

Council Planning Updates

Planning-related legislation currently in the adoption process

EC-18-144 | *High Street Vacation - Project# 1000060/18DRB-70105 - Isaacson and Artman PA, agents for New Mexico Heart, Inc. request Vacation of Public Right-of-Way for all or a portion of tract(s) D-1-B, Gateway Subdivision, zoned SU-2/C-3, located on a portion of High St NE between north of Slate Ave NE & to north terminus Street containing approximately .117 acres*

@ Full Council on June 18th

Acceptance of this Executive Communication would indicate the Council's consent of a request for vacation of public right-of-way in the area of High St NE and Slate St NE.

EC-18-152 | *Mayor's Appointment of Ms. Irene Entila to the Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee*

@ Full Council on June 18th

Acceptance of this Executive Communication would indicate the Council's consent to appoint Ms. Irene Entila to the Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee.

O-18-2 | *Amending Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, ROA 1994, The Drainage Ordinance, To Implement Best Practices For The Management Of New Runoff Associated With Land Development (Jones)*

@ LUPZ on August 15th

Revisions to this ordinance propose compliance measures to ensure that new development and certain redevelopments have practices in place to promote minimum stormwater quality standards for stormwater leaving their individual sites in order to meet EPA requirements and help preserve water quality in the Rio Grande River.

O-18-20 | *Amending The Traffic Code To Incorporate The Policy Directives Of The City Council (Benton)*

@ LUPZ on June 13th

Adoption of this ordinance would clarify that while the Administration is the governing entity over traffic control programs, that they are obligated to follow requests the City Council sets forth through adopted resolutions.

O-18-21 | *Amending The Uniform Housing Code, Sections 14-3-1-1 Through 14-3-5-99 ROA 1994, Relating To Minimum Dwelling Safety And Sanitation Standards, Identification Of Hazardous Dwelling Conditions, Nuisance Abatement, Administration And Enforcement (Gibson)*

@ FGO on June 11th

This ordinance proposes to add a registration system for residential units being utilized as rental properties. It adds various definitions and provisions related to rental properties and also sets forth a penalty system for properties who do not register or do not meet the requirements of the registration process.

Upcoming
Hearing
Dates

Environmental Planning Commission

Thursday, June 14th, 2018: There are 13 items on the EPC agenda for June. Please see the agenda [here](#) for details on specific items.

Zoning Hearing Examiner

Tuesday, June 19th: Please see the agenda [here](#).

Development Review Board

Wednesday, June 13th: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

Albuquerque Development Commission

There will be a special ADC session called before the next City Council meeting on June 18th to consider a request from TopGolf. Please check [this page](#) for information related to this special meeting.

Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission

Wednesday, June 13th: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Tuesday, June 26th: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

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R-18-40 | *Establishing City Policy For The Implementation Of Downtown Walkability Improvements; Repealing And Replacing R-15-152 (Enactment R-2015-024) (Benton)*

@ LUPZ on June 16th

This resolution restates the intent of the Downtown Walkability Study the City had contracted in 2014 and more firmly directs the Department of Municipal Development to implement the recommendations in the report. It also specifically calls for the reinstatement of two four-way stops at downtown intersections that were recently reverted to traffic lights.

Planning in the National News

[High prices in America's cities are reviving the suburbs](#), published by **The Economist on April 19th, 2018**

"Analysis of United States Census Bureau data by William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a think-tank, shows that lower-density suburbs and exurbs—areas separated from cities by rural land—have been growing more quickly since the Great Recession, while the growth of urban cores is slowing. Since 2012, considered the peak year of the urban renaissance, the growth of urban cores has fallen by half and exurban county growth has quadrupled.

The last time Americans fled the cities for the suburbs, from the 1950s to the 1980s, they were driven primarily by fear of crime. This time the migration is the consequence of the cities' success, not their failure. Housing and rental prices in many of the country's largest metro areas have soared, inspiring residents to pack up and move out."

[As traffic deaths soar, cities pursue lower speed limits to eliminate fatalities](#), published by **The Washington Post on February 25th, 2017**

"Lowering speeds is a fundamental strategy for communities that are part of "Vision Zero," a program aimed at eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Locally, the District, Alexandria and Montgomery County have taken the "zero" pledge, joining a growing number of cities that have made the commitment in areas where drivers are increasingly sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians. New York, Boston and Seattle are among cities nationwide that have adopted the program.

Officials in the jurisdictions say prioritizing safety over speed or convenience is crucial to meeting their goal. According to research, if a vehicle hits a pedestrian while traveling at 20 mph, the victim has a more than 90 percent chance of surviving. But if the vehicle is traveling 50 mph, the survival likelihood drops to 25 percent."

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