The Hutto City Council and Hutto Planning and Zoning Commission met in a work session on Thursday, April 2, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 401 W. Front St., Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Debbie Holland called the session to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Debbie Holland, Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Quintanilla-Perez, Councilmember Paul Prince, Councilmember Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Melanie Rios and Councilmember Max V. Yeste. Councilmember Anne Cano arrived at 6:09 pm.

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission that were present were Bryon Borchers, Vice Chair, Jessica Romigh Commissioner, Stehpanie Alba, Commissioner, and Todd Robison, Commissioner. Chuck Murphy, Chair arrived at 6:12pm. Commissioners David Kinnaman and Mary Belton were absent.

Members of staff that were present were Karen Daly, City Manager, Micah Grau, Assistant City Manager, Matt Bushak, City Engineer, Will Guerin, Development Services Director, and Erika Ragsdale, Senior Planner.

WORK SESSION

This work session was conducted for information and educational purposes. No action was taken by the Council on the item listed.

3A. Work Session regarding 2040 Comp Plan

Erika Ragsdale, Senior Planner made the staff presentation. Ms. Ragsdale gave an overview of the 2040 Comp Plan which included several graphs showing population forecast estimates, history of single family residential permits, a comparison of Hutto’s growth to the growth in Williamson County, Age-Sex distributions, compositions of race and ethnicity, and household income.

She explained the four chapters of the plan, the actions and benchmarks. During each description, changes and comments were incorporated.

Quality of Life Chapter
• Acquire and develop open space of various scales for active, passive, and programed use
• Cultivate an expansive urban tree canopy
• Celebrate Hutto's Heritage and preserve our history for future generations
• Support the growing arts community
• Promote Hutto as a destination
• Increase economic viability of downtown Hutto

Benchmarks include
• acres of parkland
• participation in community events
• hotel occupancy tax rate
• increase in tree canopy
• Number of events that exceed a certain threshold

Mobility
• Develop a transportation network which safely accommodates drivers, pedestrians and cyclists
• Support efforts to serve Hutto with regional public transit, such as bus or rail
• Ensure that transportation projects respect and preserve surrounding character to the greatest practical extent
• Provide a developed trail system to connect neighborhoods, commercial areas, schools, and downtown to one another

Benchmarks include:
• Sidewalk miles v. roadway miles
• Railroad crossings
• Commuting mode share (ie. Carpooling or other options)

Resiliency
• Pursue a financially-sustaining development pattern
• Reduce retail and job leakage
• Improve environmental performance
• Consistently maintain infrastructure to extend the lifespan of the city’s assets
• Ensure utility capacity and availability for current and future users
• Ensure that neighborhoods will hold value and remain safe

Benchmarks included:
• Commuting data
• Assessed value
• Median household income
• sales tax leakage
Community

- Offer a variety of housing products to serve the needs of a diverse population through all stages of life
- Strengthen connections between residents
- Advance Hutto as a place for a qualified, diverse workforce
- Facilitate a diverse mix of uses to serve Hutto residents
- Develop the Co-Op site as a vibrant, mixed-use district

Benchmarks included:

- Median home price
- Housing by price range
- Housing by bedrooms,
- Enrollment in the higher education center.

Ms. Ragsdale concluded her presentation by detailing the next steps of approval for this plan and Will Guerin, Development Services Director was recognized for his service to the city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Debbie Holland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Seth Gipson, City Secretary