

**TO: Mayor and Councilmembers**

**FROM: Jim Fleischmann, Town Planning Consultant**

**DATE: December 5, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

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**Background:**

Town Council convened on 9 occasions during the past 12 months to review, amend and update the Town's Comprehensive Plan, as required by state law. In addition, the Local Planning Agency has met 3 times for the same purpose. The update, through the Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR) process, is anticipated to be completed over the next 3 – 4 months. Remaining steps in the update process include adoption of the Comprehensive Plan by ordinance and two review periods to allow state, regional and local agencies, and members of the public an opportunity to comment or object.

Goals, Objectives & Policies for each element of the proposed updated Comprehensive Plan are included in the Council Agenda. Updates and amendments are highlighted by underline (additions) and ~~strikethrough~~ (deletions) text.

**Recommendation:**

Staff seeks input and direction with respect to proceeding to the next step in the amendment process; consideration by Town Council of approval of first reading of the adoption ordinance and authorization of staff to transmit the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) and other required review agencies.