July 28, 2025

Mayor Jennifer Lyle called the meeting to order on Monday, July 28, 2025 with all members present except Bennett.

Moved by Shegog, seconded by Dickson, that council dispense with the reading of the July 14, 2025 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Darryll Wolnik AICP of Verdantas presented the project setup/kickoff meeting of the New Concord Comprehensive Plan Update. Wolnik stated that there will be 6 steering committee meetings, with the first meeting to be held on August 14, 2025. Additional meetings will be held in September, October, January, February, and March or April. There will also be at least 2 community events that Verdantas will attend to collect feedback from residents. Council suggested that community events of interest might be Community Day, Homecoming, the Christmas parade, and PTO meetings. There will also be a focus group of stakeholders that will meet periodically.

Yolanda Taylor asked how data will be shared with council? Wolnik stated that data can be shared as it is gathered or at the end of the process, whichever council would prefer. Stan Taylor asked if council members are allowed to attend steering committee meetings? Wolnik stated yes, council members may attend steering committee meetings, although Verdantas does not recommend that as if enough council members attend it could become a public meeting. Jim Whitehair will be the council member who is a member of the steering committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dickson, seconded by Taylor to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer