

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

October 10, 2023, 7 p.m.

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Council President Jessica Forsythe called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda. The meeting was held in City Hall Council Chambers. 7:03pm

Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum:

- 🛛 Jeralee Anderson
- David Carson
- Steve Fields
- \boxtimes Jessica Forsythe
 - Varisha Khan
- Vanessa Kritzer
- Melissa Stuart
- 1. City of Redmond 2024 State Legislative Agenda Department: Executive Requested Action: Informational

Amy Tsai, Chief Policy Advisor, and Briahna Murray, Lobbyist, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Overview;
- Purpose of State Legislative Agenda;
- Collaborative effort;
- State Legislative Agenda Timeline;
- Expectations for 2024 Legislative Session;
- Overview of Upcoming 2024 Legislative Agenda;
- Themes;
- Climate Commitment Act;
- Behavioral Health;
- Rising Project Costs;
- Political Context;
- City Legislative Agenda Development and Use;
- New Legislative Agenda Format;
- City of Redmond Top Priority Issues;
- Idylwood Park Accessibility Improvements;
- Electric Fire Engine Charging Infrastructure;
- 148th Ave NE Bicycle and Pedestrian Overpass Prioritization;
- Support Issues;
- Housing;
- Environmental Sustainability;
- Planning and Infrastructure;
- General Government;

- Community Vitality;
- Public Safety; and
- Next Steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: the process; inclusion of the 2030 goals with the 2050 goals; reason for including Paid Family Leave Act; Labor Regulations; gender-affirming care and gender-affirming care for minors; childcare affordability and accessibility; adequately resourced policing; frequency of academy classes; alternative crisis response programs; alternative treatment clarification; vehicular pursuits; fish recovery; number of visits to Idylwood Park; and the expected timeline for the Idylwood Park project.

2. 2023 Development User Fee Study Update and Parks User Fee Study Update

Department: Finance Requested Action: Study Session

Kelley Cochran, Director of Finance, introduced the item, and Haritha Narra, Finance Manager, Ryan Edwardsen, Senior Financial Analyst, and Martin Shaw, FCS Group, Jason Lynch, Development Services Deputy Director, and Loreen Hamilton, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Development User Fees;
- Overview;
- Scope of Work;
- Study Methodology;
- Guiding Principles;
- Components of Cost to Serve;
- Study Findings;
- Major Drivers of Increased Cost;
- Current Level of Cost Recovery;
- Policy Change Proposals;
- Pre-Review Entitlement Process (PREP) Fees Eliminated;
- Technology Surcharge;
- Coverage of EnerGov Costs;
- New Fees Proposed;
- Proposed New Fees for Land Use, Civil and Public Works;
- Building Fess Comparison;
- Summary of Recommendations;
- Parks User Fees;
- Scope and Purpose of Study;
- Cost of Service Methodology;
- Proposed Fee Updates;
- Revised Fees Comparable to Neighboring Communities;
- Credit Card Fee Policy Recommendation;
- Revenue from Electronic Payment;
- Legal Authority;
- Recommendation to Establish Fee at 3% Effective January 1, 2025;

- Administrative Considerations;
- Staff Training;
- Next Steps; and
- Next session October 24th.

Discussion ensued regarding: dialogue with OneRedmond and the development community; clarification on building fees comparison; PREP process; 75% cost recovery; proposed new fees; staffing needs to implement; 4% technology surcharge; event non-profit rate and equity impacts; recovery efforts and timeline for Credit Card Fee start date; budget impacts; and number of payments over \$10,000.00.

Recess: 9:28-9:38pm

3. Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

Department: Planning and Community Development Requested Action: Before the beginning of 2024.

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced the item and Glenn Coil, Senior Planner, Jeff Churchill, Planning Manager, and Beckye Frye, Principal Planner reported to the Members of the Council:

- Community Design;
- Community Engagement;
- Inclusive Design;
- Accessibility;
- Cultural Diversity in Built Environment;
- Resiliency and Sustainability;
- Climate Resiliency and Sustainability;
- Element Goals;
- Policy Role; and
- Strategies and Actions.

Discussion ensued regarding: language agility; universal design principles; DT-37 midblock streets; CC-26 unique crosswalk treatments; policy movement; diversity, equity and inclusion; design and materials; universal design; sign code; sandwich signs and sidewalk accessibility; CR-268 deficit language; CR-4 mutually reinforcing policies; resilience hubs and clean air shelters; CR-1 inclusion of 2030 goals; zero carbon strategy; building codes regarding green roofs and green sides; development and land use codes; water concerns; and how to submit written feedback.

4. Council Talk Time

• None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.