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Agenda Date: 01/12/2021

Subject:
ULUC Briefing

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PURPOSE:

Staff and Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC) will update Council on the progress of the Mixed Use and Corridor building block of the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) and seek additional policy direction for the overall ULUC.

PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Presenter(s): Kathleen Osher, Community Services Director and
Jennifer Henninger, Community Development Director

Additional Presenters: Bret C. Keast, AICP, CEO, Kendig Keast Collaborative

SUMMARY:

After adoption of the Phase II amendments to the existing Title 10 of the Littleton Municipal Code relative to Downtown development, staff and KKC launched the Mixed Use and Corridor building block of the ULUC with two Envision Littleton studios designed to gather community input.

The studio session on November 9, 2020 included a presentation to all attendees and four smaller breakout groups to discuss: perspectives and preferences, existing conditions on the ground, the details of our existing land use and zoning code, and the economics of land use.

The studio session on December 14, 2020 included both a presentation and polling questions focused on the corridors of Santa Fe, Broadway, Littleton Boulevard, and Belleview Avenue.

The intent of the study session is for council to discuss their policy direction for the ULUC relative to corridors

and mixed use as well as discuss items identified during the Downtown building block as ULUC parking lot items. The ULUC parking lot items will allow further discussion and additional Council direction on sustainability, greenscaping, and parking.

PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

Envision Littleton was developed to be a multi-year and multi-milestone commitment to planning for the next 20 years of the city. The top priority identified in the Comprehensive Plan is to update the city's regulatory framework and transition to a Unified Land Use Code. The Unified Land Use Code kicked off during the February 10, 2020 community event hosted at Town Hall Arts Center and the February 11 Joint Leadership Session of City Council and Planning Commission on February 11, 2020.

The first Envision Studio focused on Downtown was held as a virtual webinar on March 23, 2020 with 70 participants.

City Council amended KKC's contract on April 7, 2020 to draft the contents of KKC's deliverable #1 - Downtown Building Block, by redlining the City's existing Title 10, Zoning Regulations; and carrying over the contents of KKC deliverable #1 from the existing Title 10 to the Consolidated Public Review Draft of the Unified Land Use Code in enCodePlus™ set for release in June 2021.

Staff provided a brief update to Council on the progress of the Unified Land Use Code project and adjusted timeline on May 5, 2020. Council adopted Phase I amendments to the City Code relative to Downtown on May 5, 2020 and approved an extension of the temporary moratorium on any new development containing more than one residential unit within the downtown area effective May 14, 2020. This moratorium was in place while Phase II amendments were considered and expired on October 11, 2020.

The second Envision Studio focused on Downtown was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. as a virtual webinar with 72 community attendees and about 20 staff, members of Council and Boards, and consultants. Council held study sessions on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Tuesday, June 23, 2020, and Tuesday, June 30, 2020 to continue the policy discussion that provided direction for the public draft of Phase II amendments.

The public review and comment period of proposed Phase II amendments to Title 10 of the City Code was held between July 1 and July 31, 2020. The Historical Preservation Board unanimously recommended the Phase II amendments to Title 10 on August 24, 2020 with three conditions and Planning Commission recommended 6-1 the Phase II amendments to Title 10 on August 31, 2020 with four conditions.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020 City Council heard the First Reading and set the public hearing for October 6, 2020 to consider the Phase II amendments to Title 10 of the Littleton Municipal Code relative to Downtown development.

On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, City Council adopted the Phase II amendments to Title 10 of the Littleton Municipal Code relative to Downtown development.

ANALYSIS:

Staff Analysis

The transition to the Unified Land Use Code is on schedule and on budget. Phase II amendments to the city's existing code relative to Downtown development are complete.

Council Goal, Objective, and/or Guiding Principle

Council Goal 1 - Envision Littleton

Fiscal Impacts

N/A

Alternatives

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A