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Planning, Community and Economic Development Department

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT WORK PROGRAM (Revised 11/23/16)		
2016 Completed Projects		
	Project Name	Brief Summary
1.	Short Term Vacation Rentals (Ordinance 15-11)	An ordinance creating a Short Term Rental Overlay Zone.
2.	Definitions (Ordinance 16-04)	An ordinance amending several definitions in the LUDC.
3.	Itinerant Vendors and Food Parks (Ordinance 16-09)	An ordinance modifying the itinerant vendor code and establishing provisions for the establishment of Food Parks.
4.	Historical Overlay Extension (Ordinance 16-11)	An ordinance extending the HOZ to include approximately 35 acres to the south of the current boundary along Paseo del Pueblo Sur.
5.	Medical Cannabis (Ordinance 16-16)	Change the term “marijuana” to “cannabis” and modify the provision for in-house physicians.
6.	Development Review Committee (Ordinance 16-10A)	An ordinance removing DRC public hearing notification requirements from the LUDC.
7.	Flood Damage Prevention (Ordinance 16-17)	Modify existing provisions within LUDC to include standards related to elevation above grade requirements for Base Flood Elevation Certificates for properties within the Approximate A Zone.
8.	Temporary Motor Vehicle Sales (Ordinance 16-18)	Adding new provisions to the LUDC for a Special Use Permit process for temporary motor vehicle sales and events.
9.	Cultural Landscape Report (Case PZ-2016-40)	Adoption of the CLR by the Town Council as the guiding policy document for the development of the Plaza.
10.	Hotel Overlay Zone (Case PZ-2016-46)	Creation of a Hotel Overlay Zone in portions of the HCPD.
11.	Commercial Design Standards (Case PZ-2016-51)	Modification of the existing design standards for commercial and industrial buildings.

Scheduled Projects

	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status
1.	Split-Lot Zoning (Case PZ-2016-48)	Modify zoning regulations to prohibit split-lot zoning.	Legal: Complete PZ: Complete HPC: N/A Council: 12/6/16
2.	Subdivision Final Plat Requirements (Case PZ-2016-57)	Amend the Town code to require that applicants wishing to submit a final plat for approval must notice adjacent properties in the same manner that notice is required for preliminary plat approval.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 12/7/16 HPC: N/A Council: Pending
3.	Updates to Application and Public Hearing Procedures (Case PZ-2016-58)	Add staff recommendation to the list of possible ways to initiate amendments to Title 16.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 12/7/16 HPC: N/A Council: Pending
4.	Sign Regulations (Case PZ/HPC-2015-72)	Adoption of modified sign regulations.	Legal Review: Complete PZ: 1/4/16 HPC: Complete Council: Pending
5.	Xeriscaping	Modify LUDC to allow for commercial applications of Xeriscaping in lieu of irrigated landscaping.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 1/4/17 HPC: N/A Council: Pending
6.	Film Permit	Create a permitting process for individuals or organizations that are looking to film in the Town of Taos.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 1/11/17 HPC: N/A Council: Pending
7.	Mixed-Use Overlay Zone	Develop a Live-Work-Play Ordinance allowing for mixed-use commercial and residential in certain zones.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 1/11/17 HPC: N/A Council: Pending
8.	Redevelopment and Comprehensive Plan Presentation	Presentation on the benefits of creating a redevelopment plan (MRA) for areas proximate to and within the HOZ. Also, a discussion about the creation of a new comprehensive plan including possible timelines for implementation.	Legal Review: N/A PZ: 1/11/17 HPC: 1/11/17 Council: 1/11/17
9.	HOZ Design Standards	Discussion about the scope of possible revisions to the HOZ design standards.	Legal Review: N/A PZ: N/A HPC: 1/18/17 Council: N/A
10.	Subdivision Regulations	Revise subdivision regulations.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 2/1/17 HPC: N/A Council: Pending
11.	Outdoor Displays	Amend LUDC to allow for outdoor display of merchandise as long as it does not impede pedestrian walk way or sight	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 2/1/17 HPC: N/A

		distance, requiring a minimum of 48" of walkway space on any given pedestrian right of way.	Council: Pending
12.	Association/Commercial Swimming Pool Regulations	Adoption of association/commercial swimming pool regulations in accordance with NM State law.	Legal Review: Pending PZ: 3/1/17 HPC: N/A Council: Pending

Non-Scheduled Projects

	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status
1.	Taos Green Printing and Trails Plan	Coordinate Town efforts for the Regional Taos Green print and Trail Systems Project.	In Progress
2.	Community Build Out Analysis	GIS Mapping; Develop a build out analysis that will provide guidance to possible development by determining maximum future densities based off current zoning for the Town.	In Progress
3.	One Mile ETZ Overlay	Creation of one-mile extra-territorial zone.	In Progress
4.	Terrain Management, Storm Water, and Erosion Control Requirements	Reformat application intake and review for residential and commercial requirements for the above management plans. Confirm adherence to best management practices.	In Progress
5.	TND Zoning District	Amend the LUDC to amend TND.	In Progress
6.	Alternative Designed Commercial - PUD (Micro-designs, Manufactured, Alternative Materials, etc.)	Modify LUDC to develop a commercial based PUD that allows for the possibilities for alternative construction including Micro-Commercial Space. These Alternative PUDs would allow for implementation of business incubation within areas that are currently being under-utilized and reduce barriers to entry for artists and small businesses.	In Progress

Economic Development Projects

	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status
1.	Affordable Housing Plan	<i>Goal 1;</i> Develop an Affordable Housing Plan to assist in future conversations related to forming a Town-County Housing Partnership in order to increase the available inventory of affordable housing in the Taos area.	In Progress
2.	UNM Adaptive Reuse Program	<i>Goal 2, Policy 3.1, 3.2;</i> Develop an inventory and map of current building that are owned and occupied by the Town of Taos. Work with UNM – Taos to determine which buildings could best be utilized by the University for purposes such as classrooms, facilities, or student housing.	In Progress
3.	Annexation Study and Mapping	<i>Goal 4, Policy 4.1;</i> Provide a detailed inventory and report of properties adjacent to Town Boundaries currently receiving Town services in order to determine future annexation priorities.	In Progress
4.	Traffic Improvements	Downtown Taos, Paseo del Pueblo/Camino de la Placita; <i>Goal 5, Policy 5.2;</i> Begin scoping and community input process for streetscape and street flow redesign.	In Progress
5.	Taos Community Auditorium Master Plan	<i>Goal 10, Policy 10.1;</i> Develop inventory of City owned properties along Civic Drive in order to facilitate development of infill and assist in future development of the Taos Community Auditorium Master Plan.	In Progress
6.	Taos County Courthouse Business Incubation and Historic/Cultural Center	14, Policy 14.3; Work with Taos County to develop goals and future steps related to the redevelopment of the Taos County Court House as a Historical and Cultural Center with portions of the building functioning as a Business Incubation facility	In Progress
7.	Local Art Incubation Initiative	Goal 16, Policy 16.1, 16.2; Work to develop a long range art incubation plan that allows development of alternatively designed eco-friendly affordable art space.	In Progress