

**ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2019
MINUTES**

The Workshop Meeting of the Andover City Council was called to order by Mayor Julie Trude, November 12, 2019 6:00 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Councilmembers present: Sheri Bukkila, Mike Knight, Valerie Holthus, and Jamie Barthel

Councilmember absent: None

Also present: City Administrator, Jim Dickinson
Community Development Director, Joe Janish
Others

2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION (Continued from November 6, 2019)

Mr. Janish summarized the previous workshops, discussion, and Council consensus related to this item. Staff took the feedback from work sessions on October 22, 2019 and November 6, 2019 and developed a plan to meet Met Council standards and maintain the character of Andover. Staff developed two new land use designations: Urban Residential Medium Low (URML) and Urban Residential High Low (URHL). The designations and min/max units are listed below in the table:

Designations	Min. Units	Max. Units
Urban Res. Low (URL, R4)	2.2	4
Urban Res. Medium Low (URML, M1)	4	8
Urban Res. Medium (URM, M2)	8	12
Urban Res. High Low (URHL, H1)	12	20
Urban Res. High (URH, H2)	20	25

Council reached consensus on adding new Land Use Designations.

Mr. Janish referred to the map to show Council where each land use is proposed by staff to reach the Met Council requirements. He indicated Urban Residential Medium (URM) located along major roadways or the railroad tracks.

Mayor Trude asked if Council could have flexibility in the plan. Mr. Janish stated there will be flexibility and the developer will have to go through the PUD process for higher densities. Mayor Trude would like to allocate areas with natural buffers as higher density to ensure smooth

transitions between neighborhoods.

Council discussed condensing higher density in specific locations or spreading it around the City.

Councilmember Bukkila stated there can be problems when you isolate higher density in one area. Mayor Trude preferred larger properties of density as long as there are smooth transitions and less impact on neighborhoods with larger lots.

Councilmember Holthus did not like the smaller pockets of higher density that did not blend in with the surrounding neighborhoods. She stated which areas she felt were more appropriate for higher density.

Council and staff discussed locations for each type of land designation to meet Met Council requirements and maintain the character of Andover.

Mr. Dickinson explained the map reflects locations where existing pipe can support higher density. He also stated that the designation of land use on the map is a long-term plan and the development of these areas are far off in the future.

Mayor Trude would like input from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the public before changing land use.

Councilmember Barthel asked about the process once Council approves a Land Use Plan. Mr. Janish stated the updated Land Use Plan: would go to Planning and Zoning Commission; staff would update the Transportation Plan; staff would investigate how it impacts other areas of the Comprehensive Plan; and staff would hold public meetings. The plan will then be sent back to the Met Council for comment and then back to the City for approval. Mr. Janish stated there is a development on hold waiting for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Janish summarized the discussion of Council:

1. Andover Station North Ballfields out of rezoning
2. Centerpoint Energy property at URH (20-25)
3. North Sonsteby property at URH (20-25)
4. Crosstown/Bunker Redevelopment area: outer edge URHL (12-20) and interior URH (20-25)

Council continued the discussion and Mr. Janish stressed the importance of Council consensus prior to taking it to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the public. Mr. Janish went through each property and asked for Council consensus.

Mayor Trude stated that staff will take the consensus of the Council and ensure the numbers work. Staff will return at the next workshop meeting for a final plan.

COMMUNITY VISION, GOALS AND VALUES DOCUMENT REVIEW

Mr. Dickinson presented the current vision, goals, and values document and recommended items for consideration.

Additional goals/items to consider:

1. Improve the appearance of the Hanson Boulevard corridor.
Restate Item 5D to “Improve County Corridors”
2. Improve City Code on dangerous and nuisance dogs/cats.
Integrate into Item 4 Service Delivery
3. Save tree buffers in new developments whenever possible.
Insert in Item 2M.
4. Adjust code provisions to encourage more villas with clear guidelines.
Integrate into 2H. The current process is lengthy and expensive.
5. Adjust code for solar panels.

COMMUNITY VISION & ORGANIZATION VALUES AND GOALS

Councilmember Holthus provided comments and questions on the following items:

- Short-Term Goals
Fiscal Goals, Item G – Councilmember Holthus stated this item is long and needs a rewrite
- Commercial/Residential Development/Redevelopment Goals
Item J – the word “land” is listed twice – remove one.
Item M – replace the word “environmental” with the word “environment”
- Collaboration Goals
Item D – Councilmember Holthus asked if there should be a definition for comprehensive transportation system and what it meant. Staff will look at clarifying the statement.
Item F – Councilmember Holthus asked for clarification and what specific items Andover is looking at streamlining. Mr. Dickinson stated the City is looking at having refuse providers perform collection on the same days, going with one recycling provider, and other options that could reduce the impact on City streets and neighborhoods.
- Service Delivery Goals
Item F – Councilmember Holthus asked what this item was referring to. Mr. Dickinson replied it refers to the efficiency in delivering City services such as mowing, street sweeping, etc. Councilmember Holthus recommended changing the terminology used.
Item L Kelsey Round Lake Park – Councilmember Holthus asked the status of this item. Mr. Dickinson replied this has been discussed at the Park and Recreation Commission and is in the works. Councilmember Holthus stated she would love to be involved in this process.
- Livability/ Image Goals
Item D – Councilmember Holthus asked about the Prairie Restoration project in the medians of Bunker Lake Boulevard Mr. Dickinson replied that irrigation has been installed and prairie plants put in the ground.
Item F Newsletter – Councilmember Holthus would like to see this item receive priority. Mayor Trude asked that it be added to a workshop.

Mr. Dickinson stated he will update the document and bring it to Council for a final review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Janish presented a plan for fencing for the YMCA playground facing Hanson Boulevard. Staff has told the YMCA they needed to install ornamental fencing and the YMCA would like black chain link. Council consensus was to support the ornamental fencing standard.

Mr. Dickinson reminded the Council of the League of Minnesota Cities meeting in Ramsey and asked Council to RSVP if going. Mayor Trude indicated she was going. Mayor Trude and Mr. Dickinson will pass along Council's comments and advocate for the needs of Andover.

Mr. Dickinson notified the Council the developers working on The Preserve at Petersen Farms will be at the next workshop to give the Council an update. Included in the next work session discussion is the 7th Avenue realignment project coordinated by Anoka County. Mr. Dickinson informed the Council the 7th Avenue project includes a round-about and there will be discussion about a PUD amendment for the east/west connection from Phase 1.

Mr. Dickinson informed Council the last workshop of the year will be focusing on the final details of budget and that property tax statements are going out soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Barthel, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Kunza, Recording Secretary