CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Nikki Bufford called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett L. Wittner, Karen Mauer-Smith, and Joe Barrentine were present.

Councilmember Reynolds attended the meeting virtually.

Councilmember Hunter T. George was absent and excused.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT/STEP HOUSING DISCUSSION

Kim Gunderson with Mahoney Planning reviewed recent legislative changes affecting STEP housing regulations and the City's ongoing Comprehensive Plan and zoning code amendments. Council discussions include whether to proceed with the previously drafted amendments under House Bill 1220 or incorporate the new requirements before the June 2028 deadline.

City Manager Masko recommended incorporating House Bill 2266 into the current process to avoid duplicating work and associated costs. There was Council consensus to proceed with the new requirements.

WHITTIER PARK INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

City Manager Masko provided an update on the proposed Whittier Park interlocal agreement, including revised cost estimates for lost field rental revenue and ongoing negotiations with the school district.

Council discussions included impacts to the City, commitments previously made by the school district, and improvements to City facilities, including parking lot restoration.

COUNCIL RULES UPDATE DISCUSSION

City Manager Masko reviewed proposed amendments to the Council Rules of Procedure and requested direction on prioritizing changes.

Council discussions included expanding the use of the consent agenda under Rule 20, remote participation and ADA accommodations under Rule 7, and consistently following adopted procedures.

Council agreed to continue the discussion at the May study session. Council was encouraged to submit draft language to the City Manager at least one week before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.

The Motion Carried (6-0).

Nikki Bufford, Mayor

Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk