



TO: Mayor Thomas R. Kneeland
City Administrator
Director of Finance
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City Attorney
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FROM: Anthony Jones, Director of Planning & Development

DATE: July 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council, July 22, 2019

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ACTION ITEM # 1 – Land Use Plan

The Department of Planning & Development has been working with a consultant team to draft the City of Gahanna Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The process was initiated based upon the Go Forward Gahanna Strategic Result 1.4: Updated and Accessible Development Plans. This strategic result identified the need for the City to update and unify our existing land use and area plans. The consultant team was comprised of OHM Advisors, Regionomics and Aimpoint.

Over the past several months, the consultant team has worked with the public, Planning Commission, Area Commissions, City Staff and a Project Steering Committees to create this draft of the City of Gahanna Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The public engagement process included 6 Public Meetings, 7 Steering Committee Meetings, a statistically valid telephonic survey of 300 Gahanna residents and 163 online comments through the project webpage (www.gahannalanduseplan.com.)

The purpose of the plan is to consolidate all existing land use and area plans into one comprehensive land use plan in order to create guidelines for development that are uniform, consistent and representative of the desired character of the Gahanna community. This plan is comprised of the following:

- Introduction Section describes the plan overview, description of how to use the plan and a summary of the planning process.
- Existing Condition Analysis Section provides detailed information about Gahanna's demographics, geography, recreational amenities and mobility.

- Public Engagement Section provides a summary of the results for some of the public engagement meetings and a detailed summary of the statistically valid telephonic survey.
- Future Land Use Section includes maps of recommended future land uses and a description of those land use types.
- Focus Areas Section provides a detailed summary of development recommendations for the 5 primary Focus Areas within the City.
- Character Guidelines Sections details the aesthetic guidelines pertaining to site design, parking, open space, mobility, landscaping, lighting, architecture and downtown design elements.

OHM Advisors will be present at the meeting to provide a presentation of the plan. The Department is respectfully requesting that City Council consider adopting the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

If City Council adopts the plan, the next phase of the Go Forward Gahanna Strategic Result 1.4: Updated and Accessible Development Plans is to codify the plan recommendations within the zoning code. This phase is essential in order to ensure the principles and design elements of the plan are legally enforceable and bring about the desired development patterns within the City.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: No

Name & Address: N/A

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles): N/A

Attachment

- N/A

UPDATES

None at this time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

None at this time.