

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

May 28, 2019

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Angela Birney, President *(Not in attendance)*

David Carson, Vice-President

Jeralee Anderson

Steve Fields

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Tanika Padhye

Staff

Jeff Churchill, Transportation Strategic Advisor

Don Cairns, Engineering Manager

Carol Helland, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development

Maxine Whattam, Chief Operating Officer

Brant DeLarme, Communications and Marketing Specialist

Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:18 p.m.

Council President Birney opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

ST3: Downtown Redmond Link Extension Development Agreement

Mr. Jeff Churchill, Transportation Strategic Advisor, Mr. Don Cairns, Engineering Manager, Ms. Carol Helland, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, and Mr. Tony Raben, Sound Transit Project Director for Link Extension, provided a report:

- discussion of items raised during the public hearing held on May 7, 2019;
- previous Council touches;
- overview of development agreement:
 - vesting;
 - development standards;
 - scope commitments;
 - list of betterments;
 - tech committee has recommended approval;
- public outreach:
 - mailed permit and public hearing notices;
 - Sound Transit provides mailed notices, email and phone communications for the property acquisition process;
 - ongoing public outreach through the City and Sound Transit:
 - two community open houses;
 - business and resident outreach;
 - neighborhood meetings;
 - social media;
 - online questionnaires;
 - working with Sound Transit to coordinate outreach and notices as overlapping notices can cause confusion;

- scope of construction:
 - rail and trail infrastructure;
 - mitigation and restoration work in Bear Creek;
 - light rail link ties to regional mobility;
 - benefits including significant environmental improvement;
 - 500 lineal feet of Bear Creek will be restored and enhanced;
 - unavoidable impacts:
 - tree impacts around Bear Creek – 144 trees must be removed, and likely trees will also need to be removed to provide access to construction equipment;
 - Sound Transit will provide appropriate tree mitigation;
- Next Steps
 - Sound Transit needs to acquire property rights;
 - shoreline permit; and
 - hold and conclude public hearing and Council approval.

General discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the outreach; resident concerns with the number of trees expected to be removed; tree mitigation requirements; construction staging; reaching out to residents who testified at the Council meeting; the permit that comes in will be the opportunity for the City to review Sound Transit’s assumptions with respect to the trees that must go and the ones that can remain; size of the mitigation area; tree replacement ratios are developed based on survivability; there is a lot of wetland area and stream habitats that will ultimately be flood plain and will not be suitable for tree replacement; balance of stream habitat replacement and tree replacement; the shoreline permit will describe where the trees have to be replanted; contractor will be encouraged to reuse the trees on the site; fish habitat and the changing of the channel; connecting the Sammamish Trail missing link; and flooding on the Bear Creek Trail.

(Recessed for 5 mins, reconvene at 8:27 p.m.)

City Council Handbook

Ms. Maxine Whattam, Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Michelle Hart, City Clerk, and Mr. Brant DeLarme, Communications and Marketing Specialist, provided an update on the Council Handbook:

- the goal is to provide clear and accessible information on Council processes and public participation at Council meetings;
- centralizing information;
- public information will be available on the Council webpage;
- “living document” will be updated as needed;
- internal process owner on staff;
- LEAN onboarding process for efficient new Council Member training;
- mapped the processes, identified improvements and determined the general outline;
- public participation guide includes:
 - a general calendar of Council meetings;
 - overview of meetings;
 - how to address the Council and using the A/V system;
 - accessibility;

- prohibited activities;
 - contacting the Council outside of a meeting;
 - agenda terminology; and
- finalizing onboarding and the public participation guide.

General discussion ensued regarding having a mentoring program; process in other jurisdictions; onboarding procedure; training recommendations; budgeting processes; overview of regional committees; overview of activities throughout the year; some training is state-mandated; Council wiki page; standardizing Council onboarding; Human Resources three-month check-in; Boards and Commissions processes; defining acronyms; and understanding parliamentary procedure.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Birney overviewed the regular meeting agenda for June 4, 2019.

Councilmember Myers stated that Bingo with a Badge with the Redmond Police Foundation will be held on Thursday and tickets are \$50. He also stated that on June 8, 2019 is the NAMI annual walk and there is a team put together on behalf of Evergreen Health.

Councilmember Fields stated that he went out with resident a few days ago and was struck that many residents don't know where the landmarks are. This resident is proposing that the property on Leary and 76th would be a good location for an information center for Redmond.

Councilmember Anderson queried regarding what the plan is for discussing affordable housing and ADU's in the next couple of months. Mayor Marchione stated that it will be September at the latest to discuss ADU's, and it will be most likely in study session.