

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

February 11, 2020

Mayor

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Members of the Council

Tanika Padhye, President

Jeraloe Anderson, Vice-President

David Carson

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Sarah Pyle, Planning Manager

Steven Fischer, Planning Manager

Carol Helland, Interim Director of Planning and
Community Development

Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director

Dave Tuckek, Parks Maintenance and Operations
Manager

Eric Dawson, Senior Engineer

Cheryl Xanthos, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:35 p.m.

Adjourned: 10:58 p.m.

Council President Tanika Padhye opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Private Development Update

Ms. Carol Helland, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, and Ms. Sarah Pyle, Planning Manager, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Private Development neighborhood project highlights:

- Downtown:
 - Osprey;
 - RTC Apartments;
 - Porch and Park;
- Willows/Rose Hill:
 - Building X – Facebook;
 - Rose Hill Cottages;
- Southeast Redmond:
 - MV Yard Expansion;
 - Woodside Master Plan;
- Overlake:
 - Seritage Phase 1;
 - Capella;
 - Modera Overlake;
- Microsoft Refresh;
- Sound Transit Light Rail;
- noticing and project information enhancements; and
- on-site signage and citywide project viewer online.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding mixed-use; landslides; family-sized units; affordable unit percentage; local business space; projects that need Council approval; feedback from other cities; including tree preservation; translation of information; mixed-use office space development; upzone; affordable housing goals; art in projects; and providing this update on a quarterly basis.

Microsoft Refresh Update

Mr. Steven Fischer, Planning Manager, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Microsoft Refresh Project:

- replaces 12 older office buildings and constructs 18 new buildings;
- subterranean parking garage that will provide 6,500 parking stalls;
- zero cars on campus;
- Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Council for payments for services;
- permits timing and tracking;
- changes to permitting process;
- schedule and MOU extension; and
- LEED certification.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding assuring the quality of the work; sustainability; causes for delay; public spaces; and use of the extra dirt.

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Redmond Pool

Mr. Dave Tuchek, Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager, and Ms. Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Redmond Pool project progress and the upcoming phase:

- Phase I upgrades:
 - mechanical room equipment;
 - roof replacement;
 - HVAC unit;
 - lighting;
 - windows;
 - pool liner and tiles;
 - damaged concrete in pool;
- Phase II improvements:
 - lobby;
 - locker rooms;
 - pool deck;
 - acoustics;
- project schedule; and
- budget gap of approximately \$480,000.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding delay in schedule due to the concrete repair; cost of the fix and budgeting; work warranty; first aid area; no shower in the pool area; gender neutral restroom; ADA access; and moving funds from other projects.

Redmond Senior Center

Ms. Hite and Mr. Eric Dawson, Senior Engineer, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the Redmond Senior Center project and community outreach:

- Senior Center has been closed since last year due to the lack of structural integrity;
- Senior programs have been relocated throughout the community;
- Capital budget funds were set aside for updating the Senior Center;
- the Senior Center can either be refurbished or rebuilt;
- regional aquatics center discussions;
- community outreach includes education, feedback and recommendations;
- open houses and surveys;
- interest in larger/flexible spaces and sustainability;
- survey feedback shows people prefer a new building;
- alternative project delivery to weigh price and contractor qualifications;
- timeline; and
- next steps.

General discussion ensued regarding benefits of different bidding processes; costing the options; timeline; different types of design proposals; destruction of the building; possibility of a new location; diversity of input; bringing a recommendation to Council; clarity in what the community wants in the building; removing the option of refurbishing the building; and incorporating transportation.

Council Talk Time

Council President Padhye overviewed the ombuds process: reporting out during a business meeting; representing the body; customer service items; legal response; staff support; background information; process; and policy.

Council President Padhye overviewed the Committee of the Whole process: need best practices and norms; question and discussions; managing time; clear purpose for the meetings; time estimates; and agenda distribution timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the time of the meetings.

Council President Padhye overviewed highlights from the next business meeting agenda.

Councilmember Khan spoke regarding public comment at the last business meeting about persecution and an ask for a resolution, for discussion at a future meeting.

Councilmember Kritzer spoke regarding moving Council Talk Time to earlier in the agenda.