Redmond's data with the data being collected in Bellevue;
- changing/deterring behavior that causes violations to occur; and
- the contracted vendor, ATS.

Based on the presentation, Members of the Council concurred to:

- (1) bring back a motion to cancel the current traffic safety camera contract;
- (2) investigate more fully a school zone safety program; and
- (3) continue deliberations on an intersection safety program.

Mayor Marchione advised that a motion will be brought forward on November 1, 2011, for the Council's consideration of contract cancellation.

### **Council Talk Time**

Councilmember Stilin spoke regarding the Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry, and encouraged members to participate in a food bank drive.

Councilmember Margeson reported regarding the Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee meeting to be held on October 12, 2011. He stated that he would be voting against supporting passage of I-1183. Councilmember Margeson also reported they would be receiving an update with respect to 2040 prioritization of rural school sewers.

Councilmember Margeson reported with regards to the Suburban Cities Association Law Safety Justice Committee, noting that gang violence in South King County was discussed, as well as pharmaceutical programs, a tobacco-free parks initiative, and the proposed budget from the King County Executive.