



## Memorandum

**Date:** 9/26/2023  
**Meeting of:** City Council Study Session

**File No.** SS 23-052  
**Type:** Study Session

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
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**TITLE:**

Redmond 2050: Economic Vitality, PARCC, Housing, and Centers Policies

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss issues identified in Attachment A and provide input to staff during its study session on September 26, 2023. The focus for September 26 will be the Economic Vitality Element; the Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture, and Conservation (PARCC) Element; and the 2023 PARCC Plan.

The Economic Vitality Element begins on page 129 of the September 5, 2023, agenda packet:

<https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1113674&GUID=E627B7D0-97CE-4DB0-973E-5859FDBC9465> .

The PARCC Element begins on page 179 of the same agenda packet. The PARCC Plan begins on page 21 of the September 12, 2023 agenda packet:

<https://redmond.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=PA&ID=1113675&GUID=13CA394D-85E1-4086-9ACA-7FFB849B3C98> .

At the September 5, 2023, business meeting, staff provided a general update on Redmond 2050 and introduced recommended updates to the Economic Vitality, PARCC, Housing, and Centers Elements of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. Councilmembers discussed issues related to schedule, housing, centers, and environmental review at the Council's September 12 study session.

First drafts of these elements were published in early 2022, with multiple iterations since. The Planning Commission held public hearings for these elements in June, July, and August 2023 to receive additional public input on the recommended updates. The Planning Commission has completed its review of the Economic Vitality Element, PARCC Element, and PARCC Plan. The Planning Commission is nearing the end of its review of the Housing and Centers Elements.

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

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**                      ☒ **Provide Direction**                      ☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Policy PI-15 calls for periodic Comprehensive Plan reviews.
- **Required:**  
The Growth Management Act requires that Washington cities and counties review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every ten years. For King County cities the periodic review must be completed by December 31, 2024.
- **Council Request:**  
The City Council requested quarterly reports on project milestones, staff progress, and public involvement.
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

Adopting the PARCC Element and PARCC Plan by the end of 2023 will maintain compliance with RCO requirements. Redmond 2050 will ensure that the Redmond Comprehensive Plan advances equity and inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency, and that Redmond is prepared for growth expected through the year 2050.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
Outreach for Housing, Economic Vitality, PARCC, and Centers began in 2021 and has continued through Q3 2023.
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Redmond 2050 outreach methods have included:
  - Redmond 2050 Website
  - Let's Connect questionnaires
  - Press releases
  - Social media
  - Short videos
  - Yard signs
  - Posters
  - Utility Bill inserts
  - Email newsletters to multiple City lists
  - Emails to partner organizations
  - Stakeholder input
  - Focus group meetings
  - Boards & Commissions meetings
  - Hybrid and remote workshops and interviews
  - Tabling at community events
  - Pop-up events in community spaces and workplaces
  - Translation of selected materials
  - Community Advisory Committee input

- Technical Advisory Committee input
- Planning Commission public hearings
- Mailed property owner notifications
- **Feedback Summary:**
  - PARCC Element and PARCC Plan
    - Expand Access for All: Provide a diversity of recreational opportunities that are equitably distributed, accessible to all users, and guided by an engaged public.
    - Innovate for the Future: Prepare for growth by proactively funding, building, and maintaining an accessible system.
    - Protect the Natural Environment: Promote preservation of habitat and green spaces and engage the community as partners in stewardship.
    - Build Strong Communities: Create a interconnected system of facilities and programs that support the City's cultural identity.
  - Economic Vitality Element
    - Maintain small and legacy businesses
    - Protect manufacturing and light industrial land uses while allowing for flexibility
    - A healthy natural environment is a key component of economic vitality
    - Allow for small and neighborhood-based businesses in more areas
    - The importance of a diverse workforce and business community
  - Housing Element
    - Significant need for affordable housing
    - Desire for more housing choices
      - Desire housing choices near amenities
      - Support for middle housing
    - Concerns about lack of ownership opportunities
    - Concerns about displacement and equity
  - Centers Element (Overlake)
    - Support for Redmond 2050 themes of sustainability, resiliency, and equity and inclusion
    - Maximize opportunities for transit-oriented development near light rail stations
    - Reduce land use and zone complexity
    - Support small businesses and mitigate displacement
    - Make Overlake welcoming for families and seniors

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

\$4,616,401 is the total value of the Community and Economic Development budget offer. This budget offer includes staff and consultant resources necessary to complete Redmond 2050.

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

**Budget Offer Number:**

0000040 - Community/Economic Development

**Budget Priority:**

Vibrant and Connected

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

If yes, explain:

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

General Fund, Washington State Department of Commerce grants

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

Two Commerce grants supported updates to the Housing Element

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/6/2020	Business Meeting	Approve
11/17/2020	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/15/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
6/22/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/21/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/28/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/16/2021	Business Meeting	Receive Information
11/23/2021	Study Session	Provide Direction
2/15/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/3/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
5/10/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
6/7/2022	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Receive Information
7/19/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
7/26/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
8/9/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
10/4/2022	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/11/2022	Study Session	Provide Direction
1/17/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
1/24/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
3/7/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
3/14/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction

7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/5/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
9/12/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/3/2023	Business Meeting	Receive Information
10/10/2023	Study Session	Provide Direction
11/6/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

**Time Constraints:**

The PARCC Element and PARCC Plan must be adopted by the end of 2023 to meet Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office deadlines. All other Comprehensive Plan elements must be adopted by the end of 2024.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Staff is not requesting action at this time. The PARCC Element and PARCC Plan will be presented to Council for approval next month to meet Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office deadlines.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Council Questions and Input