

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

September 11, 2018

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Angela Birney, President

David Carson, Vice-President

Jeralee Anderson (*attending via teleconference*)

Steve Fields

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Tanika Padhye

Staff

Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural
Arts Manager

Rachel Van Winkle, Interim Parks Director

Jeff Aken, Senior Planner

Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:48 p.m.

Council President Birney opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Draft Facilities Strategic Management Plan

Ms. Rachel Van Winkle, Interim Parks Director, and Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Manager, provided a report:

- Makers Architecture prepared the final plan and it was submitted to the Council;
- implementing the recommendations and guidelines of the plan by the end of the year;
- needs assessment used to prioritize maintenance efforts;
- survey of facilities customers and stakeholder workshops to drive the recommendations;
- opportunities analysis;
- purpose/goals of the facilities assessment;
- existing conditions of facilities including inventory and building life cycles;
- 73 percent of facilities will require an investment from the City by 2030;
- need for improved operations protocols and monitoring systems;
- growing neighborhoods;
- Maintenance and Operations Strategies - use Lucity system to track and measure performance;
- Capital Improvement Plan:
 - developed capital prioritization criteria;
 - near-term planning and capital project priorities;
 - municipal campus master plan is needed;
 - completion of the MOC master plan;
 - capital spending trajectory;
 - capital project staffing;
- six-year action plan for capital projects;

- increase funding for maintenance and operations;
- staffing resources;
- addressing the backlog;
- implement efficiencies in operations;
- budget for projects;
- coordinate with other capital projects;
- make best use out of the real property assets the City has;
- anticipate growth and the impacts of growth; and
- develop a comprehensive budget model to account for all facilities, maintenance, insurance, staffing, fleet, and all other associated costs.

General discussion ensued regarding facilities audit; cost of projects described in the plan; does not include utility infrastructure outside of MOC or parks; cost of projects; guiding principles; set aside enough funds to be able to accomplish the plan; bond or ballot measure; and municipal campus plan.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Parks and Recreation

Mr. Jeff Aken, Senior Planner, was joined by a consultant and provided a report:

- ADA federal law;
- design standards and ADA requirements in parks;
- draft ADA plan started in 2014;
- project methodology and timeline;
- community stakeholder advisory group;
- access audit found 1,300 identified deficits;
- complying with ADA requirements;
- prioritization; and
- a open house will be held on September 12, 2018.

General discussion ensued regarding prioritizing what are the most useful updates; factors and considerations for making the improvements; phasing of funding; funding necessary for meeting the minimum standards; and preparing for future requirements of the ADA.

Tree Canopy Strategic Plan

Ms. Hope and Mr. Aken provide a report on the Tree Canopy Strategic Plan:

- Parks and Trails Commission approved the plan last week;
- six-year implementation plan;
- community outreach;
- value of trees;
- methodology includes lidar and aerial photography;
- currently the tree canopy is 38.1 percent;
- canopy opportunities;
- long-term implementation;
- estimated costs; and
- maintenance.

General discussion ensued regarding developing six year implementation plan; regulations; salmon preservation; to be considered part of the canopy, tree height needs to be more than 10 feet tall; the most effective way to plant a forest; available grants; budget considerations; coordinating with local nurseries; public education; private property opportunities; fees for removing trees; balancing increasing the tree canopy with other City priorities/needs; a tree takes 10 years after planting to become part of the canopy; code review regarding residential tree removal and tree replanting; a tree guide should be provided to give guidance and general principles for planting a tree; and the final draft will be provided for approval in the first quarter of next year.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Birney overviewed the agenda for the next regular business meeting.

Councilmember Margeson stated that the PIC meeting tomorrow night has the legislative agenda as the one future action item.

Councilmember Carson stated that the grand opening of the Downtown Park will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m., and will have a scavenger hunt.

Councilmember Myers stated that the Hopelink food drive at Bella Bottega will be held on September 22-23rd.

Councilmember Margeson will be participating in the 3-day walk for breast cancer this weekend.