

Agenda Item 24-0409 (Tim Acklin)

Resolution allocating funds to update Chapter 115-Zoning of the Municipal Code.

General Location

City Wide

Background Information

The subject Resolution allocates funding for the Planning, Development, and Assessment Department to work on the update of Chapter 115 of the Municipal Code which pertains to zoning. The project includes hiring a consultant with expertise in updating/writing municipal code, hiring a marketing consultant to promote the project, and holding public and stakeholder input meetings. The process includes review of current plans to identify plan goals, objectives, and recommendations to ensure consistency, public outreach and participation program that includes regular public meetings and web/social media interaction throughout the process, evaluation of community input, draft related regulations, drafting a proposed zoning code, staff, and public review, preparing a final draft for review and adoption by the Common Council.

An update to the municipal zoning codes is typically the next step after updating and adopting a comprehensive plan to reflect current/desired development and land uses practices that were identified. La Crosse's current code was adopted in the 1980s and is largely out of date. Updating the code will make administration of the code more efficient for staff and understandable for the public.

Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions

N/A

Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan

Completing a comprehensive review and update to the City's zoning code is a major objective in the Housing Element.

Staff Recommendation

This item is recommended for approval.

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