

On joint motion of all Councilmen present, the following ordinance was offered as amended:

SUMMARY NO. 20945 ORDINANCE NO. 21939

An ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Transportation Elements for Unincorporated Jefferson Parish, created through the Envision Jefferson 2020 planning process, as guides to the Parish's physical development and redevelopment over the next twenty years and including the following maps and text: "Future Land Use" maps; "Transportation" maps that include road, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle systems; a Vision Statement that summarizes what citizens want the Parish to be in twenty years; land use and transportation Goals, Objectives, and Policy Statements that provide a written guide for the attainment of the vision; an Implementation Element that lists tasks necessary to carry out the Goals, Objectives, and Policy Statements; and various other information such as Issues and Appendices that support the Plan. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish aims to guide its future development and redevelopment through a comprehensive plan and an ongoing planning process; and

WHEREAS, Envision Jefferson 2020 initiated this planning process with a three-year effort involving hundreds of citizens who identified land use and transportation issues and developed or provided input on the maps and text that comprise the plan's land use and transportation elements; and

WHEREAS, the central theme of these elements is enhancing the quality of life of Jefferson Parish through key initiatives that include critical transportation improvements, high quality business park and planned development, commercial and industrial area enhancement, residential neighborhood protection, and enhanced waterfront accessibility; and

WHEREAS, ensuring consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and the rules, regulations, and actions that implement it is a key objective of the plan and necessary to make the plan viable, and will entail additional actions such as amendments to the zoning and subdivision regulations and development of a major thoroughfare plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director of the Parish of Jefferson has caused to be duly advertised, as prescribed by law, public hearings in connection with the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Transportation Elements for Unincorporated Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held by the Planning Advisory Board in accordance with law. Now, therefore,

THE JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Transportation Elements for Unincorporated Jefferson Parish (attached hereto and incorporated in their entirety into this ordinance as though copied in full), created through the Envision Jefferson 2020 planning process, are hereby adopted as guides to the Parish's physical development and redevelopment over the next twenty years, including the following maps and text; "Future Land Use" maps that show land designated with land use categories including Low Density Residential, Low-Medium Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, Medium-High Density Residential, High Density Residential, Low Intensity Commercial, High Intensity Commercial, Corporate/Research Park, Neighborhood Mixed Use, Community Mixed Use, Regional Mixed Use, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Public/Quasi-Public/Institutional, Resource Lands, Recreation, Area Under Study, and Batture Land; "Transportation" maps that include road, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle transportation systems; a Vision Statement that summarizes what citizens want the Parish to be in twenty years; land use and transportation Goals, Objectives, and Policy Statements that provide a written guide for the attainment of the vision; an Implementation Element that lists tasks necessary to carry out the Goals, Objectives, and Policy Statements of the Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Transportation Elements; and various other information such as Issues and Appendices that support the Plan.

SECTION II. That a grace period shall take effect, extending from the adoption date of this ordinance to February 29, 2004, and during which implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is suspended while a detailed implementation program is developed and while additional input of information relevant to the Plan or for correction of land use map errors is received. During the grace period, changes and amendments to the Code of Ordinances necessary and appropriate for the initial phase of plan implementation shall be prepared, including, but not limited to, language for the plan amendment process, Future Land Use Map amendment process, and consistency requirements for zoning and subdivision decisions. Council decisions during the grace period, regarding zoning or any other matter addressed by the Plan, will in no way be affected by the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan and the "Land Use Element," including the Future Land Use Map, shall not apply to zoning studies called, applications submitted to the Planning Department, or to any other matters assigned to, or initiated by, the Planning Department, before the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan nor shall the Comprehensive Plan and the "Land Use Element," including the Future Land Use Map, apply to any such matters that are underway on said effective date. In the event that policies, procedures, and ordinances necessary for the initial phase of plan implementation are not completed and adopted by the effective date of this ordinance, the effective date shall be extended until such time as these mechanisms are in place to implement the Plan.

SECTION III. That the Administration, Planning Director, and all departmental directors of the Parish of Jefferson are hereby directed and authorized to draft and submit to the Parish Council those amendments to the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, including Chapter 40 Zoning, and other chapters, codes, regulations, policies, procedures, and plans that are needed to implement and administer this Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION IV. That changes recommended in the adopted Future Land Use Map and amendments needed to implement and administer this Plan that are drafted during the grace period including, but not limited to, language for the plan amendment process, Future Land Use Map amendment process, and consistency requirements for zoning and subdivision decisions shall be reviewed by the Envision Jefferson 2020 Steering Committee, and with their advice shall be submitted to the Parish Council by the first available meeting in March 2004 following the current established procedure for review of zoning amendments, with two public hearings before the Planning Advisory Board and final public hearing(s) before the Council subject to normal advertising requirements.

SECTION V. That after the effective date of this ordinance, amendments referred to in Section III of this ordinance, including but not limited to ordinances to effectuate the Goals, Objectives, and Policies Statements of the existing Plan Elements or to adopt and effectuate any new Plan Elements, shall be prepared and drafted with the review and advice of a citizens' advisory committee that is constituted and functions in a manner similar to the Envision Jefferson 2020 Steering Committee.

SECTION VI. That nothing in this ordinance shall abrogate the Council's discretion to make decisions on provisions of the Plan.

SECTION VII. That the Chairman or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council of Jefferson Parish is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to sign all documents and acts necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to this ordinance.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7 NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The ordinance was declared to be adopted on this the 6th day of August, 2003, and shall become effective as follows, if signed by the Parish President, ten (10) days after adoption; thereafter, upon the signature by the Parish President, or, if not signed by the Parish President, upon expiration of the time for ordinances to be considered finally adopted without the signature of the Parish President, as provided in Section 2.07 of the Charter. If vetoed by the Parish President and subsequently approved by the Council, this ordinance shall become effective on the day of such approval.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY

TERRIE RODRIGUE
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL