

**JOINT MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL/  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
WORKSHOP AGENDA  
MAHTOMEDI CITY HALL  
JANUARY 23, 2018  
5:30 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**



## **Mahtomedi Memorandum**

**To:** *City Council and Planning Commission Members*

**CC:** *Scott Neilson, City Administrator*

**From:** *Erin Perdu, AICP, City Planner*

**Date:** *January 10, 2018*

**Re:** *Joint Work Session – 2040 Comprehensive Plan  
WSB Project No. 2859-380*

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In preparation for our joint work session on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, I am pleased to send you a complete draft of the document for your review.

### **Overview**

The Plan is the culmination of a planning process that began in early 2016 and included opportunities for community input at small workshops and large events like the Rite of Spring and Punkin Mania. That input, along with the hard work of the Steering Committee, formed the basis of the goals and strategies found in the chapters of the Plan. It is the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan to form the City's long term policy direction from now until 2040. The Plan will assist the City in determining priorities for the Capital Improvements Plan, annual City budget, zoning ordinance amendments, and land use applications that come before the Planning Commission and City Council.

Based both upon the framework of the Metropolitan Council, the desires of the City and, in some cases, the requirements of other agencies, the following chapters are included in the Plan:

1. Introduction
2. Vision and Goals
3. Community Profile
4. Land Use
5. Housing
6. Economic Development
7. Parks, Trails and Open Space
8. Sustainability
9. Transportation
10. Sewer
11. Water Supply
12. Surface Water
13. Implementation

Some chapters, including Parks, Water Supply, and Surface Water, also serve as separate planning documents outside of the Comprehensive Plan. Others, such as the Sustainability chapter, closely link to other City efforts such as the City's Sustainability Plan.

## Changes Since 2030

The Metropolitan Council's Regional Plan, Thrive 2040, has set out a new policy direction for the upcoming planning horizon. Some areas of emphasis that are a change from the last round of comprehensive plans include:

- Non-motorized transportation, including transit and regional bike and trail networks
- Affordable housing, and each city meeting its share of the region's projected need
- Concentration of population growth in or near existing urban centers
- More emphasis on sustainability, resilience to climate change, and renewable energy

Mahtomedi's 2040 Comprehensive Plan is a completely new document but is rooted in the vision and goals from the 2030 Plan. Changes were made to the goals and objectives from the 2030 Plan based on input from the community (including the 2017 citywide survey). We will discuss each chapter in more detail at the meeting, but some significant areas of change to note include:

- Land use: specific areas identified as likely to develop or redevelop; mixed use areas identified along Wildwood Road and Century Ave.; density increases in the multi-family residential and mixed use categories.
- Housing: targeted areas for potential multi-family and/or affordable housing at Lakeside Club site and mixed use areas on Wildwood Road and Century Ave.; detailed analysis of housing needs and tools the City is willing to use to meet those needs
- Economic Development: additional tools focused on entrepreneurship and connecting small businesses with the Mahtomedi School District and Century College; connections with the newly formed Washington County CDA
- Transportation: additional multi-modal transportation strategies; non-motorized transport design considerations
- Parks and Trails: Completely new Parks and Trails chapter which is linked to a new Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan for the City (separate document). This chapter includes an up-to-date inventory of all parks and open spaces in the city as well as strategies for enhancing parks and trail connections.
- Sustainability: updates including the City's work in the GreenStep Cities program over the past decade; inclusion of the American Planning Association's Sustainability Framework; emphasis on energy infrastructure and efficiency, renewable resources, environmental assets, and healthy communities. When the draft plan was submitted to the Metropolitan Council for preliminary review, this chapter was singled out as a model for other communities in the region.

## What's Next

The work session will be a chance for both the Planning Commission and City Council to become familiar with the Plan, ask questions, provide feedback and discuss any particular sections of interest. The next step will be for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing on the draft document. If it is the consensus of the group, that could be done in March.

After the public hearing, changes can be made to the plan and it will then go before City Council. The City Council will then approve the Plan for distribution for comment. Neighboring jurisdictions will have a 60-day review period, and then the document will be submitted to the Met Council for review. Once the Plan is approved by the Met Council (who has a 6-month review period), the Plan will come back to City Council for final adoption.

I will be at the work session to present an overview of the document and facilitate our discussion. However, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any part of it prior to our meeting please feel free to contact me at (763) 287-8316 or [eperdu@wsbeng.com](mailto:eperdu@wsbeng.com)