

## City Council deals with General Plan, increasing density, air quality

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CHICO -- A mixed bag of business will be conducted by the City Council Tuesday, including a report on "Imagine Chico 2030." There'll be a presentation on air quality. The council will consider increasing the density allowed in many Chico neighborhoods and approving a historic preservation program.

An update on developing the General Plan will be presented to the council and Planning Commission, including information gathered from an advisory committee of stakeholders. In March, results of the first part of the outreach effort was presented as the Imagine Chico 2030 Vision book.

The project team will present information on a second series of interviews with stakeholders gathered during six community workshops.

A resolution to increase housing density will come before the council, with staff recommending the change in minimum zoning density for medium density neighborhoods from the current 5.5 units to 7.01 units per acre.

The density standards correspond to those originally established in the 1994 General Plan and are recommended by the Planning Commission. Increased density would use land more efficiently, according to staff reports, provide for a greater mix of housing types, encourage lower-cost housing and help achieve the city's goals for new development.

A report from Butte County Air Quality Management

District will be presented by Dr. Gary Incaudo, explaining the city's poor air quality, which is more hazardous to health than previous studies indicated.

The council will consider adopting recommendations from the Internal Affairs Committee on creating a historic preservation program. The proposal was previously presented, but the council asked for more information, including possible funding sources.

The main points of the program include placing a historic preservation element in the General Plan, creating a historic preservation ordinance, and a preservation committee.

In other business, the council is expected to approve an abandonment for Cherry Street, between West First and West Second streets; to take input on raising sewer fees; to give approval for a subdivision on Ceanothus Avenue; and consider revisions to a memorandum of understanding with the Mechoopda Indian Tribe for issues in the city limits.

### PUBLIC MEETING

Chico City Council

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Council Chambers

421 Main St.

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