

Joint Session – January 15

The special meeting between the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council was held in City Council Chambers on January 15 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by City Council Member Greta Southall and on roll call the following members were present:

City Council Members: Heather Hulen, John Parker, Bob Kling, Greg Merchant, Greta Southall and Gwen Schroder. Council Members Absent: Mayor Kelly Shaw.

Planning and Zoning Commission Members present: Josh Rabe, Al Farris, Misty Soldwisch, Jeromy Pribil, Becky Needles, Joe Butler, Sarah Ritchie. Commission Members Absent: Bob Ormsby.

Staff Present: Charlie Dissell (Community and Economic Development Director), Cortney McAlexander, Ryan Waller (City Manager).

Public Present: Mindy Moore, Brenda Easter, Dave Moeller, Casey Campbell, Kenny Haring, Rob Hawkins.

Mindy Moore, Snyder & Associates, discussed Elevate Indianola, a Comprehensive Plan, and provided overview. City Manager, Ryan Walker, discussed 4 C's with emphasis on public engagement.

Ms. Moore discussed the planning process as well as the comprehensive plan and potential growth. She discussed land development regulations and how we should represent the community. Ms. Moore reviewed the public engagement feedback. She focused on Simpson students who stated the job market and affordability of housing were key elements. She also engaged retirees who stated good healthcare and accessibility are key.

Ms. Moore discussed the vision statement. She also went over demographic information and stated that the household income is lower than the country average.

Ms. Moore went over the streetscape and goals/objectives of this as well as transportation and mobility for college students.

City Council Member Bob Kling wanted to know when the old plan would be tossed out. Ryan Waller stated on 02/19/2020. Commission Member Al Farris wanted clarification on who came up with the plan and if all parties are okay with the changes being made. Mr. Waller stated this was everyone's plan and everyone including all departments and the public has been engaged and this plan is a work in progress.

Council Member Heather Hulen asked Mindy Moore what was unique about Indianola. She stated that education being a key factor in our mission statement was not something she had seen before.

Commission Member Joe Butler asked Mindy Moore how environmental constraints would impact where roads will connect. She stated she would need to overlay presentation map. Dave Moeller of Snyder and Associates stated feasibility will be looked at and plans still under development; everyone will look at plans

City Council Member Greg Merchant moved to adjourn the meeting and City Council Member Bob Kling seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Greta Southall, Mayor Pro Tem

Andrew J. Lent, City Clerk