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**City of Rosemount – Comprehensive Plan Update Overview**

The City of Rosemount will undertake a major update to its Comprehensive Plan beginning in 2016. The update process will begin with a series of smaller area planning meetings intended to gather input about the long-range vision for the community.

Rosemount, like other communities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, is required to update its Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The update is expected to take up to two years to complete, with a final plan being adopted in 2018.

The Rosemount Comprehensive Plan is a planning document that contains information concerning a wide range of topics that will have an impact on land use in the City. The central component of the plan is a future land use map that guides all land within the community for a specific land use, which can be residential, agricultural, commercial, industrial, public or other similar classifications. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan incorporates other supporting elements relating to land use, including separate sections for transportation, water supply, waste water, storm water, and housing. All of these sections will be assembled into one document to serve as a guide for all future land use decisions in the City.

The City's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2008, and contains projections for community growth out to the year 2030. The proposed update will extend the planning period out an additional 10 years to 2040. Rosemount's total population is estimated at 23,244 persons today, and is expected to grow to 38,000 persons by 2040.

Determining where future growth should occur and how to most effectively provide the public infrastructure necessary to support projected growth are two of the major questions that will be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update. In order to obtain public feedback on these and other important issues associated with the plan, the City will be conducting a series of neighborhood meetings focusing on three smaller planning areas: Downtown Rosemount, the southeast portion of the community east of Highway 52, and the north central rural area.

The first of the planned neighborhood meetings is scheduled for May 25, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall at the Rosemount Community Center. The information presented at this meeting will focus on an area presently zoned for rural residential or transitional residential uses in the northern portion of the City, east of South Robert Trail and West of Akron Avenue. This area is not currently served by public water or sanitary sewer services, and includes a mix of smaller residential lots, moderately-sized rural properties, and agricultural lands.

The purpose of the neighborhood meeting is to gather feedback from residents, property owners, and other interested parties concerning the long-range land use plan for Rosemount's north central rural area. Some of the discussion points will include the viability of extending public sewer and water service into the area and the City's policies for subdividing land in rural areas. The City is seeking comments on these and other matters of concern for property owners within the study area.

The second neighborhood meeting is planned for June 2, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Steeple Center Room 201 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the new addition) and will focus on the southeast planning area. This area is located east of State Highway 52 and south of Dakota County Highway 42 and is expected to accommodate a large portion of Rosemount's residential growth between 2020 and 2040. The discussion for this meeting will focus on the appropriate mix of future land uses in this area and the appropriate timing of infrastructure improvements to serve future developments.

Meetings for the third study area, Downtown Rosemount, have not yet been scheduled, but are expected to occur later this summer. The City is seeking ways to continue efforts to revitalize Downtown Rosemount and will be evaluating opportunities to plan for additional commercial and residential growth in the study area. Rosemount will be updating a 2004 Downtown market study as part of this process, and the information from this study will serve as a focal point for future conversations about the Downtown.

Rosemount residents who have an interest in the future of their community are encouraged to participate in the upcoming small area planning efforts. A larger, community wide Comprehensive Planning meeting will be conducted in August 2016. Updates throughout the planning process will be available on the City's website. For more information, please contact the Rosemount Community Development Department at 651-322-2051.

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