



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma
Members of the City Council

FROM: Alderman Wolsky

DATE: August 23, 2018

SUBJECT: PLANNING & ZONING STEERING REAUTHORIZATION & GUIDANCE

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Reauthorize and provide guidance to the work of the Zoning and Planning Steering Committee and advertise open positions on the committee

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Lance Lang, Principal Planner

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Planning and Zoning Steering Committee has been meeting for the better part of a decade. After major changes to the planning and zoning code in previous years, a new series of challenges was encountered upon implementation. More recently, significant and somewhat urgent revisions have been needed to both standardize and place reasonable requirements on rezoning and other procedural requests. Many challenges remain.

Given the longstanding work on this topic and more recent loss of committee members, the timing seemed appropriate for both City Council and the Planning Commission offer input and direction into the goals and work of the Steering Committee. This timing also presents an opportunity to publicly notify and advertise seeking those who may be willing to take up this work and serve on the committee.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The City's Zoning and Planning Steering Ordinance and practices provide guidance for all development that takes within the City and within the City's extra territorial jurisdiction.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

Given that this work has been taking place for several years, there is little impact on existing practices, though the addition of a Community Development Director will allow more staff time to be dedicated to this work. Advertising available Committee positions through Council's bully pulpit may serve to better inform the community of this opportunity to serve.

No fiscal impact is expected.

V. ALTERNATIVES
NA

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS
NA

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
NA