Councilmembers Present: Goodloe, Klauss, Lillquist, Morgan, Scheffer and Mayor Tabb

Councilmembers Absent: Miller (Will be late)

Others present were City Manager Akers, City Attorney Weiner, Human Resources Director Smith, Energy Services Director Dunbar, Public Works Director Lyyski, Finance Director Pascoe, Parks and Recreation Director Case, Community Development Director Sackett, Library Director Camarillo, Senior Planner San Filippo, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Deputy Clerk Keno, Communications Officer Reich and Facilitator Bambrick.

Chief Wade arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Review of the Comprehensive Plan Prioritization Process

City Manager Akers summarized the agenda and introduced Cathy Bambrick of Infuse Strategy, LLC who will be facilitating the retreat. The purpose of the retreat is an opportunity for Council to prioritize the Goals of the recently adopted and updated Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Bambrick and planning staff explained how the prioritization process would work with Department Heads speaking to their respective chapters, policies and programs as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan to be followed by Councilmembers voting on their priorities via colored dots.

The morning review focused on Historic Preservation, Capital Facilities and Utilities, Economic Development, Environment (new Chapter to the Plan) and Housing Goals.

Councilmember Miller arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Council and staff took a ten minute break at 10:30 a.m.

Council and staff reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Communications Officer Reich provided the Economic Development Goals and Action Steps. It was noted the City does not have a strategic economic development plan although the Ellensburg Business Development Authority does.

Senior Planner Filippo presented the Environment Goals and Action Steps. The Environment Chapter is a new addition to the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Some councilmembers discussed fire risk and the need for a comprehensive plan amendment to address this issue. The City and Kittitas County have adopted the wildland interface.
A comprehensive plan amendment for climate resiliency strategies was also discussed.

Council and staff took a 30-minute lunch break at 12:30 p.m.

The Council retreat reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Councilmembers reviewed Goals and Policies for focusing on Land Use, Parks and Recreation and Transportation sections.

Council and staff took a ten minute break at 2:40 p.m.

Council and staff reconvened at 3:54 p.m.

**Visioning Exercise**

Councilmembers participated in a visioning exercise with the goal of formulating a vision statement for the City to incorporate the day’s comments and councilmembers hopes and desires for the City of Ellensburg 20 years into the future.

Facilitator Bambrick will compile and finalize a report to Council and staff based on its prioritization and visioning exercises.

The City Council retreat concluded at 4:14 p.m.

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ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk