

**7.01: Receive Update on Covenant Meadows and Consider Environmental Review Options (Project #17-102); Case of Eric Thomsen**

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and provided an update on Covenant Meadows. He noted that the Planning Commission postponed action at their March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to spend more time addressing concerns raised by neighboring property owners regarding impacts to ecological and wildlife resources. It was requested that the City explore a discretionary Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) or Citizen Petition EAW. He noted that the City will be hosting a workshop on the project on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss neighbor concerns in more detail.

Councilmember Riley asked for more information on the 15 acres along Trott Brook that would be protected.

Community Development Director Gladhill noted that staff was able to negotiate with the developer to deed the 15 acres to the north that borders Trott Brook to the City at no cost. He stated that staff believes that would provide better protection than private development/ownership.

Mayor Strommen asked the next step.

Community Development Director Gladhill stated that the Planning Commission will hold a workshop on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. prior to their regular meeting later that night, at which formal recommendation will be made.

Mayor Strommen stated that she agrees with staff that the EAW would not provide the answers the citizens are requesting and agrees that the public workshop would be the best course of action to resolve those concerns.