

RESOLUTION NO. ____-16

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "NORTH NEVADA/ UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, COLORADO SPRINGS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ZONE TASK FORCE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" REPORT FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 16-31 City Council adopted an Infill Comprehensive Plan Supplement (the "Infill Chapter") as an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Infill Chapter supports efforts to revitalize arterial corridors such as North Nevada Avenue, as an important infill priority; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 28-16 City Council has endorsed the use and maintenance of an Infill Action Plan to further support implementation of the Infill Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Infill Action Plan recommends strategies specific to promoting infill and redevelopment in Economic Opportunity Zones ("EOZs") including North Nevada Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted 2016-2020 Strategic Plan also contains specific strategy direction to support infill and redevelopment in EOZs; and

WHEREAS, in late 2013 and early 2014, a North Nevada Task Force prepared and recommended a North Nevada/ University Of Colorado, Colorado Springs Economic Opportunity Zone Task Force Findings and Recommendations report for the North Nevada Avenue/ University Of Colorado, Colorado Springs EOZ ("North Nevada Findings and Recommendations") to further the strategic implementation priorities for this EOZ; and

WHEREAS, the North Nevada Findings and Recommendations were presented to the Mayor and City Council in February and March of 2014; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 21, 2016 the City Planning Commission recommended support of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, City Council now desires to more formally acknowledge and accept these North Nevada Findings and Recommendations for strategic planning and implementation purposes consistent with the overall policy direction of the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and are adopted as findings and determinations of the City Council.

Section 2. City Council hereby finds and directs that these North Nevada Findings and Recommendations, including the limited 2016 Supplement (all attached and incorporated as "Exhibit 1"), should be used as a guide for strategic direction in furthering implementation of the City's infill and redevelopment goals for the North Nevada Avenue corridor.

Section 3. City Council hereby adopts the North Nevada Findings and Recommendations and directs that the North Nevada Findings and Recommendations be used as appropriate in the review and consideration, consistent with Sections 7.5.408, 7.5.501 and 7.5.502 of the City Code, of Master Plans, concept plans and development plans for properties located in the North Nevada Avenue/ University Of Colorado, Colorado Springs EOZ as that area is defined in the North Nevada Findings and Recommendations.

Section 4. City Council further directs that the recommendations in the North Nevada Findings and Recommendations are to be used holistically and as policy guidance and should not be intended to limit or constrain the Executive or Legislative branches with respect to ultimate decisions and actions.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this ____ day of _____ 2016.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk