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## **Johnston Schedules Public Hearings to Consider Adoption of the Thrive 2040 Comprehensive Plan**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – The Johnston City Council has set a public hearing schedule to consider the adoption of the Thrive 2040 Plan. This plan will help guide the community’s vision for the future while ensuring we provide an economical environment for residential, commercial, industrial and public activities.

“The input we have received from our residents and businesses will help guide the future planning,” said David Wilwerding, Community Development Director. “Creating a vision for how our City will look over the next 20 years is important, as we want to ensure the growth that happens makes our community a better place for people to live, work and play.”

A public hearing schedule was set for the Thrive 2040 Plan during the City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 19. These meetings are open to the public and public comments will be accepted at the meetings. If you prefer to provide feedback prior to the meetings, please call 515-727-7778 or email [thrive2040@cityofjohnston.com](mailto:thrive2040@cityofjohnston.com).

The meeting schedules are as follows:

- Planning and Zoning Commission, Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, 7 p.m.
- Park Board, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, 7 p.m.

The Thrive 2040 Plan addresses land use, parks, housing, transportation, economic development, and infrastructure as a visionary policy that directs how the City will continue to grow and evolve over the next 10 to 20 years.

A draft Thrive 2040 plan was created through a series of community engagement events held in conjunction with two online surveys and an online mapping tool. While this process took 18 months, it allowed the City to gather general public input into issues and opportunities the comprehensive plan update could address. Hundreds of people provided feedback through online surveys and interactive maps, conversations at community events, like Kites on the

Green and community picnics. There were also meaningful focus group conversations with various stakeholder groups during the input process.

This plan is a vision for City leaders to help guide the community's future while preserving important natural resources. "As a City, we want to ensure we foster sustainable economic development as growth occurs," said Wilwerding. A summary of the input and final draft of the Thrive 2040 Plan can be found by visiting [www.cityofjohnston.com/Thrive2040](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/Thrive2040).

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