

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CODE UPDATES

City Council Work Session May 27, 2025 Summary of Input

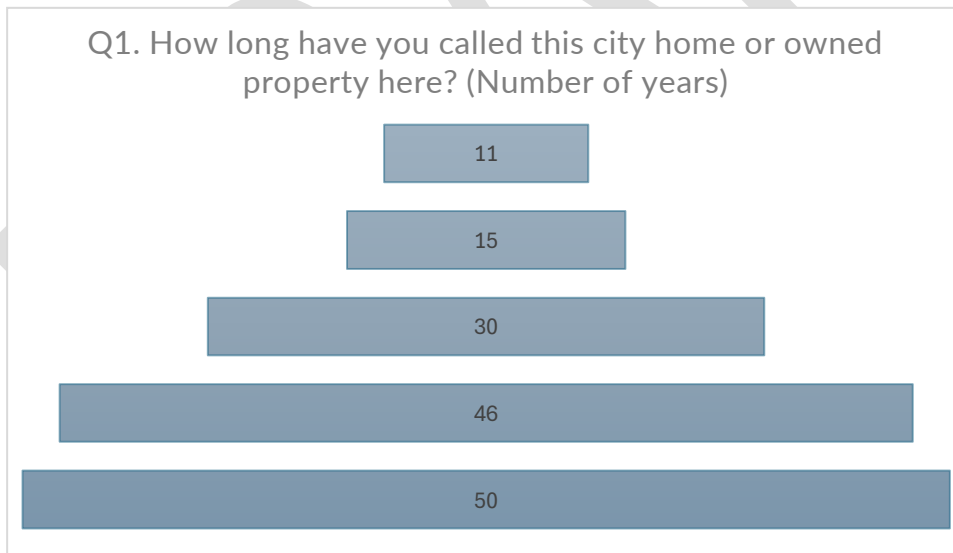
Description

A work session was held with the City Council on May 27, 2025 to seek strategic direction and lay the groundwork for a successful, community-driven Comprehensive Plan. City Council’s input on major concerns, needs, and opportunities facing the City was sought through an interactive real time polling activity and subsequent discussion.

Summary of Results

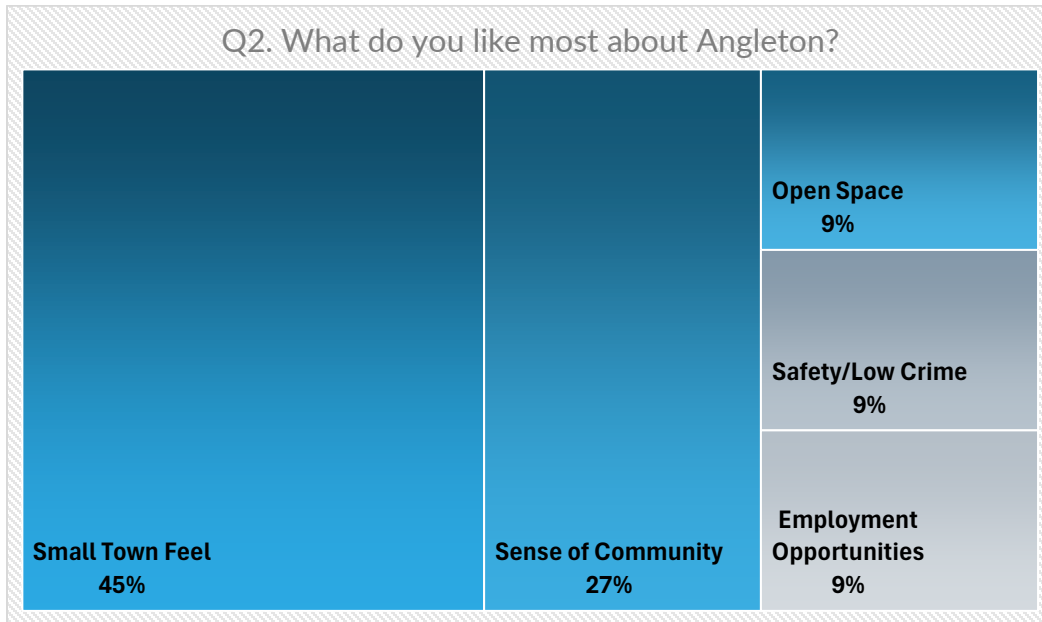
A summary of the responses received from the City Council is included below. Percentages are rounded off to the nearest whole number.

