

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: OTHER BUSINESS

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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METROPOLITAN
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File Number: 5-D-17-OB **Related File Number:**
Application Filed: 4/25/2017 **Date of Revision:**
Applicant: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Location:
Other Parcel Info.:
Tax ID Number: 999 999 **Jurisdiction:**
Size of Tract:
Accessibility:

GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

Existing Land Use:
Surrounding Land Use:
Proposed Use: **Density:**
Sector Plan: **Sector Plan Designation:**
Growth Policy Plan:
Neighborhood Context:

ADDRESS/RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION (where applicable)

Street:
Location:
Proposed Street Name:
Department-Utility Report:
Reason: Adopt MPC's Open Data Policy.

ZONING INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Zoning:
Former Zoning:
Requested Zoning:
Previous Requests:
Extension of Zone:
History of Zoning:

PLAN INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Plan Category:
Requested Plan Category:

SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (where applicable)

Subdivision Name:

No. of Lots Proposed:

No. of Lots Approved: 0

Variances Requested:

S/D Name Change:

OTHER INFORMATION (where applicable)

Other Bus./Ord. Amend.: Adopt MPC's Open Data Policy.

MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge: Tim Kuhn

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): Approve open data policy.

Staff Recomm. (Full): Approve open data policy.

Comments: On a daily basis, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, manages and updates data about changing conditions in the City of Knoxville and Knox County, maintains information about adopted plans, and uses data to formulate its recommendations. Increasingly, agencies across the country are taking steps to make this sort of high-quality data available to the public, in machine readable formats, permitting their use directly in computer software and websites. These practices improve transparency, accountability and can promote civic participation and innovation.

In October, 2016, the City of Knoxville was among a group of cities selected to participate in the Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities initiative and was awarded technical assistance from the Sunlight Foundation and Center for Government Excellence at Johns Hopkins University. The City worked with these two entities to develop an open data policy. MPC staff participated in the development of the policy with an eye towards drafting a policy to enabling an Open Data Program modeled after the City's.

This policy creates an open data program which MPC can utilize to inventory and prioritize the release of high-quality datasets to the public domain. Its also requires the agency to establish standards to ensure protected and sensitive information is properly vetted.

Following these initial steps, staff will create a central online repository where published data can be downloaded without restriction on use and reuse. An annual progress report will be provided on the agency's website in a year's time and along with additional data prioritized for publication.

Action: Approved

Meeting Date: 5/11/2017

Details of Action:

Summary of Action: Approve open data policy.

Date of Approval: 5/11/2017

Date of Denial:

Postponements:

Date of Withdrawal:

Withdrawn prior to publication?: Action Appealed?:**LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION**

Legislative Body: MPC

Date of Legislative Action:

Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:

Ordinance Number:

Other Ordinance Number References:

Disposition of Case:

Disposition of Case, Second Reading:

If "Other":

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Amendments:

Amendments:

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Effective Date of Ordinance: