

Agenda Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
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Subject: **Affordable Housing**

Introduction: The purpose of this work session is to provide an opportunity for the City Council to discuss affordable housing with experts, learn the many programs available to promote accessibility to the housing market and explore future avenues to promote affordable housing options in the City.

Discussion: At the August 15, 2022 City Council meeting, Council Member Britton reported that he attended the Transportation and Intergovernmental Committee meeting at the Florida League of Cities Conference where affordable housing was discussed. City Council requested that staff prepare options for City Council discussion and consensus. During the week of October 23, 2022, Development Services Staff had a series of individual meetings with City Council to discuss different housing typologies and possible ways to increase the supply of housing options in the City, which in theory could help increase housing affordability. A copy of the information presented during the individual meetings is provided in Attachment 1.

On December 15, 2022, Mayor Sladek and Council Member Britton attended the Tri-County League of Cities meeting at which Mr. Henry Oren, Director of Housing and Community Development for the City of Orlando presented an overview of affordable housing strategies in Orlando. At the January 17, 2023 City Council meeting, Council Member Britton discussed Mr. Oren's presentation. City Council's consensus was to schedule a work session to discuss affordable housing.

The City is in the process of rewriting the Land Development Code. This is a great opportunity to learn from experts in the field of affordable housing how the City can promote accessibility to the housing market catering for different income levels. Two actions are already approved by the Comprehensive Plan, which will need to be regulated in the Land Development Code: the standards for accessory dwelling units, to be allowed in residential and mixed-use area per policy 1-1.11.1; and the granting of density and intensity bonus with the provision of affordable housing per policy 1-1.1.6. There may be still additional actions to remove barriers to stimulate affordable housing options in the City.

For this work session, Staff has invited following presenters that work locally in the field of housing.

1. Mr. Henry Oren, Director of Housing and Community Development in the City of Orlando, will give an overview of the housing situation in Orlando and present the different programs the City has been investing in to create and preserve housing options for residents of all levels. This is the same presentation Mr. Oren gave at the Tri-County League of Cities in December 15, 2022. A copy of Mr. Oren's presentation is provided in Attachment 2.
2. Mr. Quentin Grose, Program Manager for the Attainable Housing Program, and Ms. Kristine Herrera, Planner – Attainable Housing, of the Seminole County Community Services Department will present the opportunities for attainable housing available in Seminole County. A copy of their presentation is provided in Attachment 3.
3. Ms. Shannon Young, Executive Director for the Seminole County Housing Authority, will present the different programs that the Housing Authority has going on within the City of Oviedo.

After the above presentations, Staff will give an update on affordable housing options discussed with the Land Development Code Committee and the Land Planning Agency.

Budget Impact: There are no anticipated budgetary impacts as a result of the work session.

Strategic Impact: Ensure new development and redevelopment is done in a sustainable manner.

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council discuss affordable housing strategies and provide direction regarding actions to promote affordable housing options in the City.

- Attachment(s):
1. Information Presented at Individual Meetings
 2. City of Orlando presentation
 3. Seminole County presentation
 4. Staff's presentation