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Application Type: Amendment to East Washington Avenue Capitol Gateway Corridor Plan

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Plan Amendment Summary

The Common Council has referred consideration of this item, an amendment to the <u>East Washington Avenue</u> <u>Capitol Gateway Corridor Plan</u>, to the Urban Design Commission (UDC) for an advisory opinion. Following consideration by UDC, the item will be before the Plan Commission and then back to the Common Council, who will make the final decision.

The purpose of the amendment is to revise the land use recommendation for the block bounded by East Washington Avenue, South Brearly Street, East Main Street, and South Paterson Street. The plan currently recommends employment uses for this block. This amendment would revise plan text and maps to recommend both employment and residential uses on this block, with residential uses being recommended as a secondary use. The amendment does not propose any modifications to the plan's design guidelines or to Urban Design District 8.

This request has been sponsored by Ald. Rummel. Staff supports the amendment and believes approval of a plan amendment is necessary in order for the Plan Commission to find that the residential development proposed at 920 East Main Street meets their various approval standards related to plan consistency. Note, that development is before the Urban Design Commission as Agenda Item 9, Legistar File 61288.