

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Meeting Summary

Council

Hank Margeson, Chair
Kim Allen
David Carson
Richard Cole
Nancy McCormick

Staff

Rob Odle, Planning Director
Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning Director
Elizabeth McAnlis, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor

John Marchione

Convene: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn: 5 p.m.

Continued Discussion Re: Quasi-Judicial Appeal Process

Chair Hank Margeson opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Councilmember Allen reported regarding the last conversation that the Council had related to its role in quasi-judicial proceedings. She spoke regarding other jurisdictions and how their quasi-judicial processes take place.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the various types of appeals and how they are processed;
- actions from the Hearing Examiner that get appealed directly to Superior Court;
- Council retaining appeal jurisdiction over preliminary plat actions, and possible conditional uses and rezones;
- the Council having more ability to become involved in the process if the Council is not acting in a quasi-judicial capacity;
- struggles with representation for the citizens that may take place when the Council is unable to engage with the public regarding quasi-judicial matters;
- mediation, and potential for pre-hearing mediation;
- the Council's role with regard to quasi-judicial proceedings being limited to information contained in the record and the legal parameters established by City Code and Washington State Statute;
- not currently having filing fees for appeals at the City of Redmond; and
- possible code changes that would modify the processes for Types I, II, and III appeals.

Members of the Committee discussed holding a study session with the full Council on the matter of the Council's quasi-judicial role in early 2009.

Members of the Committee also briefly discussed the Rose Hill South annexation, responses to questions raised of the Council, creating a question and answer sheet to assist the members of the public, and crafting possible additional language to address sewer issues. Councilmember McCormick also inquired regarding groundwater information in this regard.