

Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session Minutes
June 7, 2018
Conference Room 1-B - 1st Floor City Hall

ATTENDANCE:

Commission Members Present: Harder, Loe, MacMann, Strodman, Stanton, Toohey
Commission Members Absent: Burns, Russell, Rushing
Staff: Caldera, Palmer, Teddy, Zenner
Guest(s): Barbara Buffalo

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: None

TOPICS DISCUSSED

New Business:

- **Climate Action Plan Presentation**

Mr. Zenner introduced Mrs. Buffalo, City Sustainability Manager, to provide an overview of her work with the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Change and Adaptation (Task Force) and the development of a Climate Action Plan for the City. Mrs. Buffalo gave an overview of what precipitated the need for the plan and what it is to be included within it. She noted that the Task Force was created following the adoption of Resolution R83-17A which reaffirmed the City's commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. Reaffirmation of the covenant was precipitated by United States withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord and the realization by many US Mayors that the efforts to protect against climate change would no longer be an issue the Federal Government would address through standard regulatory processes.

Mrs. Buffalo also presented information that her office had been complying regarding climate changes locally as well as several vulnerability assessments. The purpose behind discussing the vulnerability assessments was to provide the Commission with context in which it could be thinking about how their actions relating to development reviews and approvals could impact the future climate within Columbia. She further provided information about sustainability targets that the City has committed to and what possible challenges existing in reaching the target goals.

There was general Commission discussion regarding the topic and the request for the Commission's assistance in providing input to the Task Force's work. It was determined that the Commission would need to have an opportunity to discuss amongst themselves what their ideas were for addressing climate change and how those could potentially translate into other regulatory requirements. Mrs. Buffalo indicated that she believed that the Comprehensive Plan and the UDC could be used as implementation tools to achieve the goals of the Task Force. She also suggested that it would be worthwhile to potentially consider a bundling of options to which a developer could choose from to meet future sustainability goals.

The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Buffalo for her presentation and asked Mr. Zenner when additional discussion could be arranged for this topic. Mr. Zenner noted that time could be allocated at the next work session or on in early July. He noted that Mrs. Buffalo would be invited back to the Commission to help them refine their ideas into a format that could be usable by the Task Force. Commissioners agreed that this was the proper course of action to take.

Old Business -

There were no Old Business items discussed.

ACTION(S) TAKEN: May 24, 2018, minutes were approved. No other votes or motions were made.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:55 p.m.