



PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Members Present: Mayor Scholl
Council President Morten
Councilor Birkle
Councilor Topaz
Councilor Chilton

Vice Chair Hubbard
Commissioner Webster
Commissioner Semling
Commissioner Lawrence
Commissioner Pugsley

Members Absent: Commissioner Cavanaugh
Chair Dan Cary

Staff Present: City Administrator Walsh
Government Affairs Barry
City Planner Graichen
Associate Planner Dimsho
Community Development Admin Assistant Sullivan

Others: None

This meeting was held in the Council Chambers.

Presentation and handout materials were distributed. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. At 5:33 p.m., Mayor Rick Scholl opened the Joint Planning Commission and City Council Meeting.

The Council and Planning Commission discussed what they hoped to see in their city in the next five years.

Councilor Morten

- Shared Vision

Commissioner Webster

- Master Developer
- Increased Parking

Councilor Chilton

- Public Safety

Councilor Topaz

- Open Communication
- More Proactivity
- Environmental Challenges
- Working Waterfront

Commissioner Semling

- Safe Pedestrian Passage
- Improve Infrastructure

Commissioner Pugsley

- Historic Preservation

Mayor Scholl

- Vibrant Riverfront
- Storefront Restoration

Councilor Birkle

- Heritage Tourism
- Transportation Options
- Regional Resiliency

The roles of Council and Commission were discussed. Government Affairs Specialist Rachael Barry reviewed the definition of each and how they complement each other. She asked each of the participants to choose their favorite role or responsibility.

City Planner Jacob Graichen shared two previous decisions involving determining residential zoning, one where the Commission and Council disagreed about the decision and one where the groups agreed. He noted that both of these decisions predate the city's adoption of its Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) in 2019 and that future decisions will need to include HNA findings. We have not had a controversial residential zoning decision since adoption of the HNA, so these waters are yet untested.

Graichen discussed some different options with the two groups about the next phase of housing amendments. There was no direct opposition to his suggestions.

Associate Planner Jenny Dimsho presented information and status updates on future public projects happening and shared the timelines with the two groups. There was a small discussion about the different public projects happening, including the Riverfront Redevelopment and the Public Safety Facility Project.

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,*

*Christina Sullivan
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Rick Scholl, Mayor

Russell Hubbard, Vice Chair