

Council Agenda Questions

FEBRUARY 4, 2020, TUESDAY		
4:30 p.m.	Parks and Human Services Committee of the Whole	

I.	Welcome/Housekeeping	Presiding Officer
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
	No questions	

II.	Housing Action Plan Consultant Approval	Planning
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Kritzer	1. What are the factors that influence how long each step in this plan takes? Is there a possibility to do some steps simultaneously such as drafting the public outreach plan while gathering existing information?	<p>The first two Action steps are taking place at the same time.</p> <p>Deliverable 1, Existing Conditions/Findings Report: Housing Supply, Demand, and Forecasted Need in Redmond, 6/30/2020 Deliverable 2, Final Public Outreach Report, 7/1/2020</p> <p>The timeline was developed based on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous staff experience (staff recently completed a similar project in a neighboring jurisdiction); and • The required time constraints provided by the Department of Commerce.
Kritzer	2. Why is this item showing up in the Parks and Human Services committee rather than planning and public works?	Currently, housing programs are managed within the Housing and Human Services section. Housing items have gone before both committees. The decision to place this item on the PKHS committee is mostly due to the timing needed for consideration of this item on the 2/18 consent agenda
Forsythe	3. Typo on project timeline date for consent agenda (reads 2/19/2020)	Noted. Will correct.
Forsythe	4. Scope of Work: Action 2: Does the outreach work include evaluation of how much of our affordable housing is being utilized by families	Questions regarding this type of information could be included in the survey that will be provided for in the outreach plan. We will also share this suggestion with ECONorthwest. Additionally, the

	and if those families are in housing that is an adequate size for the number of family members? If not, I think this would be useful data to ensure we are providing adequate and equitable housing options.	consultant will be reviewing American Community Data and other data source that provide information about person per household and potentially bedrooms per unit.
Forsythe	5. Scope of Work: Action 1: Does the analysis include looking to our neighboring regional cities to learn from their successes for our implementation?	Yes, while much of the data will be Redmond-specific with regard to: income and population segments, forecasted need, code barriers, effectiveness of incentives, and programs and existing housing inventory; strategies for improvement will take into account tools and programmatic variations utilized by other communities. Specifically, when providing regulatory updates – it is standard practice within the department to conduct a “benchmark” study to summarize policies, codes, and programmatic approaches utilized in other jurisdictions. Occasionally, this also includes phone calls to neighboring jurisdictions to further our understanding of programmatic and regulatory effectiveness.

III.	A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Affordable Housing and 2019 Fall ARCH Executive Board Housing Trust Fund Recommendations	Planning
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Kritzer	1. If we pass this resolution, what kind of oversight will we have into these projects (especially those in Redmond like the Together Center) going forward?	The ARCH Interlocal Agreement requires that ARCH staff prepare a quarterly report of all ARCH activities and the contents include: 1) Project Assistance, 2) Housing Policy and Planning; 3) Housing Program Implementation; 4) Education and Outreach; and 5) ARCH Operations. The Report is forwarded to the Executive Board, where we are represented by Mayor Birney and Carol Helland (proxy), for their review and is available to City Councils at any time. Here is the ARCH Executive Board agenda for the 11/14/19 meeting which included the Q3 <u>Report</u> . Staff could provide update/summary of the quarterly reports to PKHS.

		Additionally, the city will provide oversight of project construction through the permitting process.
Kritzer	2. On page 2 of the resolution, in section 1, the amount the city will contribute has a typo, it has an exclamation point instead of a 1 for the number \$18,050.	Noted. Will correct.

IV.	Contract with King County for the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement	Parks
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Kritzer	1. Are we simply being asked to approve or is there an opportunity in this decision to negotiate the terms of this agreement? It seems from the memo that the terms have been set. Is that correct?	Yes, you are being asked to approve this. The agreement and terms have been set by the County and the original levy language.
Forsythe	2. Funds are eligible to compete for items like a regional aquatic center. Is this a requirement of receiving funds if we do not deem a regional aquatic center to be achievable/in the best interest of our community?	This is not a requirement of receiving funds. We get a direct distribution and don't have to apply for aquatics funds if we deem this is not in the best interest of the community.

