

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Discussion of the draft Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) and any refinements Council would like to pursue

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PURPOSE:

Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC) will provide an overview of the draft ULUC and seek direction from Council on any refinements to the draft.

PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Presenter(s):	Kathleen Osher, Community Services Director Jennifer Henninger, Community Development Director
Additional Presenter(s):	Bret C. Keast, AICP, CEO, Kendig Keast Collaborative

SUMMARY:

KKC will review the draft ULUC with Council and seek direction on any refinements. The discussion will be organized by topics that link back to the Comprehensive Plan.

Topics will include:

- character/zoning districts
- land use
- use and district transitions
- housing and affordability
- neighborhood integrity
- sustainability
- walkability and pedestrian mobility
- community design and appearance
- economic resilience
- population and housing projections
- parking management

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 ULUC. The ULUC 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 April 7, 2020, City Council amended KKC's contract to prioritize the Downtown Building Block and amend the City's zoning regulations prior to those changes being incorporated in the finalized ULUC.
- On May 5, 2020 Council adopted Phase I amendments to the City Code relative to Downtown and approved an extension of the temporary moratorium on any new development containing more than one residential unit within the downtown area which expired in October 2020.
- On March 23, 2020, the first Envision Studio focused on Downtown was held with 70 participants.
- On May 18, 2020, the second Envision Studio focused on Downtown was held with 72 community attendees.
- On May 19, June 2, June 23, and June 30, 2020 Council held study sessions on proposed changes to Phase II amendments of the City's Code.
- From July 1-31, 2020 the public review and comment period was opened for proposed Phase II amendments.
- On August 24, 2020 Historic Preservation Board unanimously recommended approval of the Phase II amendments with 3 conditions.
- On August 31, 2020 Planning Commission recommended 6-1 the Phase II amendments with 4 conditions.
- On October 6, 2020 City Council adopted the Phase II amendments to Title 10 of the Littleton Municipal Code relative to Downtown development.
- The next building block focused on mixed use and corridors and on November 9, 2020 the first studio focusing on corridors was held with 77 participants.
- On December 14, 2020 the second studio occurred with approximately 54 members. This webinar was posted on the dedicated project site and the polling questions were added to Open Littleton with an additional 25 respondents.
- On February 10, 2021 the first studio occurred and about 80 members of the Littleton community participated. Again, the webinar was posted on the project site and the polling questions were added to Open Littleton which added an additional 61 responses.
- The second studio for the neighborhood building block occurred on March 22, 2021 with about 70 participants. This session included three small breakout groups and participant discussion.
- The final studio was focused on the business and industry areas in the city and held on May 3 with 78 registered attendees.
- KKC and staff provided a briefing on the progress of the ULUC to City Council during their May 11, 2021 study session. Council revisited the project goals, the overall approach/methodology, outreach underway, parking lot items, and the logistics for commenting and reviewing the draft ULUC.
- The draft ULUC was released on June 7, 2021 for public comment and review. The draft is available until July 30, 2021.
- Council discussed the findings of the two economic models on June 22, 2021 in the context of land use policy decisions and any refinements of the draft ULUC.

ANALYSIS:

Staff Analysis

The transition to the ULUC is on schedule and on budget. The draft ULUC is available from June 7 - July 30 for public comment and review.

Council Goal, Objective, and/or Guiding Principle

Council Goal 1 - ULUC

Fiscal Impacts

N/A

Alternatives

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A