Residency



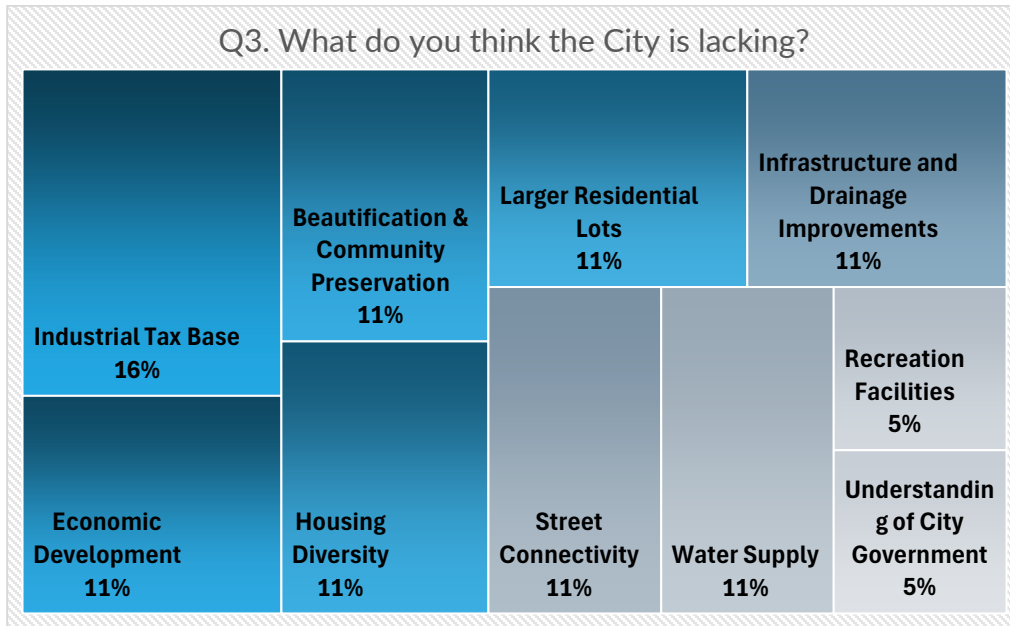
The respondents have lived in the City for a significant period, ranging from 11 years to over 50 years. This indicates deep roots and a long-term investment in the community. Such extended residency reflects a strong sense of place, high levels of community attachment, and a valuable historical perspective on local development and future growth.

Strengths



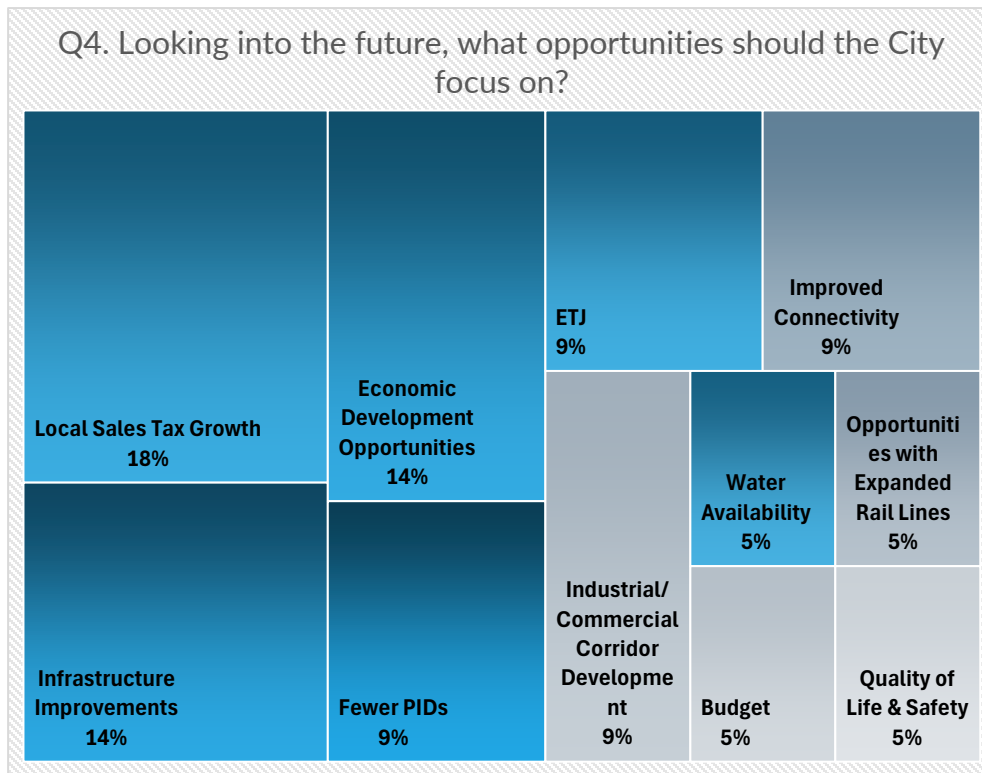
The majority of respondents identified "small town feel" (45%) and "sense of community" (27%) as the most valued aspects of living in Angleton. These qualities foster a strong local identity and a meaningful sense of belonging among residents. Although fewer respondents selected open space, safety/low crime, and employment opportunities, their inclusion still highlights the importance of these factors in contributing to the overall quality of life in Angleton. This feedback underscores the City's appeal as a welcoming, community-oriented place.

