

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Conduct Public Hearing on the Proposed City of Fort Worth 2021 Comprehensive Plan and Adopt Ordinance Approving the City of Fort Worth 2021 Comprehensive Plan

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Eric Fladager; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Close the Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2021 Comprehensive Plan to allow the public the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence;
2. Close the public hearing; and
3. Adopt the attached ordinance approving the City of Fort Worth 2021 Comprehensive Plan.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed 2021 Comprehensive Plan is the result of a limited update that reflects the following revisions to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed Amendments for the 2021 Comprehensive Plan:

1. The *Population Trends, Economic Trends, and Financial Trends* chapters have been updated to reflect the latest statistical information available for these chapters.
2. The following chapters have been redesigned and updated for the first time since 2012 to include updated data, new project and program information, new policy direction from recently adopted plans, and graphic enhancements intended to improve the user experience:
 - a. *Chapter 6: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space*
 - b. *Chapter 7: Libraries*
 - c. *Chapter 13: Historic Preservation*
 - d. *Chapter 14: Urban Design*
 - e. *Chapter 16: Police Services*
 - f. *Chapter 17: Fire and Emergency Services*
 - g. *Chapter 18: Water Supply and Environmental Quality*
 - h. *Chapter 23: Financial Incentives*
 - a. *Chapter 24: Annexations*
3. Additional updates and new information have been added to recently updated *Chapter 5: Housing*.
4. *Appendix A: Existing Plans and Studies* has been updated to reflect the City Council's adoption of a) Library Strategic Services Plan, b) Library Facilities Master Plan, and c) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, 2020 Update.
5. *Appendix C: Future Land Use by Sector* has been updated to reflect approved zoning changes, previously adopted City plans, new development plans and opportunities, and existing development patterns unlikely to change.
6. *Appendix D: Proposed Capital Improvements* has been updated to include the adopted FY2021-2025 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, along with a graphic summary of major expenditures described in the plan.
7. A new appendix has been added, *Appendix E: 20-Year Planned Service Areas*, which includes maps of ETJ areas where the City anticipates being able to provide City water and other services within the next 20 years.
8. *Appendix F: Annexation Plan, Policy, and Program* has been updated to reflect changes to the annexation program.
9. *Appendix G: Special Districts* has been reduced to one page with description and map. A link is included to the full policy.
10. *Appendix H: Reserved*. The full Tax Abatement Policy has been removed from the appendices and a description and link to the full policy has been included in *Chapter 23: Financial Incentives*.

To view the proposed 2021 Comprehensive Plan, visit <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/planning-data-analytics/comprehensive-planning/comprehensiveplan/draft> and view the table of contents to browse individual sections of the plan.

City Plan Commission Recommendation:

The City Plan Commission held a public hearing on the draft 2021 Comprehensive Plan on January 27, 2021 and voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the plan. On February 16, 2021, the City Council received an Informal Report on the proposed 2021 Comprehensive Plan

and no changes were requested.

Public Hearing on 2021 Comprehensive Plan:

Section 213.003 of the Texas Local Government Code provides that a comprehensive plan may be adopted or amended by ordinance following a hearing at which the public is given the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence and following review by the City Plan Commission. A public hearing before the City Council on the proposed 2021 Comprehensive Plan will take place prior to the City Council vote on the adoption ordinance.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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