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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 9, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Robin Singer, Planning & Community Development

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUBJECT: Discussion of Building Height in Downtown

SUGGESTED ACTION: Review and provide staff with authorization to move forward.

Is this item Quasijudicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

At the City Council regular meeting of July 26, 2023 Council was presented with alternatives to allow for greater height in order to incentivize redevelopment in the downtown. Among the options presented were the following: the allowance for contributions to the affordable housing fund without limits on the amount of residential floor area in the development; consideration that parking decks would not count as stories; allowing T6 height in the T5 district within the Urban Core future land use designation; or increasing the number of stories allowed. Staff recommended that any option provide for a time limit to obtain approval and commence construction and that projects obtain City Council approval.

Staff is looking for direction on whether to proceed with Code changes and which options City Council would like to pursue.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Consensus to authorize staff to process amendments to provide the chosen height incentive.

ATTACHMENTS: