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Comp plan hearings set for Wednesday before City Council

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The City Council has set two hearings on the recommended update of Portland's comprehensive land-use plan for Wednesday afternoon.

The first is for the acceptance of a report on the update from its Citizens Involvement Committee. It begins at 4 p.m. on Jan. 13 and can be read at www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=50265&a=552978.

The second is on acceptance of the recommended update. It begins at 4:10 p.m. and the ordinance can be read at www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=50265&a=553003.

Both are continuations of previous hearings that could not be completed before time expired. The second hearing is scheduled for two hours.

After the hearing, three work sessions have been scheduled before the council where amendments will be proposed and considered. They are set for Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 23.

The council will then hold at least one hearing on the amended recommended update before a final vote by the end of April.

The comp plan is a state-required land-use planning document intended to guide Portland development for the next 20 years. Among other things, the recommended update says the city can accommodate 200,000 more residents by 2035 by concentrating new residential development downtown, in designated centers, and along major transportation corridors.