

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Monday, May 24, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wascher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited

**ROLL CALL:** Recording Secretary Tanya Buckelew

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Wascher, Vice-Chair Livingston, Commissioners Law, Morris, Robertson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Secretary Fear, Commissioners Jenkins, Taylor, Yerian

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nathan Henne, City Manager, Justin Sprague, CIB Planning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  
MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR May 24, 2021.**

**YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE April 26, 2021 MEETING.**

**YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution of Adoption – Master Plan

Justin Sprague discussed the changes made from the last meeting's comments – removed the M-21 diet plan, removed Vanguard site as a potential future project, added language to the last paragraph on page 5, changes map names and completed the action table.

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, provides for the preparation of a Master Plan for the physical development of the municipality, with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing development of the municipality and its environs that is coordinated, adjusted, harmonious, efficient and economical; considers the character of the planning jurisdiction and its suitability for particular uses, judged in terms of such factors as trends in land and population development; will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare; includes, among other things, promotion of or adequate provision for 1 or more of the following: 1) system of transportation to

lessen congestion on streets; 2) safety from fire and other dangers; 3) light and air; 4) healthful and convenient distribution of population; 5) good civic design and arrangement and wise and efficient expenditure of public funds; 6) public utilities such as sewage disposal and water supply and other public improvements; 7) recreation; and 8) the use of resources in accordance with their character and adaptability; and

**WHEREAS**, development of a future land use plan is pivotal in accommodating development in an organized manner while retaining its unique characteristics and promoting economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Master Plan is needed to address the documented public health, safety and welfare concerns with un-managed growth and an incompatible mixture of land uses; and

**WHEREAS**, a Master Plan update was necessary to respond to changing land use conditions in the City, changes related to the desire to protect the City of Owosso's various neighborhoods, the need to provide a high quality of life for its residents, and offer residents and businesses the needed services and support to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, a Master Plan is important to provide a sound basis for zoning, other related regulations, and community investments; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning process involved analysis of existing conditions and an analysis of the basic needs of the current and future population; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning process included a public hearing to allow opportunity for the public to comment and to respond to the draft plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan contains recommendations for future land use arrangement and density, neighborhoods, multi-modal transportation improvements, community facilities improvements, natural feature preservation, and specific sub-area plans to guide growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan includes implementation strategies and responsibility for completion of each recommendation to ensure the plan is able to be accomplished; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Owosso complied with required plan development steps of notifying and involving surrounding communities and outside agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owosso City Council has also asserted their right to also adopt the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on the Master Plan update amendment on April 26, 2021 to formally receive community input.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Owosso's Planning Commission adopts the City of Owosso's Master Plan, in accordance with Section 43 of Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTSON, SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON TO ADOPT THE CITY OF OWOSSO MASTER PLAN**

**YEAS: VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, COMMISSIONERS LAW, MORRIS, ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN WASCHER**

**NAYS: NONE**

**RCV Motion Carried**

I, Janae Fear, Planning Commission Secretary, for the City of Owosso, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City of Owosso Planning Commission at the regular meeting held on the May 24, 2021.

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Janae Fear, Planning Commission Secretary

**OTHER BOARD BUSINESS:** NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON TO ADJOURN AT 6:40 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON June 28, 2021.**

**YEAS ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

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**Janae Fear, Secretary**