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Public Hearing - Kick-off of the 5-Year Update to the City of Smyrna 2040

Comprehensive Plan - Community Development Department

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ISSUE AND BACKGROUND: The City of Smyrna's City Council is required to hold an initial public hearing regarding the start of the City's 5-Year Comprehensive Plan Update to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the plan and opportunities for public participation in plan development, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process.

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires an update to the City's Comprehensive Plan every five years. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2017, therefore an update is required to be submitted to DCA by October 31, 2022. The five-year update requires the city to update the following key elements of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan:

- Needs/Opportunities
- Vision and Goals
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Broadband Services (New Requirement)
- Community Work Program

Community Development will coordinate with a stakeholder committee and the Atlanta Regional Commission over the next year to update the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, there will be other opportunities for the public at large to provide input into the update in order to ensure that the plan reflects the full range of community needs and values.

The Comprehensive Plan for Smyrna, Georgia is mandated by the Georgia Planning Act 634 (Georgia Law 1989, pp. 1317-1391). This act requires that each jurisdiction in the state prepare and implement a Comprehensive Plan, which is reviewed by the regional development center.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION: Mayor and Council hold a public hearing per Section 1504 of the Smyrna Code to announce the process for the Comprehensive Plan

update as required by the Rules of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Chapter 110-12-1 Municipal Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning.