

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

February 9, 2010

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Richard Cole, Council President
Pat Vache, Council Vice-president
Kim Allen
David Carson
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers
John Stilin

Staff

Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director
Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning and Land Use Director
Mary Yelanjian, Parks Rec Program Administrator
Lynda Aparicio, Senior Planner
Jayme Jonas, Senior Planner
Lori Peckol, Policy and Comp Planning Manager
Chip Cornwell, A/V Program Coordinator
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

MEETING SUMMARY

Convened: 7:15 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:56 p.m.

Arts Commission Interviews

Members of the Council interviewed a candidate for a position on the Arts Commission. Questions and answers ensued.

Council President Richard Cole opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda, noting that Council Vice-president Vache would lead the discussion with staff on the Economic Strategic Plan.

Economic Strategic Plan

Councilmember Vache noted that the purpose of the study session was to understand the plan and to discuss next steps with regard to implementation of the plan.

Mr. Jim Roberts, Deputy Planning Director, and Members of Angelou Consulting provided a presentation to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the City of Redmond Economic Strategic Plan.

Members of the Council, staff, and the consultants discussed:

- the need for a three-year funding commitment from the City in order to make the plan work;
- how funding of the plan will take place with the cross-over into a new biennium;
- the need for Council support to begin implementation in this budget cycle; and
- creating a 'brand' for Redmond.

Members of the Council supported moving forward with a private/public partnership with regard to implementation of the plan.

Councilmember Allen stated that she supports regional and local partnerships combined, and would like to see what that approach would look like. Mr. Odle stated that he could provide a list of possible partners for the City of Redmond, and what they do.

Councilmember Vache stated that he believes the City should also focus on the costs of the next steps.

Councilmember Carson stated that he would like to see an inventory of the City's hard and soft assets.

Councilmember Cole stated that he would like to know what the options are – are there other organizations that can help the City.

A representative from enterpriseSeattle in attendance at the meeting invited the Mayor and Members of the Council to attend their next board meeting to be held at Redmond City Hall on February 25, 2010, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

(The study session recessed at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened at 8:42 p.m.)

Redmond Community Development Guide Development Standards I and Miscellaneous Uses

Councilmember Kim Allen introduced the work of the Code Rewrite Commission and the staff involved in the process. Discussion ensued regarding:

- calling the Community Development Guide a 'Zoning' Code;
- undergrounding in the City – Councilmember Stilin commented that he believes what is proposed is a temporary fix until the City can have the discussion of undergrounding all power lines; Councilmember Allen stated that the item could be placed in the **parking lot**;
- concurrency certificates – Councilmember Margeson supported changing the two weeks to 30 days in between the reapplication process;
- being mindful of economic development in the City and how that relates to changes in the zoning code;
- temporary uses – Members of the Council discussed the timeline proposed by staff and by the Code Rewrite Commission regarding application for a temporary use and renewals of such use. Members of the Council agreed to support the recommendation of staff in this regard and Councilmember Margeson stated that after the one year renewal, application can be made for an additional renewal, with an appeal process implemented to accommodate the additional request;
- Members of the Council agreed to bring the temporary use permit issue back for discussion with examples of where extensions occur in the City;

- Mobile/Modular homes – Councilmember Margeson stated that the terms are interchangeable; however, Councilmember Cole stated that owners of modular homes do not share those sentiments. Councilmember Cole requested a change in terminology used if possible; and
- mobile catering being allowed in the City for a three-hr. a day period only.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Margeson spoke regarding a discussion that took place at the last Public Issues Committee of the Suburban Cities Association, noting the proposition by some King County officials for a ballot question in August as a way of funding criminal justice.

Members of the Council discussed the next Focus article and Councilmember Cole noted that a review of the Council Retreat could be included in the edition.

Councilmember Cole concluded by reminding the members of the standing committees of the need to adopt their committee work plans.