

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: November 26, 2024
SUBJECT: Food System Plan

1) Recommended Action:

No action is requested. This is an opportunity for discussion with the consultant about the initial steps in the process of developing a Food System Plan for the City.

2) Background:

The City Council included the preparation of a City Food System Plan to address community concerns with food insecurity on the local level on the 2024 Long Range Planning Work Program.

The City will be working our consultant Rebeca Potasnik to prepare a Plan that focuses on supporting ways to access food more effectively and consider the role of local and community based agriculture activities, such as community gardens and local producers and processors to build a more resilient food system.

The Plan will focus on how to provide healthy food to the community, reduce food waste, support local food processing, eliminate barriers, address gaps in the current system, produce solutions to implement at appropriate scale, and identify how to maintain and update resource materials through jurisdictional and community partners.

This first meeting with the Planning Commission will focus on describing the plan preparation process, reviewing the stakeholder list, and the questions for the stakeholders. The General Government Committee received a similar briefing at their November 13, 2024 meeting.

3) Alternatives:

None

4) Attachments:

A. Memorandum