

2.01: Review Proposed Updates to City Landscaping Code for New Commercial and Industrial Projects

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) for hearing the concerns of the developer and making necessary tweaks to that property and reviewing the Code itself to make more appropriate changes. She asked if it would be possible to provide a link within the different sections of the Code to reach the landscaping section. She also stated that she likes the removal of the stormwater area from the calculation. She asked if there would be grandfathered properties for those completed prior to the amendment of Code.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill confirmed that once adopted the Code would become effective and apply to new applications moving forward. He clarified that this is a reduction to the requirements.

Councilmember Musgrove referenced the buffering and transitioning standards and asked if that would be part of an additional conversation or whether she would bring those concerns forward now.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill noted those comments could be addressed tonight.

Councilmember Musgrove referenced the language within the case related to buffering and density transitioning standards and asked for clarification.

City Planner Anderson commented that the buffering standards between commercial/industrial properties and residential districts would be added into the one or two districts where it currently does not exist. He explained that buffering standards act similarly to density transitioning but explained that buffering is between the industrial/commercial districts that abut residential whereas density transitioning is more specific between residential districts of different density.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that the ordinance was included as part of the packet, whereas that information was summarized within the case to provide clarity to the proposed changes. He stated that if acceptable to the Council this would move forward to the ordinance introduction and adoption process.

The consensus of the Council was to move forward on the ordinance introduction and adoption process as presented.