



Memorandum

Date: 11/10/2020

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

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Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Draft City of Redmond 2021 State Legislative Agenda

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Council reviewed the Draft City of Redmond 2021 State Legislative Agenda during the November 2, 2020, Parks and Human Services Committee of the Whole meeting. Council requested follow-up on one item - staff review of the 2021 WA Low Income Housing Alliance Legislative Agenda. Their 2021 Legislative Agenda will not be adopted until later this year and will likely include support for \$250 million for the Housing Trust Fund, \$100 Document Recording Fee increase, tenant protections, and progressive revenue. Staff propose adding to the City's Draft Legislative Agenda priority of "Affordable Housing and Homelessness" *funding* (in addition to local option tools) and *policies and programs* to ensure residents remain housed, to reflect the full array of legislative solutions available to address these issues.

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

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information**

☒ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
RMC 2.80, Representation of City to Legislative Bodies
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
Council provided input on their top priority issues for the 2021 Legislative Session at a Study Session on September 22, 2020. This input formed the basis for the Draft City of Redmond 2021 Legislative Agenda. The PowerPoint from the September 22, 2020 Study Session is attached.

The State Legislative Agenda identifies the City's priorities for the upcoming State Legislative Session. The legislative agenda guides the City's work with our local legislators and day-to-day work before and during the session. The legislative agenda includes the City's top priority issues and other policy issues the City supports or opposes. In recent years, the City has worked to develop a concise and easily comprehensible legislative agenda that provides flexibility to address issues as they develop.

OUTCOMES:

The City's legislative work potentially results in state funding for projects identified in the State Legislative Agenda. Additionally, the City successfully advances top priority policy positions and monitors, supports, and opposes other policies considered by the state legislature that could have a positive or negative impact on the City of Redmond and or the Redmond community.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

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

Budget Offer Number:
N/A

Budget Priority:
N/A

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

If yes, explain:

Funding provided by the State for projects on the City's Legislative Agenda helps support Redmond projects. The Draft 2021 Legislative Agenda includes funding requests of \$5 million towards construction of a new Senior and Community Center and \$51 million for multi-modal improvements at SR 520 and 148th Avenue NE.

Funding source(s):
N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/22/2020	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/2/2020	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
12/1/2020	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

The 2021 Legislative Session begins on January 11, 2021. To effectively advocate for the City's Legislative Agenda, it should be approved by Council at its December 1, 2020 meeting.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The City will not be effective in lobbying for the items on the City's Legislative Agenda if the agenda is not approved in a timely manner.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Draft City of Redmond 2021 State Legislative Agenda

Attachment B: September 22, 2020 Study Session PowerPoint - Top Priorities for 2021 Legislative Agenda

Attachment C: City of Redmond 2020 State Legislative Agenda