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Subject: Planning Department Update 7/17/26

Here is the summary for this week:

- Affordable Housing Dashboard-** The dashboard is live on the City Website and is available to both employees and the public. We'd be happy to work with IT and help other departments with creating dashboards for their departments as well.
- Airport Meeting-** Ciera, Ryan and I met with Paul Hoback and his senior staff at SRQ to discuss public art opportunities at the airport. They seemed extremely interested in working with Ciera and the city and partnering on future art pieces and programs with us.
- Budget-** We reviewed the proposed budget and forwarded a list of our budget revisions to Finance yesterday.
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon-** We attended the Chamber's luncheon with guest speaker Dr. David Schneiderman, the new President at Ringling College. It was a fascinating presentation on AI, and we're really looking forward to working with him and Ringling College in the near future.
- Consolidated Plan for 2026-2030 and One Year Action Plan for 2-26-2027-** These were approved at the CC Meeting on 7/6/26.
- Cultural Heritage Display-** "Echoes of Sarasota" is now on view in City Hall and the Van Wezel. A new virtual tour is also available featuring artwork images, interpretive text and historic context for each piece. An Opening Reception is scheduled for City Hall at 4pm on 9/17/26.
- Economic Development & Real Estate Manager-** Our new ED&RE Manager, Deidra Greene-Larkins, will be starting on 8/5/26.
- Historic Preservation Board Report-** This is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26.**
- One Stop Shop Public Art-** A call for artists has been issued to provide public art for the One Stop Shop. Submittals are due by no later than 8/31/26.
- Parking Manager-** Broxton Harvey has resigned and taken on a new job in Atlanta. Phillip Deveau will become Interim Parking General Manager as we commence a new search for Broxton's replacement. I will be meeting with Dominique next week to discuss our hiring approach with this position.
- Parking Open House and Workshop-** The City will be holding an open house for businesses and the public focused on the city's parking program on the evening of August 24 in the Commission Chamber at City Hall. The city will give a presentation on the city's current parking program. The city will also hold a **Commission Workshop on 8/31/26** focused on the city's parking program as well.

-Payne Park Tennis Center- The celebration and unveiling of “Swing”, the selected public art piece at the Payne Park Tennis Center, will take place at 11am on 7/30/26.

-Plan and Permit Reviews- Planning staff continues to provide comments at DRC Meetings and attend field visits for historic preservation permits.

-Planning Website- Active Zoning Text Amendments scheduled for hearings for the PB and CC will be posted on our website so that citizens can get the latest on what is being proposed.

-Public Art Committee Annual Report- The PAC Annual Report is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 7/20/2026.**

-Projection Art Project- Our next project will be a projection art program for the November 6 Fresh Friday event on Palm Ave.

-Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Inc. Lease Agreement- This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26.**

Project Update

-Aspinwall Street Vacation- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26. This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26.**

-Batch ZTAs- These are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/9/26.**

-The Bay ZTAs- These are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 10/14/26.**

-Composting ZTA- This is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 10/14/26.**

-Comprehensive Plan Update- The Transportation Chapter Update and population projections were approved at the PB Meeting on 5/13/26 and are scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26.** Conceptual goals of the Historic Preservation Chapter were discussed at the HPB Meeting on 5/12/26. A meeting with the Argus Foundation was held on 6/5/26. Meetings were held with two CCNA Board members on 6/8/26 and the Chamber of Commerce on 6/12/26. A public workshop on the Inter-Governmental Coordination Chapter has been scheduled for 7/23/26.

-Condo Hotels- A discussion on this topic is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26.**

-Mobile Food Trucks in Downtown Bayfront ZTA- This was discussed at the CC Meeting on 7/6/26 and staff was directed to prepare a ZTA for this issue. This will be added to the Batch ZTA package which is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/9/26.**

-Traffic Concurrency ZTA- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26. This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26.**

-1819 Wisteria Street- An appeal of the HPB’s decision to deny a demolition permit is projected to go to the CC in September.

-1660 Ringling Plan Amendment- This was approved at the PB Meeting on 7/8/26 and is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26.**

Hope you have a fun weekend,

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