



TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Dan Caris, Planning and Development Director

DATE: January 24, 2022

AGENDA TEXT: Overview and Discussion of Fruita Housing Strategies Next Steps

BACKGROUND

The purpose for this workshop is to discuss a myriad of topics related to establishing attainable housing strategies. Part of that discussion includes potential program elements, implementation strategies and community outreach. Also included in the coversheet is the list of past meetings with a forecasted timeline of potential future meetings. The items listed below represent the topics to be discussed.

Items for 1/24/22 Workshop Discussion:

1. Housing strategies & traditional models
2. White Paper & EPS Presentation
3. Housing Authority By Laws & Appointment
4. Community Engagement & City Link

Past Timeline:

- July 27, 2021 City Council Workshop – Continued discussion concerning affordable housing/workforce housing.
- August 31, 2021 City Council Workshop – Continued discussion around affordable/workforce housing in Fruita.
- September 28, 2021 City Council Workshop – City Council discussed a wholistic affordable housing approach to meet the community needs.
- October 5, 2021 – Council approved the appointment of a housing technical advisory working group.
- November 2, 2021 – Council adopts Resolution 2021-32 which provided funds to contract with Economic Planning Systems (EPS) to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and Regulatory Fee Study.

Review of Housing Strategies Schedule.

- **Jan 24, 2022 Council Special Meeting, 6:00 pm:** City Council to act on resolution creating a Fruita housing authority – this will be a noticed public hearing. Notice will need to be published in paper no later than January 14.
- **Jan 24, 2022 Council Workshop, 6:30 pm:** The following items to be discussed.

- Housing strategies & traditional models
- White Paper & EPS Presentation
- Housing Authority By Laws & Appointment
- Community Engagement & City Link
- Review of schedule
- **Meeting Placeholders for Further Discussion (Updates from EPS, Technical Committee, Staff).**
 - Feb 15, 2022
 - Feb 22, 2022
 - March 1, 2022
- **March 1, 2022 Council meeting, 7pm:** First reading calling for public hearing at March 29, 2022 Council meeting to establish regulatory fee.
- **March 29, 2022 Special Council meeting, 7pm:**
 - Second reading/Public Hearing to establish a regulatory fee.
 - Appointment of Fruita Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Attachments:

1. Presentation from EPS.
2. White Paper/Strategies
3. Housing Authority sample bylaws.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A currently

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City has already taken steps toward goals in the comprehensive plan to address “*prioritizing infill development over development at the edge of the city limits*” and to “*allow and encourage a diversity of housing types to fit the needs of the Fruita community and provide the diverse ‘funky’ character that is treasured by residents.*” These break down further in chapter 3 Land Use + Growth of Fruita in Motion to policies and actions that include addressing affordable housing.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

This item is for the purpose of discussion and direction by the City Council.