

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Remote Meeting
January 26, 2021

Mayor

Angela Birney

Members of the Council

Tanika Padhye, President

Jeralee Anderson, Vice-President

David Carson

Steve Fields

Jessica Forsythe

Varisha Khan (*not in attendance*)

Vanessa Kritzer

Staff

Carrie Hite, Parks and Recreation Director

Darrell Lowe, Police Chief

Carol Helland, Director of Planning and

Community Development

Dave Juarez, Public Works Director

Steve Hitch, Interim Engineering Manager

Andy Rheame, Maintenance Operations

Manager

Cheryl Xanthos, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

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

Review of “Redmond Conversation Toward Inclusion and Belonging” (Redmond City Council Community Listening Session)

Chanin Kelly-Rae, Consultant, reported to the Members of the Council:

- A community listening session was held last year;
- Feedback from the community regarding culture and climate;
- Community perspective;
- Race, inclusion, and belonging;
- Survey was provided;
- Community interest in what the Council should focus on;
- Actionable strategies;
- Actions the City is currently taking; and
- Demographic data.

General discussion ensued regarding holding a neighborhood meeting; training; hiring the DEI manager; economic equity; Eastside Change Coalition; action plan; safety issues; community advisory group; dialoging on a regular basis; cultural events; transportation and infrastructure equity; and affordable housing.

City of Redmond Utilities Strategic Plan

Dave Juarez, Public Works Director, Steve Hitch, Interim Engineering Manager, and Andy Rheame, Maintenance Operations Manager, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Drivers and process;
- Four utilities: Water, stormwater, wastewater, solid waste and recycling;

- Project timeline;
- Core services;
- Maintenance and Operations;
- Infrastructure;
- Environmental planning;
- Business management; and
- Contents of the strategic plan.

General discussion ensued regarding equity; streamlining; environmental impacts; additional policies to address; citywide strategic plan; cross contamination; rates; and addressing changes prior to Council approval.

Council Talk Time

Discussion included holding sessions with a facilitator; vaccine distribution; and an overview of the upcoming business meeting agenda.