

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION**

September 14, 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

Bill Campbell, Public Works Director
Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director
Rob Odle, Planning and Land Use Director
Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator
Ron Grant, Deputy Public Works Director
Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor
Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner
Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, City Clerk

STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Convened: 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

Council President Richard Cole opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda.

Draft 2011 Legislative Agenda

Councilmember Allen led the discussion.

Ms. Jane Christenson, Deputy City Administrator; Mr. Doug Levy, City Lobbyist; and Ms. Nina Rivkin, Chief Policy Advisor, provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the City's draft 2011 legislative agenda.

Mr. Levy provided a picture of the budget session ahead at the State Legislature and noted areas of budget concern.

Members of the Council discussed the proposed priorities and the following comments were received:

- Councilmember Cole noted that a bullet for the Public Works Trust Fund should be added to the first page of the document;
- instead of using the reference to "good actors" with regard to the City's participation in the Growth Management Act (GMA) and increased funding for projects, terminology such as "early adopters" and "compliant" were preferred; Councilmember Vache also requested that language be clarified to say 'clean water' as opposed to 'stormwater';
- Councilmember Myers stated that he would like tolling of I-90 included in the agenda due to the congestion that will be caused by tolling on the SR 520;
- Councilmember Cole requested that the language in the legislative agenda be made more succinct;

- Members of the Council agreed to make funding for MRSC a priority bulleted item in the agenda;
- Councilmember stated he would like to see under ‘other pension enhancements’ language included to the affect of, ‘and fully fund pensions’;
- Councilmember Myers stated that he did not support inclusion of the support/oppose secondary issues; Members of the Council agreed to leave those items on the agenda;
- with regard to fire sprinkler suppression – Mayor Marchione noted that the wording could be modified to read: “to encourage a streamlined process to make it easier for jurisdictions to implement suppression if they choose”; and
- With regard to workers’ compensation – Councilmember Vache stated he would like to have language supporting privatization if it saves money, but first there is a need to understand if it reduces costs; so language would read, “supporting initiatives that would reduce workers’ compensation costs”.

Ms. Christenson informed the Members that staff would come back to Council with a second draft addressing their comments and concerns.

BNSF Master Plan – Phase I

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, and representatives from The Berger Partnership provided a report to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the City’s first deliverable in the BNSF master planning process - the Infrastructure Alignment Plan.

Members of the Council and staff discussed the recommended envelope alignments for the projects planned in the corridor and all alternatives considered by staff in creating the plan. Elements considered in creating the plan included conversations with stakeholders.

The following comments were received:

- Councilmember Cole stated his opposition to building a regional trail at the King County maximum standard of 29 feet;
- Members of the Council agreed to remove further consideration of the plan from the September 21, 2010, regular meeting to the October 5, 2010, regular meeting;
- Councilmember Vache requested that the plan be amended to include the following language with regard to freight accommodated in the corridor, “while the City of Redmond supports the establishment and preservation of a rail banked corridor through the city, the City also believes that our land use plans, zoning and development pattern in the downtown limits rail use of the corridor south of 90th street to commuter and excursion trips. Our land use plans, zoning and development pattern encourages future develop of the corridor north of 90th as an integral part of the regional transportation system”; and
- Councilmember Myers stated that he would like to see ‘economic development’ added as an element to either the ‘PSE utility easement’ or the ‘considerations’ categories.

Mayor Marchione informed that staff will work with the Council Leadership to clarify the recommendation of the plan. He also discussed the expenditure of approximately \$40,000 for a study to examine the feasibility of an excursion rail in the corridor. Members of the Council agreed to move forward with securing a study. Councilmember Stilin asked that the study look at whether or not Sound Transit light rail can be co-located with an excursion rail. Councilmember Vache noted that he would like the scope of work to include a look at who in the corridor would be interested/not interested in excursion/trolley service to the north.

Council Talk Time

Members of the Council discussed holding a study session at which to review the Council's current committee structure. In particular, members were interested in discussing how matters are forwarded to committee for consideration. A study session will be scheduled in this regard.