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Citizen input will be vital as the city of Imperial starts a year-long process of updating its Comprehensive Plan.

The first of a series of three to four meetings in the process will be held Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the council meeting room.

City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland said local residents' visions for Imperial's next two decades will be vital in updating the Plan to what residents want.

"We want people of all ages to come and give their opinions or visions on how they'd like Imperial to look in 10 to 20 years," she said.

People looking forward are asked to consider needs and priorities for business, recreation, transportation, energy and "anything that would improve the city," Leyland said.

"Which direction should the city develop geographically?" is another question to answer.

A broad base of residents is sought for the community meetings—youths, business owners, seniors and anyone interested, she said.

The city hired Miller & Associates as its consultant in the process, which is also working closely with the Planning Commission on the update.

Craig Bennett of the firm will be here for the March 19 meeting to facilitate discussion.

City officials and Miller & Associates are hopeful that people who come to the first meeting will also take part in the other meetings throughout the year to maintain consistency, Leyland added.