



NOTICE OF JOINT WORK SESSION AGENDA
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL AND LANCASTER
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION



James R. Williams Pump Station
Training Room, 1999 Jefferson

July 6, 2015 – 7:00 PM

DEFINITIONS:

Written Briefing: Items that generally do not require a presentation or discussion by the staff or Council. On these items, the staff is seeking consent from the Council or providing information in a written format.

Verbal Briefing: These items do not require extensive written background information or are an update on items previously discussed by the Council.

Regular Item: These items generally require discussion between the Council and staff, boards, commissions, or consultants. These items may be accompanied by a formal presentation followed by discussion and direction to the staff.

[Public comment will not be accepted during Work Session
unless Council determines otherwise.]

Regular Items:

1. Receive and discuss a presentation from Jacobs Engineering Group [Planning Consultant] regarding the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council reserves the right to convene into executive session on any posted agenda item pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice concerning such subject.

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Certificate

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted at the Lancaster City Hall on July 2, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m. and copies thereof were provided to the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council members.

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City Secretary

Work Session Agenda Communication

July 6, 2015

Receive and discuss a presentation from Jacobs Engineering Group [Planning Consultant] regarding the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

This request supports the City Council 2014-2015 Policy Agenda.

Goal: Quality Development

Background

At the August 12, 2013 meeting, City Council approved a resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to provide an update to the City of Lancaster's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The updated Comprehensive Plan is to identify community goals and objectives while also adding pertinent elements from existing plans and community input to make the plan comprehensive in scope. This Comprehensive Plan is meant to be the "umbrella" document guiding most aspects of the City's development and growth.

At the October 7, 2013 meeting, City Council approved a resolution accepting the Market Analysis Study from the consultants and directing them to move forward with meeting with the advisory board as well as conducting a community charrette on February 1, 2014.

On May 13th and May 15th, 2014 two joint work sessions were held to review the research and stakeholder input received and completed and to discuss the major issues and opportunities identified through this work, reach shared agreement on the most important ideas to pursue as the comprehensive plan process continues, and provide direction to staff to begin the next steps in the comprehensive plan process. The consultants utilized feedback to prepare the final alternative scenarios to present to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

In December 2014, the consultants met with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee to review feedback from the joint work session, obtain input to refine the final alternative scenarios into one final document, and discuss next steps in the community engagement process.

Considerations

The purpose of this joint work session is to review the final alternative scenarios, and the draft policy direction. This direction, which includes a preferred scenario, vision statement and guiding principles, will form the foundation for completion of the draft Comprehensive Plan update document and will serve as the basis for discussion during the upcoming citizen engagement component of the Comprehensive Plan update. Representatives from the Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. team will give a presentation and lead an interactive discussion to obtain direction and guidance for completion of the Comprehensive Plan update.

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