

Watertown City Council

December 11, 2018

Agenda Item: 2040 Comprehensive Plan Final Draft – Public Hearing**Request for Action: Review and Adopt Final 2040 Plan for Submittal to Metropolitan Council****Department: Planning****REQUEST:**

The City has completed the final draft of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The plan has been submitted to the required surrounding jurisdictions as well as the Metropolitan Council as required by the Land Use Planning Act. Surrounding jurisdictions had six months from the date submitted to review plans and provide comments to the City. No comments were submitted to the City from surrounding jurisdictions. Several agencies provided a “no comment” letter to the City. The City also submitted a draft plan to the Metropolitan Council for review and comments. The City has been working to incorporate comments provided by the Metropolitan Council. The Planning Commission held the requisite public hearing on November 29th, 2018 as required. Any comments made by the Planning Commission, City Council or public can still be incorporated into the plan prior to the formal submittal to the Metropolitan Council by the end of December, 2018.

The surrounding jurisdiction required submittals and responses were as follows:

Jurisdiction Type	Jurisdiction Name	Comments
Adjacent Community	Watertown Twp.	No Comment
Adjacent Community	Carver County	No Comment
Out of Region Community	Franklin Twp.	No Comment
Out of Region Community	Woodland Twp.	No Comment
Out of Region Community	Wright County	No Comment
Regional Park Implementing Agency	Carver County	No Comment
School District	111; Watertown-Mayer	No Comment
State Agency	MnDOT	No Comment
State Agency	MnDNR	No Comment
Watershed Management Organization	Carver County Watershed Management Organization	No Comment

The City will present a summary of the final draft 2040 plan at the City Council meeting.

Plan Considerations:

1. The Metropolitan Council commented on several chapters of the draft 2040 plan. Primarily, the Metropolitan Council asked the City to provide additional detail or descriptions relating to the following:
 - a. Employment Forecasts – added additional information relating to projected employees per acre.
 - b. Land Use – Aligned information presented throughout the chapter to be consistent.
 - c. Housing Density – updated the table to reflect maximum housing density ranges.

- d. Affordable Housing - Clarified information relating programs that the City has in place to promote and achieve affordable housing (i.e. Local Fair Housing Policy).
 - e. Surface Water Management – Added the completed surface water management plan.
 - f. Solar – Added solar suitability analysis map and existing solar suitability calculation as required.
 - g. Implementation – changed the proposed implementation from 12 months to 9 months as required.
2. The plan provides goals and objectives at the end of each chapter which summarize key points and provide general guidance relating to next steps that the City can take to implement the plan. The City has prepared a summary of these goals in Chapter One.
 3. There are many components of the 2040 Plan that closely resemble the adopted 2030. As previously discussed, the 2030 plan was not fully realized due to the economic downturn and many of the studies, goals and objectives are still wholly pertinent to the 2040 Plan.

Attachments:

- 2040 Final Draft Comprehensive Plan

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-161
CITY OF WATERTOWN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF WATERTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION AND
CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown (hereinafter the City), in accordance with the Land Use Planning Act (Minn Stat. 473.145-473.871) has developed a Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown has developed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan to promote the health, safety and welfare of the City by effectively guiding long-range growth and development within the City; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 29, 2018 wherein the 2040 Comprehensive Plan herein adopted was reviewed and commented on by members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended the 2040 Comprehensive Plan at a regular monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, members of the public and adjacent government units were given an opportunity to comment on the plan prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the City Council will decide whether to adopt the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan subject to approval by the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan may be used as the basis for, among other things, updating the zoning ordinance and as a guide for approving or disapproving actions affecting growth and development within the jurisdiction of the City of Watertown; and

WHEREAS, this Comprehensive Plan may from time to time be amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Watertown City Council that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is hereby adopted.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Watertown on this 11th day of December 2018, by a vote of ___ ayes and ___ nays.

Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Tscudi, City Clerk-Treasurer