MEMORANDUM

TO: Community and Economic Development Committee
City Plan Commission

FROM: Kara Homan, AICP, Director of Community & Economic Development

DATE: March 29, 2024

RE: Informational Update – Final Housing Development Policy Guide

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I am pleased to present to you the final Housing Development Policy Guide, which is the final product of the Mayor's Taskforce on Housing Development Policy. After nearly 6 months of collaboration, research, and feedback from various stakeholders including developers, realtors, homebuilders, housing & community-based non-profits, local officials, and internal staff involved in the development review process, we have arrived at a document that reflects the culmination of this work.

An executive summary can be found at the beginning of the guide, which provides a high-level overview of the guide's findings. The recommendations of the guide are organized around 5 themes that emerged as part of the process, as follows:

1. **Vision:** Create a community vision that acknowledges the need for housing-centric development and investment and form policy that supports it.
2. **Process:** Encourage a positive development approval experience for housing-centric projects.
3. **Activation:** Encourage activation of existing housing-centric policy.
4. **Proactiveness:** Encourage a proactive approach to catalyzing housing-centric development and investment.
5. **Communication:** Proactively engage with the community to better communicate changes to housing-centric policies and processes.

The Housing Development Policy Guide represents a significant step forward in our efforts to address the housing challenges facing our community and create vibrant, livable neighborhoods for all residents across the income spectrum. We anticipate the recommendations of the guide will be implemented over time – with initial efforts focused around the following work efforts: Zoning Code Revisions; Plat Review Process Improvements; Comprehensive Plan Update / Sub Area Planning; City Website Update; and implementation of the Tyler Munis Community Development Module (as part of the iSeries sunset).

We look forward to discussing this guide in more detail at the committee meeting after you have had time to review it.