

REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

October 12, 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

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Program Manager

Lee Ann Skipton, Facilities Manager

Malissa Files, Chief Operating Officer

Kalli Biegel, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 7:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:54 p.m.

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

Review Draft City of Redmond 2022 State Legislative Agenda

Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, and Briahna Murray, Lobbyist, Marian Dacca, Lobbyist reported to the Members of the Council:

- Purpose;
- Overview of 2021 successes;
- 2022 short session expectations and details;
- Reelection impacts;
- Overview of City's Legislation Program;
- 2022 Legislative Agenda;
- Focus on City-specific priorities;
- Senior and Community Center;
- Transportation;
- 148th bicycle and pedestrian overpass at SR 520;
- Affordable housing and preventing homelessness;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Social and criminal justice reform;
- Fiscal sustainability;
- Local control; and
- Support/oppose issues.

Discussion ensued regarding conservation district bill; childcare; small business support; green affordability; salmon habitat; Washington conservation; bike-ped project; basic law enforcement academy; environmental bills; mental health response; NE 60th underpass; unintended consequences for law enforcement; potential modifications to 2021 bills; director input; fiscal

stability; tax reform; infrastructure needs; bike lanes; Chinese Heritage Month; project funding; affordable housing; broad ecological concerns; and human services.

Draft City of Redmond Operations Zero Carbon Strategy

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Program Manager, and Lee Ann Skipton, Facilities Manager, reported to the Members of the Council:

- ESAP and Climate Emergency Declaration;
- Greenhouse gas inventory;
- 2018 municipal emissions;
- Impact analysis;
- Strategy;
- Clean electricity and energy conservation;
- Reduction of vehicle miles traveled;
- Electrifying facilities and fleet;
- Waste reduction and carbon sequestration; and
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding conservation aspects; electrifying fleet; energy use in City facilities; efficient energy options; carbon emissions; electric vehicle infrastructure; sustainability budget session; tree canopy offset; green pavers; budget; gas powered leaf-blowers alternative options; waste; construction and demolition waste; and operations.

Council Committees of the Whole Restructuring Options

Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Members of the Council:

- Committee of the Whole restructuring;
- Governed by RMC 2.32;
- Restructuring options;
- Alignment with budget priorities;
- Pros and cons of this option;
- Alignment with department structure;
- Pros and cons of this option;
- Keeping current structure;
- Pros and cons of this option; and
- Recommendation.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding potential problems with aligning with budget priorities; distribution of meeting workloads; code adjustments; strategic goals; workflow; attachment A details; shifting homeless and human services outreach topics to public safety; load-sharing between committee chairs; rebalancing options; City code for Council Committees; structure and efficiency; 3-person committees; and organization.

Ombuds/Committee Reports

Councilmember Kritzer reported receiving resident contacts regarding: support and opposition to health through housing project; requests to amend Ordinance No. 3059; walk signal safety; School Resource Officer agreement; green and affordable housing; tree regulations; dog parks and community gardens; tool kit for survivors on abuse; AAPI heritage; and the streeteries program.

Councilmember Forsythe reported receiving resident contacts regarding: small business power and internet outages at Redmond town center; and unprofessional conduct from the Library Security Guard.

Councilmember Fields reported receiving resident contacts regarding: Lime bikes; sidewalk/curb cutout issues; and opening the senior café.

Councilmember Kritzer provided the following committee report:

- Eastside Transportation Partnership Meeting.
- King Conservation District Meeting.

Councilmember Forsythe provided the following committee report:

- Eastside Human Services Forum.
- Eastrail.

Council Talk Time

Discussion included:

- Health through Housing, findings of fact draft;
- King County Council Chairperson Claudia Balducci meetings;
- Community conversation on November 8th;
- Mitigating misinformation;
- Items from the audience; and
- SCA openings.