



Agenda Item Report

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ITEM TITLE: Purposes and Directives Work Session with Kendig Keast Collaborative for the Unified Development Code Update Project (Ashley Woolsey, Kendig Keast Collaborative, and Development Services Director/City Engineer Angela Kennedy P.E., CFM)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Buda is undertaking a comprehensive update to its Unified Development Code (UDC) to better manage growth while preserving the community's distinctive character. This effort is intended to modernize development regulations, streamline review processes, and ensure that new projects are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan, the Our Buda Our Future 2024 Comprehensive Plan, the Downtown Master Plan, and the Trails Master Plan, including their emphasis on walkability, diverse housing options, enhanced public spaces, and the historic development pattern of the Downtown District. This workshop is intended to introduce the project team, outline the timeline, goals and objectives, and to seek feedback from City Council.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Buda is undertaking a comprehensive update to its Unified Development Code (UDC) to ensure consistency with the City's Strategic Plan, the Our Buda Our Future 2024 Comprehensive Plan, the Downtown Master Plan, and the Trails Master Plan. On September 17, 2025, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for qualified planning consultants to undertake a comprehensive update of the Unified Development Code (UDC). The Contract to update the City's UDC was awarded to Kendig Keast Collaborative at the February 17, 2026 Council meeting. The Code Advisory Ad Hoc Committee that will meet to review and provide feedback on proposed UDC changes was appointed at the April 7, 2026 Council meeting.

3. ANALYSIS

The City of Buda is undertaking a comprehensive update to its Unified Development Code (UDC) to better manage growth while preserving the community's distinctive character. This effort is intended to modernize development regulations, streamline review processes, and ensure that new projects are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan, the Our Buda Our Future 2024 Comprehensive Plan, the Downtown Master Plan, and the Trails Master Plan, including their emphasis on walkability, diverse housing options, enhanced public spaces, and the historic development pattern of the Downtown District.

This workshop is intended to introduce the project team, outline the timeline, goals and objectives, and to seek feedback from City Council on the following topics:

- Desired development outcomes and concerns;
- Expectations for the UDC's role in shaping growth and redevelopment;
- Key implementation challenges and opportunities;
- Direction on clarity, predictability, and flexibility in regulations; and
- Council priorities for usability, enforcement, and long-term adaptability.

This session is intended to confirm governing-body direction and intent, not to adopt policy positions

or amend existing plans.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Become a more business-friendly City government - regulations, codes and processes

7. PROS AND CONS

Not applicable

8. ALTERNATIVES

Not Applicable

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

This item is for discussion and feedback from Council.

Attachments:

[Buda UDC Update - Introduction Power Point 5.5.26.pdf](#)