

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
January 27, 2025
5:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas and the Columbus Planning Commission met January 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for a joint work session presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Steve Dunlap, Laura Epler, Misty Spear, Tom Pryor, Kathy Doherty. Council members absent: None. Planning Commission members present: David Boyd, Thomas Niegisch, Rick Walden, Janet Miller. Members absent: Jessi Cain, Dakota Smith.

Mayor Grant Spieth called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Spieth stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the comprehensive plan for the City of Columbus.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

City Administrator Jake Letner introduced Chris Shires and Abbey Eckberg from Confluence, who appeared via Zoom. He began by indicating that at a previous work session, the City Council suggested that the proposed zoning component of the project may be too extensive. The Council instructed Letner to work with Confluence to produce a revised set of subdivision regulations that eliminated references to zoning code. Subsequently, the Planning Commission met and suggested that the city move forward by adopting both the zoning and subdivision regulations as originally presented.


Letner stated that the purpose of the meeting is to establish consensus on the future direction of the project. Letner then turned the floor over to Confluence. Confluence gave a presentation outlining the scope of the project, including the input received from the public meetings in the past year. They also shared information on the proposed zoning and subdivision regulations.

The Council and Planning Commission engaged in an extensive discussion on the overall project and associated zoning and subdivision codes. The emergent theme from the discussion was a desire to move forward with both the zoning and subdivision components of the comprehensive plan project. Shires recommended bringing the final draft plan to the Planning Commission for consideration at its February meeting. Following that meeting, subsequent public meetings would be scheduled to adopt the zoning and subdivision codes.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Epler seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Epler, Spear, Pryor, Doherty. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


Ruth Hutley, City Clerk

