

## **REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

Remote Meeting  
May 25, 2021

### **Mayor**

Angela Birney

### **Members of the Council**

Tanika Padhye, President

Jeralee Anderson, Vice-President

David Carson

Steve Fields

Jessica Forsythe

Varisha Khan

Vanessa Kritzer

### **Staff**

Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief

Cathryn Laird, Human Resources Director

Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer

Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director

Cheryl Xanthos, MMC, City Clerk

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Convened: 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:35 p.m.

Council President Tanika Padhye opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

### **Proposed Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement**

Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, was joined by consultants who reported to the Members of the Council:

- Regulatory authority under federal law;
- Non-exclusive cable franchise;
- Five-year agreement;
- Community outreach;
- Revenue;
- New cable franchise agreement was drafted incorporating best practices;
- Renewal process;
- Provisions;
- Customer service experience; and
- The agreement has been approved by Comcast.

General discussion ensued regarding timeframe for approval; benefits; encouraging competition; setting bandwidth; build out; Homeowners Association regulations; privacy issues; consumer protections; rate changes; infrastructure; sustainability; equity; cost of not approving the agreement; customer complaints; detecting latency problems; Ziply representative; working with neighboring jurisdictions; and municipal broadband.

### **Stay Safe Reopening Plan**

Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, Adrian Sheppard, Fire Chief, Cathryn Laird, Human Resources Director, and Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director, reported to the Members of the Council:

- City buildings will be reopened on July 1, 2021;
- Following changing guidance;
- Public events and meetings;
- Normal and hybrid work schedules;
- CDC requirements;
- Janitorial services;
- Five stage reopening plan;
- Protocols for city buildings and the employee work environment;
- Safety guidelines;
- Masking and social distancing guidelines;
- Facility assessment;
- Reopening Council Chambers on July 6, 2021;
- Provide distance in Chambers; and
- Masks will be required.

General discussion ensued regarding speaking with a mask on; viewing speakers on video; continuing Teams meetings; and remote public comment.

### **Council Talk Time**

Discussion included:

- Overview of the next business meeting agenda; and
- Pride month video.