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The Granite Falls City Council and the Granite Falls Planning Commission will hold an in-person joint meeting at 7:00 PM on November 14, 2023. Please use the phone number above for joining the meeting by telephone. You can also join by clicking the Zoom meeting link://us06web.zoom.us/j/88974137198.

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - GRANITE FALLS
CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special joint meeting will be held by the City Council and Planning Commission of the City of Granite Falls on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, AT 7:00 PM, in the Granite Falls City Council Chambers located at 215 S. Granite Avenue, Granite Falls, Washington, 98252.

AGENDA
GRANITE FALLS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

Special Meeting
November 14, 2023
7:00 PM

Council Chambers
Granite Falls City Hall
Granite Falls, Washington

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Memo to City Council and Planning Commission re Joint Workshop**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Granite Falls strives to provide access and services to all members of the public.



Agenda Bill # _____

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

Subject:

Memo to City Council and Planning Commission re Joint Workshop

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Date Submitted:

Originating Department: Planning

Action Required:

Clearances:

Mayor

Police

Public Works

Attorney

Exhibits:

[Joint workshop memo to City Council and Planning Commission](#)

Engineering

Planning

Other: _____

Budgeted Amount:

Summary Statement:

Memo to City Council and Planning Commission outlining the purpose and operational matters of the Joint workshop to discuss pertinent and priority matters to highlight in preparation of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Background:

Recommended Motion:



Memo

To: City Council and Planning Commission
From: Eric Jensen, Community Development Director
CC: City Manager Brent Kirk
Date: November 8, 2023
Re: **Upcoming Joint Workshop topics to discuss**

With the Council acceptance of the Planning Commission's recommendation for identifying and prioritizing issues to discuss in preparation for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, such focus will include:

- The future use of City-owned properties and whether there may be good fit(s) for locating park and recreational facilities and activities.
- The Galena St. extension and its potential future growth impacts/opportunities for greater residential and commercial activity along Galena Street (possibly resulting in a "second Main Street").
- Looking at more affordable housing products and concurrent land use rules to allow greater density in appropriate areas of the City via single family inspired "missing middle housing" products. These products can provide efficient and alternative living units with attractive residential design.

During conversations at both the Council and PC, it was recognized that to fully explore each issue, additional time will likely be required and lead to scheduling multiple workshops. The benefit of this approach will allow a full discussion of the issues, priorities and related impacts, and in turn allow staff to follow up on questions or request for clarification or additional information that may be necessary to bring back at subsequent workshops.

The set up of this workshop will be informal and allow the open discussion of the issues between the Council and Commission. To that end, I will get us started, facilitate the framing of the issues at hand, and provide the concluding wrap up /next steps at the end of the workshop. As such, there will be no slideshow or other formal presentation in order to preserve the time to allow you all to utilize this rare opportunity to meet and discuss such important issues together. As stated in my previous memo, this will allow the Council and

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Commission to complete their review and determination of policy positions on such workshop issues.

One more reminder: as this is just a workshop, no formal actions will be taken. Any draft comp plan language, policies and supporting information/data deriving from understood intent of issue priorities (and understandings from the workshop) will be processed by staff and brought first before the PC and then on to the Council thereafter as part of the overall comp plan draft review.