Areas of Improvement



The responses reflect the importance of economic stability and growth through industrial development as the priority. Beautification and community preservation, housing diversity, larger residential lots, infrastructure and drainage improvements, street connectivity, and water supply were other areas highlighted. This indicates a balanced concern for both quality-of-life enhancements (such as beautification and housing diversity) and practical infrastructure needs, including drainage, transportation, and utilities. Other notable priorities are recreation facilities and understanding of City government, which point to opportunities for increasing civic engagement and enhancing city-wide amenities. Overall, the data suggests a desire to enhance economic development opportunities while maintaining livability and long-term resilience.

Opportunities

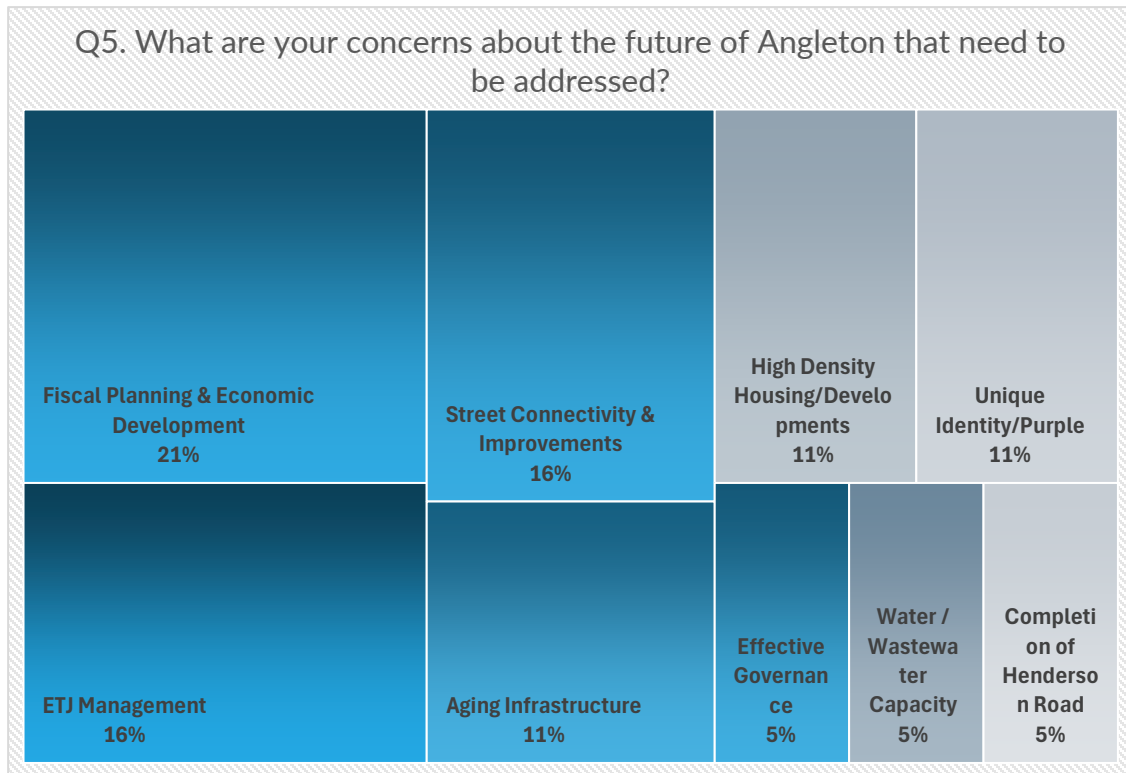


The top priorities include local sales tax growth (18%), infrastructure improvements, and economic development opportunities (14%). This highlights a strong focus on economic sustainability, where increasing local revenue and improving infrastructure are seen as critical to supporting services and future growth.

Other recurring themes include improved connectivity, ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction) planning, and industrial/commercial corridor development (9%), reflecting interest in regional growth coordination and transportation efficiency, as well as the desire to attract and support business and industry in strategic locations.

Other concerns such as water availability, budget management, quality of life and safety, and the potential of expanded rail lines point to long-term planning strategy that balances growth with resource availability, fiscal responsibility, and resident well-being.

