Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 20, 2017

Re: Public Hearing: Unified Development Code

Executive Summary

The City Council has scheduled time for a public hearing on February 20, 2017 on the proposed Unified Development Code. As discussed by the City Council, the hearing may be continued to a date certain of February 25, 2016, March 6, 2017, March 20, 2017, and to an additional meetings as the Council deems necessary.

Discussion

On January 5, 2017, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 9-0 to recommend approval of the Unified Development Code, with multiple amendments and corrections (or “errata”). Staff has integrated the “errata” in the ordinance document as approved by the Commission, as well as placed the ordinance in proper legal form (removed footnotes, marginal notes, and revised headings).

The schedule for consideration and adoption of the ordinance is as follows:

**February 6th - Regular Council Meeting:**  Introduce a resolution to set the dates for the public hearing(s) for the UDC.

**February 20th - Regular Council Meeting:** First night of public hearing and bill will be on the Council agenda for introduction and first reading.

**February 25th - Special Council Meeting:** Council will hold a special meeting with the only agenda item being the UDC bill.  The bill will have second reading and additional public comment will be received under the public hearing segment of the meeting.

**March 6th - Regular Council Meeting:** The bill will have its third reading and additional public comment will be received under the public hearing.  Council should vote on any substantive amendments at this meeting (Section 2-85 of the City Code requires at least one week between an amendment which constitutes a change in substance and final vote on the ordinance).

**March 20th - Regular Council Meeting:**  The council may receive additional public comment on the bill, as amended.

A separate report describes the Unified Development Code in greater detail.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Development, Secondary Impact: Environment, Tertiary Impact: Downtown

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Social Equity

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
| 12/17/2013 | Ord. 21927 Authorizing an Agreement with Clarion Associates, LLC for professional services for a comprehensive update to the City of Columbia development codes. |
| 7/18/16 | Public Hearing Date for the Unified Development Ordinance (Report) |

Suggested Council Action

Open the public hearing on February 20, 2017 and continue to a date certain (February 25, 2017 on the current schedule).