

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
JANUARY 12, 2026

The city council met in a worksession on Monday, January 12, 2026 in the council chambers at city hall. President Curtiss called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. The worksession had been set by the council on January 5th for the purpose of discussing updating the current comprehensive plan and for any other business that might come before the council.

Council members present: Bryce Curtiss, Steve Sulflow, Dan Sanborn and Beverly Olson.
Absent: Dean Matthys. Mayor Bulman present.

Also present was City Manager Robert Wolfington, Community Development Coordinator Jessica Dahms, City Engineer Mike Amborn, City Attorney Janice Nelson and City Clerk Tami Schuelke-Sampson.

2. Discussion Items.

2(A) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

City Manager Wolfington stated the City of Montevideo's last comprehensive plan was approved 8/5/2013 and it is recommended to update every 10 years. Wolfington will be emailing area comprehensive plans that have recently been updated along with Montevideo's plan for the council to review. A copy of Chapter 13, Comprehensive Planning, Land Use and City-Owned Land, from the League of Minnesota Cities Handbook for Minnesota Cities was provided for review and guidance. A Request For Proposals (RFP) will be an agenda item at a February council meeting for approval.

The three main engagement components for updating the comprehensive plan are 1) Council engagement, 2) Planning Commission engagement and 3) Public engagement. Community Development Coordinator, Jessica Dahms, explained that the CoUrbanize online platform, that was approved at the December 1st meeting, will be one of the tools used during the process to encourage engagement from people that normally do not attend meetings. The CoUrbanize team will also help with the best ways to ask questions to get public engagement.

This is a time to think about what the vision for the community will be for the next 10, 20, 30 or 50 years. Zoning code adjustments can be made during the update and examples discussed of current interesting zoning areas are the residential housing along

Benson Road that are currently zoned business and the agricultural land, know as parcel number 70-808-2101 (old Porter property), that if developed will be zoned industrial.

It was explained to council that updating the comprehensive plan is a very long process (18 to 24 months) with a lot of extra meetings. Chair Curtiss remembered the process from last time and there are numerous meetings with citizens, commissions and department heads. Mayor Bulman stated he read the current plan and there are a lot of big wins that have happened.

2(B) OTHER.

Mayor Bulman provided council information about the website and the potential update to the brick Montevideo signs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Secretary

Approved by council January 20, 2026:

President - City Council