

 <p>Redmond WASHINGTON</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 25, 2023, 7 p.m.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Current and past meeting agendas and materials: https://redmond.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</p>

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:

- Jeralee Anderson
- David Carson
- Steve Fields
- Jessica Forsythe
- Varisha Khan
- Vanessa Kritzer
- Melissa Stuart

1. 2022 Annual Community Survey Results

Department: Executive
Action: Informational

Jill Smith, Communications Manager, was joined by a consultant, and reported to the Members of the Council:

- Purpose and methodology;
- Quality of life;
- Regional concerns;
- Priorities;
- Information sources;
- City job rating;
- Welcoming and inclusiveness;
- City services importance;
- Public safety; and
- Public Safety Levy.

Discussion ensued regarding: priorities; public’s knowledge of City issues; changes in information sources; taxing concerns; public safety levy; economic anxiety; and top concerns.

(Recess: 7:58 p.m., reconvene: 8:05 p.m.)

2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Budgeting Process Recommendations

Department: Planning and Community Development
Action: Consent, May 2nd

Seraphie Allen, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, Jackie Lalor, Economic Development and Tourism Program Administrator, Philly Marsh, Economic Development Manager Deputy Director, and Loreen Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Process recommendations;
- Council requested review;
- LTAC researched current processes;
- State-required collection and spending of the funds;
- Hotel occupancy rates;
- Lodging tax revenues;
- Comparison with other cities;
- Impacts for the recommendations; and
- Considerations.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding: Parks Department funding; reviewing funding during the biennial budget process; revenue generation; hotel occupancy; partnering with hoteliers; funding for Redmond's signature events; end fund balance; and evaluating the proposed recommendations.

3. Council Talk Time

- Demonstration dog park is now open at Luke McRedmond Park;
- Technology implementation in the Finance Department;
- Legislative hopper form;
- Follow-up from the public safety levy from last year;
- Council involvement at Derby Days;
- Holding a Council meeting at the Downtown Park;
- Coffee with Council at Victor's Coffee; and
- Council advance follow-up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.