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Good afternoon, Mayor and Councilmembers – I wanted to update you on several items that are recently completed, in process, or coming to you soon.


1. Private Development Update – staff have assembled the Private Development Update which is attached for your reference. We are emailing this information as requested by Council. The content represents development information from the first half of 2023. We will provide you with another update in January 2024. As you will see, the application numbers suggest that the pace of development is being affected by recent interest rate increases. That is consistent with what we are hearing from the development community.
2. Redmond 2050 – you will be receiving a large amount of information related to the City's Comprehensive Plan Update through the end of this year and into next. I will look for opportunities to provide packet materials farther in advance than normal, so you have plenty of time to prepare for meetings. We anticipate release of the Supplemental Draft EIS in the second half of September, with the Final EIS release anticipated before the end of the year. These documents will ensure you have the information needed to understand the impacts of various policy choices that are being presented to you.
3. Redmond Flex Development Agreement, Master Plan, and Site Plan Entitlement – you will see on your extended agenda that Redmond Flex has been added. This is a Type V development project that requires a public hearing and approval by the City Council. This is a quasi-judicial action, where the Council sits as “judges.” These actions are governed by the appearance of fairness doctrine. Any communications you have outside of a public meeting is required to be disclosed. As such, the best strategy is to avoid communications on the project. If you do have communications, please document the time and date, the party who you communicated with, and the nature of the communication. This will simplify your reporting when the City Attorney asks for ex parte communications to be disclosed during the Council meeting. Parties to the hearing can ask Councilmembers to be removed from decisionmaking on the project if it appears the Councilmember could have been influenced by the ex parte communication.
4. Health through Housing at the Silver Cloud. The County procurement process for a vendor is ongoing, but we expect a selection announcement in the near future. You will be updated as soon as King County has completed its procurement process.

I hope you all had a great break! Fall is in the air.



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