

## **CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL WORKSHOP (JOINT WITH PLANNING BOARD) – February 1, 2024**

Mayor Wiita called the workshop to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Wiita called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Aldrich, Hund, Dawson, Sivewright & Beeler.

Planning Board Members: Peterson, Cyr, Weidman

Absent: Councilmember Dearborn, Planning Board Member Keyes

Staff: City Administrator Christian, Public Works Director Morgan, Community Development Director Hart, Assistant Planner Donk, Assistant Planner Bond, and City Clerk Pevey.

### **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None noted.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **AB23-09\_ Comprehensive Plan Update - Joint Workshop #1 Vision Statement for the City**

*(Presentation slides on file with the City Clerk's Office)*

Community Development Director Hart started the discussion by providing the group with an update on the public outreach completed on the comprehensive plan to date to include a recent focus on student engagement at the schools. Hart then introduced Tyler Quinn-Smith, Framework Project Manager, who took control of the meeting by sharing the project timeline and confirmed that the city is on target for preparing the draft plan and presenting it at an open house anticipated in July 2024, with early adoption in October 2024.

The discussion then shifted into what is a vision for the comprehensive plan. Quinn-Smith explained the different ways to express a community vision. He then discussed the comprehensive plan vision adopted in 1994 and reviewed the elements of the three main topics which included the setting, the economy, and the housing visions of the city at that time. He then moved forward to the existing plan adopted in 2011 that contained similar visions, but also included a paragraph about the prediction of Sultan in 2030. Quinn-Smith reiterated tonight's effort to update the vision based on the changing needs of the city that have occurred. He shared two other vision plans that the city engaged in as well to include a 2005 APA Workshop, and the 2021 Strategic Plan and he discussed the elements those plans incorporated at the time. Quinn-Smith then shared the Vision Themes created from 1994 through 2021 and confirmed he would check in with the board members in attendance on their thoughts. To further engage the members, he shared the visions created by the City of Milton, WA; City of Airway Heights, WA; City of Charlotte, NC; and the City of Pasco, WA.

Quinn-Smith provided the members the Vision 2044 input received during the community engagement process that was received to date per the "DRAFT Big Ideas" hereby attached as reference (Exhibit A)

The remainder of the workshop focused on discussion involving a board exercise focusing on three questions as shown below with council and planning board members providing their input.

- Question #1: Have any existing vision themes been achieved? Are any left out of the draft big ideas?
- Question #2: Are there any big ideas that should be added? Do any ideas need to be revised?
- Question #3: How do we make the vision and big ideas happen? What actions and strategies should we take?

Quinn-Smith expressed his appreciation for the input received this evening and concluded the meeting by sharing the ongoing meeting schedule planned for February through April 2025; as well as what's next to include continued work on refining the big ideas; draft vision statement; and continued planning board input and recommendations in February. He referred attendees to the website at <https://www.sultan2044.com> for further information on the work completed to

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date as well as additional resources available regarding the comprehensive plan update.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*(Written comments noted are on file with the City Clerk's Office and available upon request)*

No written comments received.

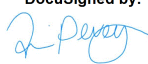
Whitney Quillen, Sultan: (Supplied additional ideas on paper) Expressed concern for lack of childcare available in the area and the struggles to provide this service for the public due to a lack of suitable locations in Sultan. Suggested consideration of venture capitalists investing in possible property investors to assist. Provided suggestions to ensure the city doesn't have multiple repeat businesses as it grows. Also suggested to create a map of local vacant businesses to include rent and square footage to have available for potential commercial renters.


Ron Kraut, Sultan: Stated that the recorded plats of Eagle Ridge and Eagle Ridge II, have large documented open space and native growth protection areas. He believes it would be a good idea to illustrate the areas as such on the city's new Future Land Use Map

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Hund, the meeting was closed at approximately 8:55 pm; The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

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