

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

November 28, 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.

Councilmembers present and establishing a quorum:

- \boxtimes Jeralee Anderson
- David Carson
- Steve Fields
- \boxtimes Jessica Forsythe
 - Varisha Khan
- 🛛 Vanessa Kritzer
- Melissa Stuart
- 1. Economic Development Strategic Plan Data Analysis Findings and Strategic Themes Department: Planning and Community Development Action: Informational

Seraphie Allen, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, and Philly Marsh, Economic Development Manager, were joined by a consultant and provided a presentation to the Members of the Council:

- Economic development needs;
- Strategic plan goals;
- Landscape assessment;
- Data analysis;
- SWOT analysis;
- Employment growth;
- Growth of Redmond industries;
- Real estate market;
- Business displacement, retention and expansion;
- Workforce; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: strategies and implementation action; business attraction; displacement mitigation; community feedback; office vacancy rates; retail trends; and childcare providers.

2. Redmond 2050: Phase 2 Policies

Department: Planning and Community Development Action: Informational Carol Helland, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced this item and Jeff Churchill, Long Range Planning Manager, Ian Lefcourte, Senior Planner and Lauren Alpert, Senior Planner, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Community engagement;
- Human Services element;
- Land use;
- Multimodal; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding: equity; local and urban centers; vision statement; barriers to participation in City boards and commissions; regulatory barriers; and placemaking.

3. Council Talk Time

- Letter to the National Transportation Safety Board regarding local road safety;
- Council hopper process;
- Redmond Lights starts this weekend; and
- December 5th is the last meeting of the year, with Councilmember and Mayor swearing in, recognition of outgoing councilmembers and a reception.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.