




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Erica Leak for Rosie Truelove, Director, Housing and Planning Department 

THROUGH: J. Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager

DATE: February 17, 2023

SUBJECT: **Postponement of Palm District Plan Item on February 23, 2023, City Council Agenda**

Staff is requesting a postponement of the Palm District Plan item to May 18, 2023. As background, the public hearing for the *Palm District Plan* was originally set for December 1, 2022, and was postponed to February 23, 2023, to allow time for the Planning Commission to consider the Palm District Plan. Because adoption of the *Palm District Plan* is an amendment to the *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan*, City Council cannot act on adoption prior to the Planning Commission making a recommendation and forwarding it to the City Manager.ⁱ

On November 15, 2022, the Planning Commission postponed action on the plan to their December 20, 2022, meeting. On December 20, the Planning Commission postponed consideration of the Palm District Plan to January 10, 2023. On January 10, 2023, Planning Commission postponed consideration of the Palm District Plan to February 14, 2023, and appointed a working group to review the plan and make recommendations to Planning Commission. On February 14, 2023, Planning Commission postponed consideration of the Palm District Plan to April 25 to allow time for the working group to complete review and engagement activities and develop a recommendation. Based on this, staff recommends a postponement of the City Council public hearing for the Palm District Plan until May 18, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Truelove at 512-974-3064 or rosie.truelove@austintexas.gov or Erica Leak at 512-974-9375 or erica.leak@austintexas.gov.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager
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ⁱ Article X, Planning, of the City Charter states that the Planning Commission shall “Review and make recommendation to the council on all amendments to the comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof.” It also sets the transmittal process for the comprehensive plan and/or amendments from the Planning Commission to the City Council: “The planning commission shall forward the proposed comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof to the city manager, who shall thereupon submit such plan, or element or portion thereof, to the council with recommendations thereon. The council may adopt, or adopt with changes or amendments, the proposed comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof, after at least one public hearing. The council shall act on such plan, element or portion thereof, within sixty (60) days following its submission by the city.”