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Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room  
July 26, 2016 ~ 1:00 P.M.  
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**July 26, 2016 MPC Planning Meeting**

**Members Present:** Tanya Milton, Chairwoman  
W. James Overton, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph T. Welch, Secretary  
George Woods, Treasurer  
James B. Blackburn, Jr.  
W. Shedrick Coleman.  
Ellis Cook  
Stephanie Cutter  
Lacy Manigault  
J. Adam Ragsdale  
Linder S. Suthers

**Members Not Present:** Stephanie Cutter  
Timothy Mackey  
W. Lee Smith  
Tom Woiwode

**Staff Present:** Thomas Thomson, P.E. AICP, Executive Director  
Melony West, CPA, Director, Finance & Systems  
Christy Adams, Director, Administration  
Bri Finau, Administrative Assistant

**Advisory Staff Present:** Yolanda Washington, County Zoning Inspector  
Shane Corbin, City Zoning Administrator

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**III. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements**

Notice(s)

1. [August 9, 2016 Regular MPC Meeting - 1:30 PM, 112 E. State Street, Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room](#)

**IV. Consent Agenda**

2. [Approve May 31, 2016 Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [05.31.16 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES.pdf](#)

**Board Action:**

Approve - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: James Overton

Second: Joseph Welch

Shedrick Coleman - Aye

Travis Coles - Not Present

Ellis Cook - Not Present

Stephanie Cutter - Not Present

Joseph Ervin - Aye

Timothy Mackey - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Aye

James Overton - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Linder S. Suthers - Aye

Joseph Welch - Aye

Tom Woiwode - Not Present

George L. Woods III - Aye

**V. Regular Business**

3. [Presentation of Draft Comprehensive Plan](#)

Attachment: [MPC Pres\\_Draft Comp Plan Doc 072116.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Working Final\\_Comp Plan Outline with Goals 072116.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Memo - Community Survey Summary 072016.pdf](#)

Ms. Jackie Jackson, the Director of Comprehensive Planning, presented the following information:

As previously discussed with the Board, MPC staff has completed an update to Chatham County and the City of Savannah's comprehensive plan intended to lay out a road map for the community's future. The draft was developed through a very public process of involving the general public and stakeholders to provide feedback and suggestions on key decisions that will shape the future of our community.

In addition, the Comprehensive Plan is intended to create an environment of predictability for business and industry, investors, property owners, tax payers and the general public. The plan also helps local governments to recognize and then implement important economic development and revitalization initiatives.

The Comprehensive Plan must include required plan elements, however, the MPC goes beyond these minimum required elements and enriches the Comprehensive Plan with other elements to ensure the document is fully applicable to our community. These include:

- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Natural Resources
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Crime
- Health
- Education
- Service Delivery Strategy

The 2016 update must be approved and adopted by the MPC, Savannah City Council and Chatham County Commission. Lastly, the plan must be approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by October 31, 2016.

Ms. Jackson will again make a short presentation detailing the key activities and input this far as well as presenting the Draft Comprehensive Plan for approval at the next MPC meeting on August 9, 2016.

## **VI. Other Business**

## **VII. Adjournment**

### 4. [Adjournment of July 26, 2016 MPC Planning Meeting](#)

There being no further information to present to the Board, the July 23, 2016 MPC Planning meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully,

Thomas L. Thomas, AICP  
Executive Director

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