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Meeting Date: October 17, 2023

Motion to Approve the 2023 Update to the Comprehensive Plan: Envision Augusta

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<b>Department:</b>	Planning & Development
<b>Presenter:</b>	Carla Delaney or Department Designee
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to approve the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update: Envision Augusta
<b>Background:</b>	Georgia incentivizes comprehensive planning by allowing cities and counties with DCA-approved comprehensive plans access to a special package of financial resources to aid in implementing their plans. This includes Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), water and sewer loans from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), economic development funding from the OneGeorgia Authority, and a variety of other programs from DCA and partner agencies (a detailed list is available in the "Fact Sheets" section, below). Eligibility for this package of incentives is called Qualified Local Government (QLG) status.
<b>Analysis:</b>	Every 5-years we are required to update comprehensive plan. The current plan was approved in 2018. DCA has reviewed the 2023 update and recommended it for approval.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	If approved, Augusta is eligible for grants and aid from the state and federal government.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	If approval is not completed by October 31, 2023, Augusta would lose its qualifying local government status and the funding associated with it.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Motion to Approve the adoption of the updated
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	N/A
<b><u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u></b>	N/A