

**CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
June 3, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Council members Smith, Arsanto, Bergerson and Anderson (Via Zoom).

Also, in attendance were: Mayor Burkett, City Administrator Brunell, Public Services Director Banks, City Engineer Miller, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Senior Planner Farnsworth and Deputy Clerk Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Comp Plan Final Review:**

City Administrator Brunell and Senior Planner Farnsworth spoke to the Council regarding the May 27, 2025, public hearing to review proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments from comments received by the Washington State Department of Commerce. So far, there are four issues that have been reviewed by Council based on the feedback.

- Land Use and planning tools to reduce and mitigate wildfire risk.
- Accommodating growth for emergency housing.
- Identifying areas that have a high risk of residential displacement.
- Including a direct reference to the Racially Disparate Impact report in the Housing element.

Staff recommend reevaluating the adopted Urban High Density and holding an additional public hearing specifically focused on this issue. The Council agreed.

**ADU Code Planning Commission Recommendations:**

Senior Planner Farnsworth updated the Council that over the last several meetings the Planning Commission has been discussing ADUs and what makes sense for Buckley to follow the new state law.

Discussions have included:

- ADU Design Guidelines
- ADU Building Standards
- ADU Size Requirements
- ADU Utility Standards
- ADUs as Short-Term Rentals
- ADU Setbacks

A memo was included by Mr. Farnsworth in the packet Planning Commission recommendations. The Planning Commission will have the Council review the recommendations and have Council evaluate further ADU code.

**6 Year STIP Review:**

City Engineer Miller gave an annual update to the 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). This year there are 26 projects planned for and the total cost for these projects will total up to 47 million dollars. This is not all the projects in the City, there is also a Twenty-Year Transportation Plan that we will maintain. City Engineer Miller spoke on options for funding for some of these projects. Council members asked questions regarding the projects and especially regarding the roundabouts.

**New Logo:**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith spoke on the idea of the new logo and the negative posts on social media. Mayor Burkett spoke about why he wants to change the logo and that it is way overdue. The example given to Council in the packet has kept the same concept, just updated.

Estimated costs would total \$13,138.23. This would include:

- City Signs
- Parks Signage
- City Vehicles
- Issued Clothing
- Name Tags
- City Flag

Implementation options could include minimal rollout, moderate rollout, and a complete rollout. Council member Anderson said she would like to keep more maroon and gold colors to represent White River School District.

With nothing further, the Study Session was adjourned at 7:31 PM.



City Administrator



Mayor

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