

## *PAYSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST FORM*

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: November 19, 2019

WHO IS REQUESTING: Jill Spencer, City Planner

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TITLE OF ITEM FOR AGENDA: Adoption of the Housing Chapter of the Payson City General Plan

LENGTH OF TIME REQUESTING: 20 Minutes

DETAILED REASON FOR REQUEST & EXPLANATION:

Utah Code Annotated (UCA) § 10-9a-401 et seq. requires municipalities to adopt a general plan that provides a comprehensive and long-range statement of community priorities and values developed to guide public decision-making in future years. At a minimum, the general plan must include the following elements (or chapters):

- Land use
- Transportation and traffic circulation
- Housing plan that “provides a realistic opportunity to meet the need for additional moderate income housing.”

In 2018, Payson City hired a team of consultants to assist in the preparation of a strategic plan, creation and update of several utility master plans, and to update the Payson City General Plan. We are nearing completion of this process with several master plans and chapters submitted for review. Many of these documents were recently forwarded to the planning commission and city council for review.

During the most recent Utah State Legislative Sessions (2018 & 2019), the legislature has emphasized the need for additional affordable housing and adoption of housing policies to increase housing affordability. The most recent bills have expanded mandates on municipalities and counties. An overview of these changes will be presented at the meeting. An annual report must be filed with the DWS Division of Housing and Community Development on December 1, 2019. Therefore, the need to review and approve the Housing Chapter must be completed this month to meet this deadline.

The planning commission conducted a public hearing on November 13, 2019 and forwarded a favorable recommendation to the city council. The motion also included a request to add a section on workforce housing and for the strategic plan to include tools to measure the city’s progress in removing barriers for affordable housing.

Staff, and the consultant team, will continue to work on the remaining chapters of the general plan, the master plans, and the strategic plan and present more information in the coming weeks and month.