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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Special Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Steve Langer, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

2. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPICS

2.A [14-0943](#)

Discussion of Land Use Issues Related to Zoning

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer introduced this item and said the Council had asked staff to bring forward various items, which will be discussed this evening.

Required Development Regulations

Principal Planner Todd Stamm addressed the "requirements" in the policies and said some people believe these requirements should not be in the Comprehensive Plan. Council discussed the policies and agreed to leave the word "require" in the policies. Councilmembers shared their concerns on various policies and asked staff to look at these items. Councilmembers will submit suggested changes or comments to staff for inclusion in the final draft.

Scope of Design Review

No changes were recommended.

Rezone Process

Councilmembers discussed benefits of allowing rezone requests only a limited amount of time per year. No changes were recommended to the Comprehensive Plan. Council agreed to refer the question of how frequent rezones should be accepted to the Planning Commission.

Flexibility for In-fill

Councilmembers agreed with the staff proposed clarification to Policy PL21.3, replacing the word "include" with "support."

The work session item was completed.

2.B [14-0973](#) Urban Corridors Issues

Mr. Bauer introduced this item and reviewed the changes made at the last Study Session on this issue. There was some discussion on transportation corridor vs. urban corridor but it was agreed to leave it urban corridor. Staff agreed to include a statement that captures increasing scale appropriately along the corridor that does not detract from the neighborhoods in both the Transportation chapter and the Land Use chapter.

Heights in Urban Corridors East of Plum Street

Mr. Bauer reviewed this and there was discussion about setbacks and heights. Councilmembers supported staff option for changes to Policy PL13.7.

High Density Neighborhoods

No changes were recommended.

Four State Avenue Parcels

Staff recommended delaying rezone until all property owners can be contacted. Council agreed to include both options for consideration.

The work session item was completed.

2.C [14-0972](#) Economy Chapter

CP&D Director Keith Stahley said the Community and Economic Revitalization Committee (CERC) reviewed this and brought forward revisions. Council asked staff to update the data and chart with more current information.

The work session item was completed.

2.D [14-0974](#) Introduction Section

Mr. Bauer introduced this item and said this includes additional language on sea level rise and he noted some additional language proposed by Mayor Buxbaum will be added. Mayor Buxbaum said we need to be involved in sea level rise much more broadly. Councilmembers directed staff to broaden language on sea level rise.

The work session item was completed.

3. NEXT STEPS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

3.A [14-0975](#) Provide Direction on Next Steps in Comprehensive Plan Process

Staff noted all changes from past Study Sessions will be brought forward for additional review by Council on October 21. Council agreed to a second public hearing to be held on Monday, November 3, and staff will bring back a final draft in late November.

The work session item was completed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.