



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Dan Caris, Planning and Development Director

DATE: March 29, 2022

AGENDA TEXT: Housing Studies Update from Contracted Consultant Economic Planning Systems (EPS) (6:30 – 8:00 pm)

BACKGROUND

The purpose for this workshop is for Economic Planning Systems (EPS) to present initial findings from their housing needs assessment, programmatic elements, and unit shortages related to income. This presentation will be in draft form, with the purpose of receiving feedback from the Council related to findings. The planning team views the findings presentation as a foundational component of exploring any future housing strategies. The EPS presentation will focus on two main components “catch up” and “keep up” which were derived from specific sample housing goals. The establishment of housing goals will necessitate future public engagement where community members can weigh in on objective and measurable outcomes.

Items for 3/29/22 Workshop Discussion:

1. EPS Presentation
2. 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
- **March 28, 2022, Technical Advisory Council meeting 3pm:**
 - EPS Presentation
- **March 29, 2022, Special Council meeting, 7pm:**
 - EPS Presentation
 - Community Engagement & City Link

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.