

MANAGERS REPORT

DATE: May 9, 2024
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ted Henry, City Manager
RE: May 14, 2024 Workshop Agenda



2035 Comprehensive Plan - City Leadership Work Session #1

Lance Onstott, Professional Engineering Consultants, will give a presentation, facilitate discussion, and answer questions from the City Council and Planning Commission at this first workshop.

The Bel Aire 2035 Comprehensive Plan will serve as the City's roadmap for adopting new policies and initiatives that achieve an identified vision. The Plan will assist the City Council in making well-informed decisions regarding land use, capital improvements, and policies/regulations – decisions that will have long-lasting impacts on how Bel Aire grows and develops. Equally important, the Bel Aire 2035 Comprehensive Plan can help communicate the community's aspirations and goals to private sector investors, local institutions, businesses, and residents.

Preparing the Plan involves multiple phases. Phase 1 is an assessment of Bel Aire. This phase includes a review of previous planning documents, existing land use conditions, demographic trends, an economic development profile, and other high-level analyses related to opportunities and constraints impacting Bel Aire's built environment. Results of the Community Assessment will be presented at tonight's meeting.

The second phase of the Plan's development centers around engagement. City leadership – staff, City Council, and the Planning Commission – will be engaged throughout the planning process. In addition to the Community Assessment presentation, the focus of City Leadership Work Session #1 will be on the visioning process.