

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP

Olathe Downtown Library, Flex Box Theater

Monday, March 2, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Attendees:

City Council Attendance: Mayor Bacon and Councilmembers Dean Vakas, Robyn Essex, LeEtta Felter, Kevin Denault, Jeff Creighton, and Matthew Schoonover.

Planning Commission Attendance: Wayne Janner, Taylor Breen, Tony Bergida, Jim Terrones, Megan Lynn, and Scott Seeling.

Also in Attendance: City Manager Susan Sherman and various City staff.

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Bacon called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM

2. Welcome Remarks, Olathe Mayor

Mayor Bacon thanked the Planning Commission, Steering Committee, residents and staff for their input on the drafted Comprehensive Plan. He then introduced Planning and Development Manager, Kim Hollingsworth, and Houseal Lavigne consultant, John Houseal.

3. Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships

Ms. Hollingsworth reviewed the roles, responsibilities, and relationships of City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff, particularly related to the comprehensive plan.

4. Elevate Olathe Comprehensive Plan Presentation & Discussion

Mr. Houseal provided an overview of the steps involved to draft the Elevate Olathe Comprehensive Plan, including Steering Committee reviews and community feedback.

Ms. Hollingsworth presented accomplishments of and comparisons to the prior Comprehensive Plan (PlanOlathe), noting demographic considerations and land use comparisons.

Mr. Houseal reviewed the proposed Elevate Olathe Key Plan Themes. He highlighted the primary topics and new directions.

Ms. Hollingsworth then presented the anticipated next steps. First, plan adoption would be considered at a public hearing on or around the March 23rd Planning Commission meeting and then City Council consideration on or around April 21st. After that, implementation could be carried out through corridor study realignment and a Unified Development Ordinance update. Ms. Hollingsworth closed with an activity for attendees.

5. Closing Remarks

In closing, Mayor Bacon thanked staff for their work and attendees for their input. He also expressed his condolences to the family of former State Representative John Resman.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM