

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Meeting Summary

Council

Kim Allen (Chair)
Tom Flynn
Hank Myers
Hank Margeson (*attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*attending Council Member*)
Pat Vache (*attending Council Member*)

Staff

Ron Grant, Acting Public Works Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Community
Development Director
Judd Black, Development Review Manager
Lori Peckol, Policy and Comprehensive Plan
Manager
Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager, Natural
Resources
Scott Thomasson, Engineering Manager,
Water/Wastewater
Erika Vandenbrande, TDM Program Manager
Cathy Beam, Principal Planner
Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner
Kelley Cochran, Management Analyst
Chester Knapp, Senior Planner
Terry Marpert, Principal Planner
Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner
Elizabeth Adkisson, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

Chair Kim Allen opened the meeting, overviewed the agenda, and noted Council Members in attendance.

Cascade Water Agreement

Mr. Scott Thomasson, Engineering Manager, Water/Wastewater, presented information regarding the Cascade Water Agreement:

- Cascade Water Alliance (CWA) is in transition to become a municipal corporation;
- the CWA has created a new interlocal agreement; approved by the CWA Board;
- the agreement will be coming forward to participating agencies for review and approval; and
- the item will come before the full Council for consideration at the regular business meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

General discussion ensued regarding effect of changes on bond rating and any changes from the current agreement (limited to information added in order to address statutes related to municipal corporations).

Pedestrian Bike Advisory Committee (PBAC) Resolution

Mr. Joel Pfundt, Principal Planner, presented information on the Pedestrian Bike Advisory Committee (PBAC) Resolution:

- proposed action: formal establishment of the City of Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC); by approval of the full Council via resolution;
- purpose and need: the current committee consists of citizens who have met monthly for a number of years; and offer feedback to Transportation Planning Staff on the City's efforts to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, and encourage walking and bicycling; members wish to establish a stronger operating framework for the PBAC;
- resolution central points:
 - purpose of committee is to provide guidance to staff on issues related to active transportation (e.g. walking and bicycling) in Redmond;
 - committee will consist of twelve members; eleven persons who live/work in Redmond, and one ex-officio member from City Council, to serve as PBAC/Council liaison;
 - members to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, after review of member application materials;
 - term length: four years; staggered terms; and
- item proposed to come before the full Council for consideration at the regular business meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

General discussion ensued regarding the number/term/appointment of members, current meeting attendance, advisory status, the need for an ex-officio Council member, and whether this formal establishment is necessary. Staff indicated they would consider adjustments to the ordinance, and bring back for further discussion.

Downtown Parking Update

Ms. Erika Vandenbrande, TDM Program Manager, updated the Committee on Downtown Parking:

- provided a review of the Downtown Parking Partnerships map:
 - Parking Grant Application Sites;
 - Redmond Central Connector Parking Lot;
 - Extended Parking by Permit;
 - Major Development Projects;
 - Parking Boundary; and
 - Buildings;
- with upcoming Downtown projects and events, the demand for parking will increase;
- Staff is looking into options for 160th Avenue parking lot;
- Redmond Central Connector Parking Lot – up for approval at June 5th regular Council meeting; to be opened by end of 2012/early 2013; and
- street parking regulations on the north side of NE 87th Street, near the Together Center, to be extended from two to three hour public parking, and extended parking by permit; and monitored by third party vendor;

General discussion ensued regarding the parking near the Together Center, possible upgrades to third party vendor monitoring, and 160th Avenue parking lot options. Council members requested

more information and that a study session time be set for discussion on the topic of the 160th Avenue parking lot.

SCA Transit Questionnaire

Mr. Terry Marpert, Principal Planner, presented a document for review entitled 'DRAFT Response to SCA Questions' for review and discussion; addressing the following: 1) What would an ideal Public Transit System in your community to look like? What should the role of Alternative Services be?; 2) When and where is it appropriate to consider alternatives? If there is an opportunity to replace fixed-route service with more cost effective alternative services, would your community support this change?; and 3) Additional feedback for RTC members? Mr. Marpert stated staff has prepared draft responses to these questions, based off of Council and staff discussions, to be presented to Suburban Cities Association (SCA).

General discussion ensued regarding Redmond responses, the term 'alternative services', a long-term circulatory system within Redmond, the upcoming review of Redmond Transportation Master Plan (TMP), and looking at other agency's solutions to similar reductions in public transit.

Committee Chair Allen stated that these responses will be submitted to SCA, utilized for discussion in the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) by Councilmember Allen, and presented to SCA's Public Issues Committee (PIC) by Councilmember Margeson.

Expiring Building Permits

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director, reported that Council previously voted to allow the extension of building permits (due to economic difficulties); since that time the City has gone through a code update and budget cycle, and funding has been utilized; and building permits that were previously put on hold, will now be termed to expire and payments will be due.

District Energy *(item added at the time of the meeting)*

Ms. Cathy Beam, Principal Planner, presented information on District Energy:

- these systems represent a potentially valuable asset, by providing a flexible platform for utilization of local resources and adoption of new technologies;
- a highly innovative energy service model whereby municipalities, energy providers, and private property owners collectively leverage local energy sources to reduce cost of, as well as demand on, traditional energy systems;
- a highly efficient way to heat and cool many buildings in a given locale from a central plant; using a network of underground pipes to pump steam, hot water, and chilled water to multiple buildings (in specific area); requires less fuel and displaces the need to install separate space heating, cooling, and hot water systems in each building;
- reduces operating costs and maintain energy dollars by reducing need to import fuel for heating and cooling;
- reduces environmental impacts of heating and cooling due to efficiency of systems; and
- economic drivers and valuable benefits.

Ms. Beam stated that the City is looking into the opportunity to utilize district energy, and a budget offer regarding these systems for the Downtown and Overlake areas will be presented for Council's consideration.

General discussion ensued regarding Seattle's utilization of similar systems, capture of energy and heat recovery, district energy as an incentive for future developments in these areas, and timing of the offer (good, based on planned development).

Drive-Through Policy and Regulations

Mr. Odle and Mr. Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner, presented information on the City's current Drive-Through Policy and Regulations; reviewing the background, existing land-use policies and development regulations, recent policy and regulatory decisions, and next steps.

General discussion ensued regarding: identified land-use, urban design, transportation and environmental impacts of drive-through facilities; drive-through facility allowances by zoning/neighborhoods; and reconsideration of drive-through facilities policies and regulations.

MOTION: Councilmember Allen moved to refer the item to the full Council for consideration.

VOTE: The motion failed with Councilmembers Allen and Flynn voting in opposition. (1-2)