

July 7, 2022

A special joint meeting of the City Council and the City Planning Commission was held Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. Mayor Donker presided.

Councilmen present: Steve Arnosky, Diane Brown Wilhelm, Maureen Donker, Pamela Hall,
Marty Wazbinski

Councilmen absent: None

A quorum of the Planning Commission was not present.

A presentation was provided by Director of Planning and Economic Development Jacob Kain and Joseph Minicozzi, Principle of Urban3. Mr Minicozzi presented the results of research into the economic benefits and impacts that development form has created across the City of Midland. Opportunities for increased return from investment and redevelopment was discussed, with emphasis on the low return of surface parking.

Questions and answers followed from City Council and Planning Commission members, focusing on how to translate this information into value, what tools are available to the City to utilize and implement this data, and the importance of density and urban design. Mr. Minicozzi describes his approach as a “nudge theory, where you continue to nudge forward and not depend on hitting “Hail Mary’s”.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

C. Bradley Kaye, Deputy City Clerk