

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

January 22, 2019

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Angela Birney, President

David Carson, Vice-President

Jeralee Anderson

Steve Fields

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Tanika Padhye

Staff

Maxine Whattam, Chief Operating Officer

Kristi Wilson, Interim Public Works Director

Andrew Bauer, Planner

Jae Hill, Planner

Amy Tarce, Senior Planner

Michelle Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:18 p.m.

Council President Birney opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Councilmember Myers noted that Edgar Martinez was inducted today into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Council Retreat

Ms. Maxine Whattam, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Kristi Wilson, Interim Public Works Director, provided an overview of the preparation for Council Retreat to be held on February 9, 2019, at the Marymoor Community Center:

- Council feedback that has been received and how this is built into the retreat format;
- draft agenda and the action plan that will be formulated;
- performance metrics has changed and has a new design, will include community involvement and policy development;
- themes and strategies for the retreat;
- vision for each of the Council's priorities;
- retreat outcomes;
- binders have been prepared for the retreat;
- updates on the current strategic plan and the progress that has been made there; and
- it is a goal-oriented retreat for Council.

General discussion ensued regarding continuing the topic of affordable housing; the retreat is open to the public; pre-discussion on many of the topics allows for less time being taught things and more time in Council discussion; time in the afternoon where the Council can discuss their important issues; results from the last retreat; and Ms. Wilson's role as a facilitator.

Proctor-Willows Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendment

Mr. Andrew Bauer, Planner, provided a report:

- The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the amendment;
- this is a Type VI legislative action; the Council makes final decision on the action;
- the process includes a policy decision by the Council to approve the Comprehensive Plan amendment and the rezone request, followed by a master plan and a development agreement, and finally a site plan entitlement;
- this item was previously approved by the Council to be included on the Planning Commission docket;
- neighborhood meetings were held in 2017;
- context and location of the project were provided;
- the Northwest Design District is a mixed-use site, neighborhood-scale retail/services, increased residential uses, and affordable housing; and
- additional information was provided on constraint topography, traffic, transportation, housing, and potential development concepts.

General discussion ensued regarding abandoning current zoning; partnering with neighbors for affordable housing; timeline; LEED requirements; transit access; influencing neighboring properties; other design districts in the City; using this tool more often in the future; setting a precedent; traffic impacts and intersection improvements; and no additional study session is needed.

(Recess at 9:04 p.m., reconvene at 9:14 p.m.)

Nelson Development Agreement

Ms. Amy Tarce, Senior Planner, provided the draft development agreement and reported regarding:

- this is the Redmond Center Development Agreement
- small in scale in comparison to other Development Agreements;
- extension of 158th Avenue NE to connect to Redmond Way and Bear Creek Parkway in the future;
- protocols for water, sewer, and stormwater connections;
- Type V permit – decision authority is with the Council;
- answers to the Council's previous questions is provided in the materials;
- a public hearing will be held;
- inquired about any policy directives;
- background on the project and existing conditions;
- conceptual site plan and scope;
- impacts to existing businesses;
- public outreach and comments received from the public; and
- the exact alignment is still not known at this time.

General discussion ensued regarding impacts to the Redmond Central Connector; cost/benefit analysis; realignment of 158th Avenue NE; timing of the Master Plan; discussion with any affected business owners; and the public hearing and Council action will occur in February.

Council Talk Time

Discussion ensued regarding sign-ups and participation in National Night Out.

Councilmember Anderson discussed the National Academy of Science conference; Vision Zero for Youth; helps with \$300,000 for two-year program with federal match of \$150,000; and the Safe Routes for Schools projects.

Councilmember Fields stated that 75 Redmond Middle School students did an outstanding production of “Oz.”, and appreciated the students and production.

Councilmember Birney commented regarding other retreat items that will be discussed, and she and the Mayor attended event at Microsoft that announced workforce housing money.