# REDMOND CITY COUNCIL JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE ARTS COMMISSION AND STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

March 27, 2012

Mayor

John Marchione

**Members of the Council** 

Pat Vache, President Hank Margeson, Vice-President Kim Allen David Carson

Tom Flynn Hank Myers

John Stilin

**Staff** 

Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development

Director

Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director

Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner

Michelle M. McGehee, MMC, City Clerk

Convened: 7:30 p.m. Adjourned: 10:05 p.m.

#### **COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY**

Council President Pat Vache opened the Study Session and overviewed the agenda.

# State of Lake Washington School District (LWSD)/Farewell of Superintendent Dr. Chip Kimball

Mayor Marchione welcomed Dr. Chip Kimball and Dr. Tracy Pierce to the meeting.

Dr. Kimball, LWSD Superintendent, spoke regarding the state of the district, projects planned, and incoming Superintendent, Dr. Tracy Pierce.

Members of the Council, Dr. Kimball, and Dr. Pierce discussed LWSD plans moving forward and planning for growth for the future.

# **One Redmond Briefing**

Mr. Rob Odle, Planning and Community Development Director, introduced representatives for the Chamber and Redmond Economic Development Alliance (REDA) in attendance to speak about the efforts of the Chamber, the City, REDA, and Realize Redmond, to develop one economic organization for the City. The groups discussed their efforts to organize, challenges they have had, plans for the future, their goals, and their vision for a One Redmond organization.

Next steps for One Redmond include:

• completing an economic work plan and campaign materials;

- possible incorporation of the One Redmond organization; and
- recruitment of an Executive.

The first board meeting of the organization is planned for July 2012.

#### Redmond Central Connector – 60 Percent Design Review

Mr. Craig Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director, and Ms. Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, provided an update to the Mayor and Members of the Council regarding the 60 percent design review for the Redmond Central Connector project.

#### The report addressed:

- trail alignment;
- intersection design throughout the corridor;
- art features that would be placed in the corridor;
- trail and crosswalk crossings;
- lighting;
- planting strategies;
- station area and integrated art and functional elements; and
- next steps;
  - o 90 percent design review due in April 2012;
  - o bidding in June 2012;
  - o securing necessary permits; and
  - o holding a public hearing on a parking lot in May 2012.

Councilmember Vache asked to see something dimensional, as opposed to two-dimensional, that would tie a visual presentation of the entire Central Connector project design together.

Councilmember Vache further stated he would like to walk the trail with maps that would help identify key aspects of the connector.

Councilmember Stilin noted he would like to see the City involve the community in the construction of the planned erratics.

#### **Easement for Sound Transit Light Rail Update**

Mr. Larsen reported the City has worked out a very good agreement with Sound Transit with respect to corridor easements. He further noted that all substantive issues are currently within the Downtown easement.

#### Discussion ensued regarding:

- goals of the easement agreements;
- summary of Sound Transit's needs through the corridor;
- Redmond's right to request release of easement if projects are abandoned or no funding is available within a certain period of time for Sound Transit's plans; and
- next steps;

- o approval of the agreements by Council at the April 3, 2012, meeting; and
- o Sound Transit closing with the Port of Seattle.

# **Saturday Market Promotional Grant**

Members of the Council discussed funding a promotional grant for the Saturday Market from the Council contingency reserve fund for support of their marketing efforts.

Members of the Council agreed to authorize the Mayor to release \$5,000 for this purpose.

### **Council Talk Time**

Councilmember Margeson noted April 18, 2012, is the next Suburban Cities Association networking dinner.

Councilmember Carson reminded members of the ribbon cutting ceremony for Fire Station No. 17, to be held March 30, 2012. A public open house will be held later in April.