Concerns

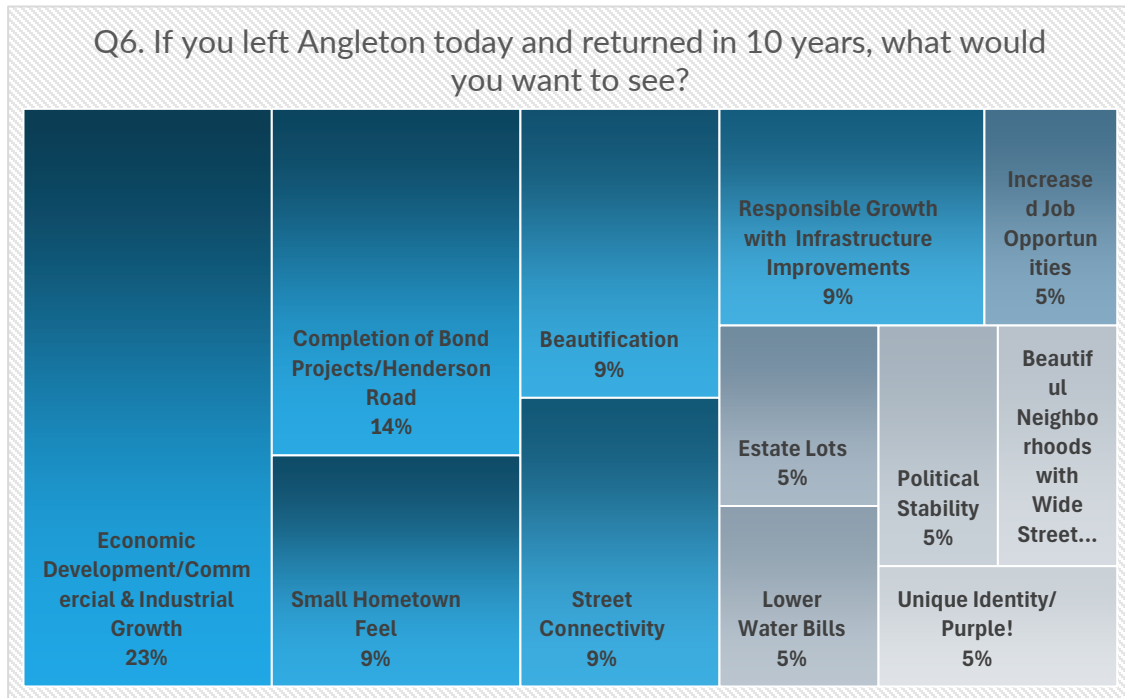


The top priorities include fiscal planning and economic development (21%), ETJ management (16%), and street connectivity and improvements (16%). This reflects a strong community emphasis on financial sustainability, job creation, and the need for a well-connected transportation network to support future growth and mobility, in the City as well as the ETJ.

Additional concerns such as aging infrastructure and high-density housing/developments point to an awareness of urban development pressures and the importance of maintaining or upgrading existing infrastructure while managing population growth. The mention of “unique identity/purple” suggests a desire among residents to reinforce community pride by preserving and enhancing the City's distinctiveness.

Other responses, such as effective governance, water/wastewater capacity, and the completion of Henderson Road—signal the need for responsive collaborative leadership, utility planning for future growth, and the completion of key transportation projects.

Vision



The top priority identified by respondents is economic development and commercial/industrial growth (23%), indicating a strong community desire for increased investment, job creation, and a more robust local economy. This aligns closely with other responses such as increased job opportunities and responsible growth with infrastructure improvements (14%), suggesting that residents want to see sustainable development that supports both the economy and quality of life.

The completion of bond projects and Henderson Road (14%) is another priority, reflecting a concern for follow-through on public commitments.

At the same time, several responses highlight a desire to preserve Angleton's small hometown feel (9%) and enhance beautification and community aesthetics (9%). Responses regarding beautiful neighborhoods, estate lots, and unique identity ("Purple!") show that residents value not only growth but also the preservation of character and visual appeal.

Smaller but meaningful priorities such as lower water bills, political stability, and street connectivity point to practical concerns about affordability, governance, and life quality.

Open Discussion

Additional input from the subsequent open discussion is summarized below.

- Guidance on the process
 - Take a holistic approach by considering all aspects of the City to inform and guide the Comprehensive Plan Update.
 - Engage and collaborate with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC), recognizing the value of their input, guidance, and available resources throughout the process.
 - Consider the numerous changes that have occurred since the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, including the development of new hospitals, parks, and road infrastructure. These shifts contributed to the 2005 Plan becoming outdated within a decade of its adoption.
 - Prioritize the development of a forward-thinking and practical plan that will remain relevant and be actively used in guiding future decisions for the City.
- Priorities
 - Support for large-lot development as a preferred land use pattern.
 - Opposition to Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) as a funding or development mechanism.
 - Emphasis on attracting more industrial development to create increased employment opportunities within the area.
- Concern
 - De-annexations and opt-outs within the City's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), and impact on long-term planning and service provision.

Attachment A: Mentimeter Results