

## Legislation Text

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Discussion of Collaborative Methods between City Council and Planning Commission

### Issue/Request:

The purpose of this agenda item is to create an opportunity for dialogue between the Mayor, City Council, and Planning Commission Members regarding how to work together on future development and planning matters. The goal is to create a better understanding of the expected role of each body (the City Council and Planning Commission) and create a more efficient and effective operational model in dealing with development applications and other matters that are presented to both bodies. The meeting will be led by Mayor Bill Baird with the assistance from Jason Norbury, Planning Commission Chair. A general discussion outline has been created by Mayor Bill Baird for this meeting.

### Discussion Outline:

#### Trust the Process

- Open for business and welcome those wanting to invest or expand in our community
- Protect our citizens via ordinances
  - Master Planning
  - Safety
  - Design standards and streetscape
- Less variances is best
  - The more variances the more community support needed otherwise we need to use caution
- Work toward solutions
  - Always bat the ball back in their court. You can't do this, but you could do something like this.
- Greater communication
  - Citizens
  - Planning commission
  - City council
- Get citizens involved earlier when there is potential conflict.
  - Keep the decorum
  - Coach citizens to use the proper language and make reasonable objection
- Retraining
  - Development to work with planning commission
  - Planning commission to do more due diligence
  - City council to use the planning commission public hearings to be prepare for council agenda and not re-litigate.

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