



Memorandum

Date: 11/28/2023
Meeting of: City Council Study Session

File No. SS 23-056
Type: Study Session

TO: Members of the City Council
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TITLE:

Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and provide policy direction on three of the topics identified at the Council's October 3, 2023, business meeting:

- Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation (PIE) Element: roles of city government
- Human Services Element: role of city government
- Land Use Element: building height and other topics

All of these are documented in Attachment A.

On Oct. 3, staff briefed the Council on early drafts of updates to the following Comprehensive Plan elements: Annexation and Regional Planning; Human Services; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Natural Environment; Participation, Implementation, and Evaluation; Climate Resilience and Sustainability; Land Use; and Community Design. Community Design includes policies for Downtown, Marymoor Village, Southeast Redmond, corridors, design, and historic preservation. Collectively these are the "Phase 2" elements. On Oct. 10 the Council held a study session focused on Climate Resilience, Community Design, and moving from policies to strategies and actions.

Councilmembers were sent links to these elements by email in September. They are also part of the October 3, 2023, agenda packet:

<https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1113807&GUID=AE768BEE-5AF1-4E3F-BBD7-C9E3906124A3>.

The Human Services Element begins on page 165; the PIE Element begins on page 242; the Land Use Element begins on page 264.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☒ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Policy PI-15 calls for periodic Comprehensive Plan reviews.
- **Required:**
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every ten years. For King County cities the periodic review must be completed by December 31, 2024
- **Council Request:**
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

Updating the Redmond Comprehensive Plan will ensure that the Plan is consistent with state law and regional policy direction; advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency; and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Outreach for Phase 2 policies began in summer 2022 and has continued through Q3 2023.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:
 - Redmond 2050 Website
 - Let's Connect questionnaires
 - Press releases
 - Social media
 - Short videos
 - Yard signs
 - Posters
 - Utility Bill inserts
 - Email newsletters to multiple City lists
 - Emails to partner organizations

- Stakeholder input
- Focus group meetings
- Boards & Commissions meetings
- Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
- Tabling at community events
- Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces
- Translation of selected materials
- Community Advisory Committee input
- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Mailed property owner notifications
- **Feedback Summary:**
 - Annexation and Regional Planning*
 - Interest in orphaned roads and where they are in Redmond.
 - Interest in Potential Annexation Areas like English Hill and how they could help meet growth targets.
 - Human Services*
 - Support for this element and associated City operations.
 - Appreciation for focus on equity, regional collaboration, and inclusivity.
 - Capital Facilities*
 - Questions/clarifications on technical terms and how these policies support and/or incorporate Redmond 2050 themes.
 - Utilities*
 - Comments on how utility policies could better support equity in service provision.
 - Participation, Implementation, Evaluation*
 - Comments on catch-all terms for historically excluded groups.
 - Comment to incorporate tribal consultation.
 - Add language about impact review tools for environment, climate and economic development.
 - Climate Resilience and Sustainability*
 - Support for developing this element and appreciation for focus on equity and on vulnerable populations.
 - Natural Environment*
 - Community supportive of updates.
 - Land Use*
 - Support for allowing non-residential uses (goods, services) in residential areas.
 - Favorites include food trucks, cafes, corner stores, small healthcare, and community spaces.
 - Support for this concept especially around parks.
 - Concerns about this concept: noise and increased car traffic.
 - Community Design*
 - Community outreach begins September/October 2023.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

\$4,616,401 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development budget offer. This budget offer includes staff and consultant resources necessary to complete Redmond 2050.

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Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
0000040 - Community and Economic Development

Budget Priority:
Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):
General Fund, Washington State Department of Commerce grants

Budget/Funding Constraints:
Two Commerce grants supported updates to the Housing Element

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/22/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/28/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/15/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/10/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/7/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
7/26/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
8/9/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction

10/4/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/7/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/14/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/26/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/10/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

All Comprehensive Plan elements must be adopted by the end of 2024.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Staff is not requesting action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Council Input and Questions

Attachment B: Presentation Slides