V.	Westside Park Concepts	Parks
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Forsythe	1. Love the two park concepts. Definitely have a preference, but I'm not sure what the ask is for council on this agenda item. Can I get some clarity as to direction needed from council?	This is an informational topic for Council, and an opportunity for Council to give input to this park design. We will share the public input so far and want to consider Council input as well before we finalize the plan.

VI.	Approval of Artist Contract for 152nd Ave NE Public Art Project	Parks
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Forsythe	1. Does this contract amount include final production of installations or is this only inclusive of the planning, concept, and design? What is the scope of work?	The contract amount is all inclusive for final production, planning, concept, and design. This is the complete scope of work.
Forsythe	2. How will the artist integrate green technologies/materials into this project?	There was no specific criteria for the use of green technologies/materials in the art call. However, the artist, Horatio Law, often uses recycled materials as part of his artist practice.

VII.	2019 Redmond Lights Recap	Parks
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Forsythe	1. Highlights are great! What are some things we learned that can make next year's event even more successful? Rhetorical questions/musings: Do we need to include Friday night? Should we invite more artists? Expand the theme?	Lesson learned from 2019: operational/safety costs are increasing and outpacing sponsorship. We are evaluating cost saving measures. Including another night to Redmond Lights would be a significant cost increase due to staffing, public safety and activation. While it is a popular event, we have found that expanding to Sunday night has helped with some of the congestion that was present historically on Saturday. This next year will be much different due to King County Trunk line construction on the trail. A new route has been determined.
Forsythe	2. Personally, I love the hot air balloons, but am always a bit trouble by the environmental impact of burning all the fuel. Do we know what that impact is? Are we doing anything to offset it?	The environmental impact of hot air balloons is much lower than that of driving a car, flying a plane or other uses of fuel. Because hot air balloons use propane, they burn much cleaner than other types of fuel. Each year has different art and light installations. Hot air balloons are not used every year. There have been no efforts to offset these emissions but it is something that can be discussed moving forward.

VIII. 2020 Art Season Grant Selection		Parks
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>
Forsythe	1. It would be beneficial to see which, if any, of the applicants are first time applicants.	There were eleven new applicants this year. Four of those first time applicants received funding (afrose ahmed, Latinos Unidos, Marko Coady, Tifa Tomb, Wolfberry Studio), plus one applicant, Semilla Flamenca, has applied in the past, but had not previously received funding.
Forsythe	2. Is there currently any criteria that evaluates the grant amount to the impact the organization has on the community throughout the year?	<p>There is not a specific criteria point that addresses this question. Following are the criteria used to evaluate the applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>Public Benefit</u>: Project describes meaningful efforts to create community participation and reach diverse and underserved audience. The project aligns with the City of Redmond's Resolution No. 1465, affirming a commitment towards a culturally inclusive community. · <u>Quality Project</u>: Provides a clear, well-conceived, compelling project where art is the primary component and promotes arts participation and community relations. Various art forms include dance, music, film, theatre, visual arts, literary arts, and festivals. · <u>Feasibility & Quality of Past Work</u>: They have a proven track record of presenting in their field and/or other programs and/or demonstrated ability to produce the program (or similar program) in and around the City of Redmond. There is evidence of community involvement and support. The budget is clear and realistic. · <u>Match</u>: Applicant has matching funds in the forms of: in-kind donations, volunteer hours, outside organization support such as grants, corporate, and/or individual donations.

IX. 2020 Draft Committee Work Plan		Presiding Officer
<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Staff Response</u>

Forsythe	1. Assuming the last page “mayors weekly” changes each week? Can you provide context? Perhaps there’s a council weekly/bi-weekly as well, so we know what’s coming down the pike?	The Mayor’s weekly is items that we will be communicating to Council through the weekly update. Most of it is invitations to events, or performances, or information you may find interesting. Occasionally, it provides a “Council touch” for more routine/housekeeping items that need to move forward for Council consideration and approval. We built out the workplan so you would have a quarterly view on what is coming up.
Forsythe	2. There are many great, important projects, that are slated for 2020. How does this work plan provide measurable goals and benchmarks for the work?	Some of the items on the workplan are for information only, and some of them connect to the CSP or budget priorities. Staff will be prepared to provide updates on measurable goals and benchmarks where warranted.