



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, February 12, 2024

Subject: 2024 Comprehensive Plan- Project Timeline

Category: City Council Business/Discussion

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Summary

Medina City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board, Staff and Consultants will work toward having a complete draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan available for public comment by the beginning of June 2024. The process will proceed in a streamlined way, due to the limited window of time left to complete this mandatory update of the Comp Plan. After initial review by the Planning Manager and the consultants, Council will be informed at its meeting that a draft element will be reviewed by the Planning Commission (PC) at its next meeting. Council may give direction at that time. Once an element has been reviewed by the PC at its meeting, recommended changes will be made and it will be sent to PSRC and the Department of Commerce for review for consistency with the required Comprehensive Plan Updates. Council will have the opportunity to review each element thoroughly after PSRC and Commerce input has been received.

This streamlined process should provide enough time, in Summer 2024, for the mandatory regulatory reviews (PSRC review, SEPA, 60-day notice to the Department of Commerce) to occur. This will ensure that the public will have ample opportunity to view and comment on the entire document, as well.

These efforts should result in the City reaching its goal of adopting the update at the September 23, 2024, Medina City Council Meeting. Planning on adoption prior to the December 31st, 2024, deadline will build in a 2-month buffer that we can utilize and remain compliant.

This 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update- Project Timeline meets and supports Council's priorities 1 through 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

Priorities met:

1. Medina is following the state laws governing comprehensive plan updates.

2. Preserving and fostering the development of a variety of housing types, sizes and densities to accommodate the diverse needs of all members of the community while maintaining Medina's high-quality residential setting.
3. Clear guidelines are key to the efficient and effective completion of the periodic update of the City of Medina Comprehensive Plan by the December 31, 2024, deadline established by the state Department of Commerce under the Growth Management Act.
4. The Comprehensive Plan Update follows best planning practices for the orderly future development of Medina by providing a clear vision on the communities present and future needs.
5. Preserving the quiet, sylvan neighborhood character of Medina.

Attachments

Comprehensive Plan 2024 Update- Project Timeline Memo
Comprehensive Plan 2024 Update- Project Timeline Graphic

Budget/Fiscal Impact: None



Recommendation:

Review of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update Project Timeline.

City Manager Approval:

Proposed Council Motion: None

Time Estimate: 45 minutes