



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Type: Council - Regular

Meeting Date: June 18, 2026

Agenda Item Type: New Business

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STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration to approve the 2027 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

BACKGROUND:

GA Department of Community Affairs rules state that each comprehensive plan be prepared with meaningful involvement from stakeholders and the general public. This requirement includes three mandatory steps: identification of stakeholders, identification of participation techniques, and conduct of the participation program.

At minimum, the participation program must include formation of a steering committee composed of:

- Stakeholders identified from the community;
- Members of the governing authority;
- Local economic development practitioners; and
- Local government staff.

The governing authority's active involvement in plan development is specifically cited in the DCA rules as a mechanism for ensuring the plan will be implemented.

The steering committee's role is to provide substantive input throughout the planning process, represent a diverse cross-section of the community, and serve as ambassadors of the plan. This helps ensure residents and other stakeholder groups have meaningful opportunities to participate through surveys, public events, and other engagement channels.

Council action approving the steering committee is consistent with Tyrone's prior comprehensive planning practices and establishes the committee's formal standing in the DCA-required documentation appendix.

The Town received roughly 50 applications through an open recruitment process conducted via the Town website, social media, and the town newsletter. Staff reviewed all applications with our public engagement consultant against three selection criteria: geographic distribution across Tyrone's residential areas, diversity of professional background and lived experience, and a demographic cross-section that ensures no single neighborhood, interest group, or viewpoint dominates the committee's work.

The selected members cover Tyrone's geographic area equally from River Oaks and River Crest in the north through Southampton, Pendleton, Briarhill, and Lake Windsong, to the neighborhoods along Briarwood Road, Castlewood Road, and Farr Road. Professional backgrounds on the committee include law, education, nonprofit service, small business, sales and marketing, the military, government, and the trades. The committee also intentionally mixes members with prior planning experience with members who have none.

Across the applicant pool, the most consistent theme was an appreciation of Tyrone's small-town character and a desire to see future growth managed in a way that maintains this feel. The committee was not selected to be favorable or hostile toward any particular outcome. It was selected to represent how Tyrone residents actually think about their community's future.

Member	Neighborhood / Representation
Carl Jackson	River Oaks
Isaiah Parnell	River Crest
Stacy Williams	Southampton
Christa Kiggundu	Southampton
Amanda Ivanov	Business Representative
Kathy Bright	Pendleton
Matthew Armstrong	Briarhill
Daniel Stone	Briarwood Road
Shenna Morris	Castlewood Road
Michael Pollard	Grace Lane
Erika Sleger	Lake Windsong
Zachary Fallon	Brookwood
Holli Huelfer	Stonecrest Preserve
Jessica Whelan	Town Council
Jeff Duncan	Planning Commission
Jeni Mount	Downtown Development Authority

Steering Committee meetings are public meetings and will post basic agendas and minutes on the Town's website and comp plan update page.

FUNDING:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Town Council approve the Tyrone 2027 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee as proposed and authorize staff to convene the committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

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PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS: