

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

June 11, 2019

Mayor

John Marchione *(Not in attendance)*

Members of the Council

Angela Birney, President

David Carson, Vice-President *(Not in attendance)*

Jeralee Anderson

Steve Fields

Hank Margeson

Hank Myers

Tanika Padhye

Staff

Jeff Hagen, Recreation Division Manager

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Rosie Cobos, Recreation Program
Administrator

Maxine Whattam, Chief Operating Officer

Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:32 p.m.

Council President Birney opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

2019 Legislative Session Update

Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, introduced Ms. Briahna Murry, City lobbyist. Ms. Murry provided a review of the 2019 legislative session, as well as the upcoming session:

- update on 2019 legislative priorities
- 105-day session
- over 2,200 bills were considered and 481 passed into law;
- state's biennial operating and capital budgets were developed;
- tax increases passed into law;
- transportation budget and limited funding;
- addressing wildfires;
- City's 2019 Legislative priorities;
 - Hartman Pool – \$1 million in 2019;
 - Redmond Central Connector III – no funding in 2019;
 - Affordable Housing – housing trust fund received \$175 million;
 - condominium liability reform act – reforms approved;
 - increased funding for cities for affordable housing was received;
 - Councilmanic sales tax increase did not pass;
 - Councilmanic real estate excise tax increase did not pass;
 - ADUs and local regulations;
 - mental health, human services, drug dependency, and homelessness:
 - reforming the state's mental health system;
 - opioid epidemic response legislation;
 - law enforcement diversion grant programs;
- mostly all state-shared revenues were maintained;
- upcoming:

- 1-976 on November 2019 ballot limits car tabs (reducing revenue for Sound Transit);
- shaping discussions on transportation revenue package;
- elections and changes in leadership;
- 2020 Legislative Session:
 - working in the fall with Redmond on 2020 Legislative Agenda; and
 - January 13, 2020 is the start of a 60-day short session.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding the plastic bag ban and straw ban did not make it through the session; denial of Redmond's requests; meeting with Legislators in the summer; the state uses the short session to make amendments to their budget; and working in the months ahead with staff and legislators preparing for the 2020 session.

Summer Parks Events

Ms. Rosie Cobos, Recreation Program Administrator, and Mr. Jeff Hagen, Recreation Division Manager, provided an update on summer events:

- summer camps:
 - 484 summer camps in total this year;
 - 4,120 registrations and \$845,000 in revenues as of June 10, 2019;
 - 10 percent increase over last year in dollars;
- Derby Days – July 12 and 13:
 - Game On! theme;
 - expanded beer and wine garden;
 - expanded cornhole tournament;
 - Friday the 12th will be the Derby Dash run;
- Rockin' on the River starts on July 18, 2019 and is held on Thursday nights;
- So Bazaar will be held on Thursdays in August and is expanding to Downtown Park;
- Big Truck Day will be held on Friday, August 16, 2019 at Farrel McWhirter Park;
- Downtown Park activities:
 - community game nights;
 - family pop-up play;
 - yoga in the park;
 - boot camp in the park;
- Welcoming Week is September 13 – 22, 2019
 - Moving Arts Center to be used by community arts groups;
- outreach strategies
 - Summers in Redmond – Redmond is the place to be in summer; always something going on;
 - subscribers to e-newsletters; and
 - Redmond Parks Facebook page.

General discussion ensued regarding proving shade in the Downtown Park; couple ballroom dancing; Welcoming Week; and the Susan G. Koman 3-day walk.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Birney overviewed the regular meeting agenda for June 18, 2019.

Councilmember Anderson thanked the youth who presented to the Council regarding climate change and environmental sustainability; would like a study session held that includes presenters from climate and sustainability groups; local legislation for a reusable bag ordinance; would like to learn more about plastic straws; and has sample legislation.

General discussion ensued regarding sustainability; possible state and city legislation; engaging stakeholders; priorities; Council Strategic Plan; can include in the Community Strategic Plan; scheduling the discussion; strategy; and the role of Councilmembers.

Councilmember Margeson overviewed the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee agenda for tomorrow evening: King County Charter Review and King Conservation District rates and proposed charges.

Councilmember Birney requested that the Councilmembers notify her and the Clerk's Office of summer absences; the USA won the Woman's World Cup; and the Crossfire boys and girls development academy teams are highly ranked and wished them luck at the state nationals in a few weeks.

Councilmember Margeson reported that the Redmond High girls golf team won state.