



**CITY COUNCIL AND HRA WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
6:00 PM  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

Mayor Louismet opened the meeting at 6:05 PM. Councilmembers in attendance included: Bill Walsh, Heidi Hughes, Kevin Edberg and Dan Jones. Councilmember Engstran was excused. Staff members in attendance included: City Manager Lindy Crawford, Assistant City Manager Rick Juba, Community Development Director Jason Lindahl, and Housing and Economic Development Coordinator Tracy Shimek.

**1. Housing Task Force Recommendations: Development Priorities**

Lindahl summarized the four phases of the Housing Task Force Recommendations. The goal of the discussion was to outline priorities of the City owned future development sites. Staff recommended the City begin actively marketing the City owned property at 1755 Highway 96. Council and staff discussed how this property fits into the overall housing vision of the City. There was consensus to have staff draft a Request for Proposal regarding the development of this site for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

Council and staff discussed various other properties owned by the City. There was consensus for staff to prioritize the redevelopment of the City owned property at the northeast corner of County Road E and Bellaire. The former public works site should be the second priority, and staff will begin investigating the environmental and rail work needed to pursue future redevelopment of the site.

**2. Housing Task Force Recommendations: Housing Policies and Programs**

Shimek summarized three proposed housing goals from the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Housing Task Force Report including maintaining and reinvesting in existing housing stock, expand housing options to meet the needs of people at all life stages and income levels, and keeping residents in housing. The Council discussed the three goals and deliberated as to how to prioritize them in future discussions regarding housing. The Council debated how to approach each of the goals, landing on proactively approaching "expand housing options to meet the needs of people at all life stages and income levels" and receptively approaching "maintaining and reinvesting in existing housing stock" and "keeping residents in housing".

There was further discussion on a broad range of specific tools that could be used to support the housing goals. The future use of these tools will require continued discussion and education for both the Council and staff, with the desire of a data driven process to refine priorities.

Adjourned 9:05 PM