



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, December 22, 2020
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Planning Commission Request to Review Central Heritage District Exterior Standards.
Background Information:	<p>At their November 4, 2020 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed a request for the City of Marshall to install an exterior finish on the City Hall building that was not specifically approved for use in the downtown Central Heritage District. After some discussion, the request was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission. During the discussion, a Planning Commission member asked that the City seek input from the Marshall Downtown Business Association (MDBA) on Chapter 86, Article VI, Division 5 Central Heritage District Exterior Construction Standards. I believe the contention was that the Planning Commission was typically approving these requests and the process simply resulted in lost time waiting for an approval. For background, all items in this ordinance division must be reviewed by the Planning Commission if staff does not believe that the ordinance is being met. This necessitates an application for review and getting placed on the agenda. There is no cost for this review.</p> <p>On December 18th, the Chamber reached out to invite staff to the January 6th MDBA meeting to discuss this ordinance. Staff has agreed to attend. The purpose of this memo is to have a brief discussion with Council about this ordinance and better understand the Council's thoughts and/or vision with regard to this ordinance in advance of the meeting on January 6th with MDBA. I would also remind Council that we are currently seeking proposals to select a contractor to review and update our City Comprehensive Plan, and this type of item can and will be addressed through this review process.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendation:	