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AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning **Item No. 38**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve second/third readings of an ordinance adopting an interim update to the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

For More Information: Garner Stoll, 974-2397; Greg Guernsey, 974-2387; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Planning Commission.

Prior Council Action: December 13, 2007- The City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an interim update to the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, and directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to study alternative approaches to long range planning for the greater Austin region.

June 18, 2008- Council approved ordinance on first reading.

July 24, 2008 - Council postponed approval of second/third readings to August 21, 2008

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On December 13, 2007, the City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to prepare an interim update to the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, and directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to study alternative approaches to long range planning for the greater Austin region.

The Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1979 as a planning tool to guide development. The plan itself is required by the City Charter, which specifies that one responsibility of the Planning Commission is to “make and amend a master plan for the physical development of the city.”

The proposed interim update will remove obsolete policies and replace them with existing adopted policies. In addition, it will revise the various maps included in the plan with the best data currently available, and integrates and summarizes city plans and initiatives undertaken since adoption of the plan in 1979 until the end of 2007.

The proposed update is the result of the work of an interdepartmental team that met from January-March, 2008. The proposed revisions were reviewed and recommended by the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee of the Planning Commission and the full Planning Commission.