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CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: July 16, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Joint Planning Commission Special Meeting

LIAISON: N/A

FROM: Kristin Turkelson, Planning Director
Planning, Design & Development

SUBJECT: **Joint City Commission and Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Community Master Plan**

Background

The City of Grand Rapids is creating a new Community Master Plan (CMP) to guide how our city will grow and develop over the next 20 years. Today's joint City Commission and Planning Commission meeting will provide a summary of the Round 4 engagement, a high-level overview of the draft plan and its recommendations, and a review of the proposed review and adoption schedule.

Fourth Engagement Round Summary

First, per the scope of work, the consultant team is providing an update on the fourth and final engagement round, which began in May and ended in June, and reviewed the draft plan recommendations. More specifically, the presentation will describe the demographics of the participants as compared to the overall community, the outreach and communications methods used, and the high-level findings from the engagement activities. During the fourth round of engagement, the consultant team also collected comments from City staff and Steering Committee members. The consultant team then reviewed the comments and made edits to the draft plan to create a new draft to present today.

Plan Recommendations

The draft CMP contains recommendations, based on public input and data analysis, for great neighborhoods, vital business districts, a strong economy, balanced mobility, and desirable development character. Additionally, the recommendations incorporate the themes of equity, safety, vibrancy, culture and sustainability.

Today's presentation will provide a high-level overview of the draft recommendations, with the future Planning Commission deep dives and City Commission high level briefings discussing the recommendations further.

Adoption Schedule

The plan will soon enter the review and adoption phase of the process, which is governed, in part, by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. The schedule of consideration is as follows:

Action	Date
Planning Commission approves forwarding the plan to City Commission for distribution	August 8, 2024
City Commission authorizes distribution for a 63-day public comment period	August 13, 2024
Letters sent to start 63-day public comment period	August 14, 2024, begins 63 days
Planning Commission Deep Dive One (Chapters 1-4)	August 22, 2024
City Commission High Level Briefing One (Chapters 1-4)	August 27, 2024
Planning Commission Deep Dive Two (Chapters 5-6 and Area Specific Plans)	September 12, 2024
City Commission High Level Briefing Two (Chapters 5-6 and Area Specific Plans)	September 24, 2024
End 63 day public comment period	October 16, 2024
Planning Commission holds public hearing and approves forwarding to City Commission to adopt the plan	October 24, 2024
City Commission sets public hearing date	November 12, 2024
City Commission holds public hearing	November 19, 2024
City Commission adopts plan	December 3, 2024
City Commission adopts plan (backup date)	December 17, 2024


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