

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop

FROM: Niki Hill, AICP , Assistant Community Development Director

DATE: May 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Planning Commission and City Council Workshop - Comprehensive Plan Kick Off

ITEM NUMBER: 1.a

SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this joint workshop between the Planning Commission and City Council is to kick off the City's 2050 Comprehensive Plan update process. City staff and the City's planning consultant, HKGI, will provide background information regarding the purpose of comprehensive planning, the anticipated planning process and timeline, and the Metropolitan Council's Imagine 2050 framework that will help guide the update.

The first phase of the planning process is focused on establishing the foundation for the 2050 Comprehensive Plan. While the update is not intended to be a complete rewrite of the existing plan, the community has evolved since adoption of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Initial work will include reviewing existing conditions, updating base mapping and demographic information, auditing the current 2040 Comprehensive Plan, gathering community input on needs and priorities, and confirming the community vision for the future.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the May 18 workshop is to introduce the comprehensive planning process and begin discussion regarding current community conditions, emerging issues, opportunities, and long-term priorities that should be considered throughout development of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

As part of the discussion, staff and the consultant team are seeking feedback regarding how the current Comprehensive Plan is used by elected and appointed officials. This feedback will help identify what aspects of the current plan have worked well, what may be missing, and how the next version of the Comprehensive Plan can be made more useful as a policy and decision-making document. To help gather this information, a survey was distributed to City Council and Planning Commission members in advance of the workshop. The meeting will include a review of key themes and responses from the survey, as well as additional discussion to further identify issues, opportunities, and priorities that should help guide development of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

The workshop will also include discussion regarding regional planning considerations associated with the Metropolitan Council's Imagine 2050 policy framework, as well as anticipated public engagement opportunities and outreach efforts throughout the planning process.

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion only; no formal action is requested at this time.

ATTACHMENTS