



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

FROM: Chris Burton

SUBJECT: SET A GENERAL PLAN
HEARING FOR APRIL 2023

DATE: March 13, 2023

Approved

Date

3/16/2023

RECOMMENDATION

Set a General Plan Annual Review City Council hearing on April 11, 2023, and continue the hearing on April 25, 2023, if necessary, to consider privately-initiated General Plan amendments.

BACKGROUND

The proposed General Plan hearing will allow the processing of privately-initiated General Plan amendments that have completed environmental clearance and are ready for a public hearing by the City Council as part of the General Plan Annual Review process.

Consistent with state law, the City Council may consider General Plan land use and/or text amendments up to four times per year. Policy IP-3.1 of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan directs staff to hold one Annual Review hearing for the Planning Commission and the City Council to review and consider privately proposed amendments to the General Plan. The 2022 Annual Review of privately-initiated projects is delayed due to the time needed to complete the environmental analysis for these General Plan Amendment requests. The proposed General Plan hearing is to allow the consideration of privately-initiated General Plan amendments that will be ready for City Council consideration in April and will constitute the first General Plan hearing cycle of 2023. The proposed April 11, 2023 hearing would include the General Plan hearing on the City Council agenda that month. In the event any General Plan amendment item requires to be continued, the City Council may continue the item to the April 25, 2023 Council meeting date.

ANALYSIS

In the interest of bringing to City Council General Plan amendments for the 2023 Annual Review, the Planning staff is requesting that the hearing commences on April 11, 2023, and continue further, if necessary to April 25, 2023, to consider privately-initiated proposals that have been noticed and are ready for City Council consideration.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The public can obtain information about and the status of the amendments on the Planning Division's website, which contains information on the General Plan, each proposed amendment, staff reports, and hearing dates. In addition, assigned Planning staff are available to respond to questions.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

/s/

CHRIS BURTON, DIRECTOR

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