



May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting

Title

Presentation on the Zoning Ordinance Update Project and to consider a request to endorse staff's recommended approach for 2026 — Wesley Russ, City Attorney's Office and Thanh Dang, Community Development

Summary

Staff will present an update on the work completed to date and next steps for the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) Update.

Staff recommend focusing the remainder of 2026 on modernizing ordinance language, improving the organization of the ZO, and replacing the current zoning districts with a new district framework and new zoning map. Staff believe that once the foundation is in place, the City will be better positioned to engage with the public on more substantive issues, such as (but not limited to) accessory dwelling units and revisions to off-street parking requirements. Depending on the topic, further amendments to the ZO could occur at the same time as or after the Comprehensive Plan update. Pending budget approval, staff proposes that the Comprehensive Plan update begin in late-2027.

Staff also recommend disbanding the Ordinance Advisory Committee (OAC) and using Planning Commission and work sessions as the primary forum for review of draft ordinances, feedback, and discussion related to the ZO Update. This would be in addition to public engagement.

Recommendation

Option 1. Endorse staff's recommended approach, including disbanding the Ordinance Advisory Committee and using the Planning Commission as the primary review body for the ZO Update.

Options

- Option 1. Endorse staff's recommended approach, including disbanding the Ordinance Advisory Committee and using the Planning Commission as the primary review body for the ZO Update.
- Option 2. Endorse staff's recommended approach but retain the Ordinance Advisory Committee. If the OAC is retained, City Council should review its membership and consider reappointing current members or appointing new members.
- Option 3. Direct staff to create a different approach.

Attachments

- List of current Ordinance Advisory Committee members

List of current Ordinance Advisory Committee (OAC) members

1. Richard Baugh
2. Nathan Blackwell
3. Gil Colman
4. Nadia Dames
5. Laura Dent
6. Brent Finnegan
7. Deb Fitzgerald
8. Charles Hendricks
9. Barry Kelley
10. Matthew Phillippi
11. Monica Robinson
12. Henry Way
13. Kathy Whitten
14. Dave Wiens