REDMOND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

January 31, 2012

Mayor

John Marchione

Members of the Council

Kim Allen
David Carson
Tom Flynn (not in attendance)
Hank Margeson
Hank Myers
John Stilin
Pat Vache

Staff

Mike Bailey, Finance and Information Services Director Marta Gronlund, Communications Program Manager Linda Hermanson, IS Manager Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Redmond City Council Interview with Human Services Commission Candidate

Members of the Council interviewed Ms. Valerie Bays, candidate for the Human Services Commission. Questions and answers ensued. Confirmation is scheduled for February 7, 2012.

Convened: 7:30 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

<u>Gilmore Survey – City of Redmond Biennial Survey</u>

The Gilmore Research Group presented the findings of the most recent City-conducted biennial citizen survey. Mayor Marchione noted the survey has been taking place since 1998.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- City performance measures;
- objectives of the survey;
- current quality of life and other issues facing the community;
- satisfaction with services;
- preparedness for a disaster or emergency;
- satisfaction with plans for growth;
- direction of City government and communication;
- City leadership;
- satisfaction with City infrastructure;
- program satisfaction;
- community connections;
- attendance and satisfaction with community events; and

• notable highlights from 2009 to present.

Mayor Marchione advised the Members that parks and transportation projects/funding would be addressed more specifically on February 14, 2012.

City Technology Update

Finance and Information Services Director Mike Bailey and Information Services Manager Linda Hermanson provided an update to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the City's Information Services Strategic Plan – projects and timelines.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's web search engine and needed functionality improvements. Councilmember Stilin also noted his desire to see a map of City project locations placed online. Ms. Hermanson noted the new Energov application has the GIS technology to do this.

Council Talk Time

Councilmember Vache referenced the recent AWC legislation conference held in Olympia. Councilmember Margeson provided the report and spoke regarding the growth in the Overlake area and transportation needs.

Councilmember Stilin noted he has been meeting with Mr. Bailey and Ms. Malisa Files, Deputy Finance Director, regarding the Budgeting by Priorities (BP) process for the coming biennium's budget. He solicited ideas from the Members on how best to communicate the budget process to the public. Councilmember Allen noted her desire to see a more robust advertising campaign to the public in this regard. Mr. Bailey noted his intent to leverage the neighborhood meetings that will be taking place in order to get the word out to the community with respect to BP, and to secure two citizen representatives on each City results team. Councilmember Allen asked to also have information placed on a discussion board on the City's website, and a link to the reader board through RCTV.

Councilmember Myers noted that a review of the Dukakis Center Plan will take place in Renton on February 6, 2012. He spoke regarding the benefits of the program and organizational participation with the group. Discussion ensued regarding the compatibility/incompatibility of the plan with regard to the City's current economic development direction.