

Work Session
City Hall
Fayette, Alabama
May 27, 2025

The City Council of the City of Fayette held a work session at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. on May 27, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present: Mayor Rod Northam, Councilmembers Steve Herring, Eddy Campbell, Tommy Williams, Aliska Hughes-Monroe (was not present at start of meeting) and Jerry Nichols. Also present were City Clerk Dawn Clapp, City Attorney Dale Lawrence, Junior City Council Mayor Sean White, Police Chief Danny Jenkins and Fire Chief Shannon Taylor.

Mayor Northam announced a quorum was present and the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Matt Levell and Mr. Ben Weiman spoke to the Council about the draft of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Levell said they were seeking input from the Council on the plan. He said the following categories are the City's areas of need.

1. Economic Development and Workforce Growth
2. Land Use and Zoning Improvements
3. Infrastructure and Transportation Enhancements
4. Community Facilities and Services Expansion
5. Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization
6. Sustainability and Environmental Conservation

Mr. Levell said during the previous public meeting, citizens said the following areas needed to be concentrated on, to-wit:

1. Downtown Revitalization- emerged as a top priority, with many residents emphasizing the need to fill vacant businesses, and host events that bring life back into the heart of the city.
2. Housing Development- especially affordable housing and family-friendly options, were identified as essential for keeping young families in Fayette and accommodating future growth.
3. Youth Engagement and Recreation- were common themes, with calls for a multi-use recreation center and expanded after-school programming.
4. Infrastructure Improvements- from broadband access to sidewalk expansion, were seen as vital for ensuring accessibility and future development.
5. Pride in Community Values- such as safety, faith, friendliness, and civic involvement were expressed throughout every form of feedback.

[Councilmember Hughes-Monroe joined the meeting]

Mr. Weiseman said in his opinion the downtown area is one of the key assets of the City. Mr. Levell said the Art Museum was also one of the City's key assets.

Councilmember Nichols said the Sipsey River was an asset that should be looked at being developed.

Mr. Levell gave the Council the timeline for adopting the C. Plan. The timeline is as follows:

- June 17, 2025- Deadline for Plan Comments to Planning Team
- July 15, 2025- Revised Plan Draft to Steering Committee for review
- July 29, 2025- Deadline for Plan Comments to Planning Team
- August 11, 2025- Final Plan Draft to City to post for public review
- September 9, 2025- Vote for Approval by Planning Commission
Vote for Endorsement by City Council

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon the motion to adjourn being made, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk