Fellow commissioners; I have been mulling over the general plan today and spent a lot of time looking at chapters 4,5,6. Here is my current feelings about the structure of the plan and our process to come up with the new plan.

First, I think we made a mistake just focusing on the first 3 chapters, especially chapter 3. When I spent some time with the old chapter 5, I believe it is in the wrong place in the overall document. So I propose a new order of the GP sections.
My suggested order;
Chapter 1 is just an introduction, so it needs to stay in place.
Chapter 2 is the first part of a three section review of the background information for understanding the constraints in which the Ivins General Plan operates. Chapter 2 focuses on the population history, and the projected growth of the city, and I would suggest we add the old chapter 4 in this section because it reviews the environmental and cultural constraints which affect our community. (The old chapter 4 could remain a separate chapter as well, but I think it fits well within the new chapter 2.)
Chapter 3 is our new city financial and staffing plan. This section provides the sanity check to determine if our eyes are bigger than our stomachs.
Chapter 4 is the old chapter 5, the review of the Land Use Polices and objectives. Since the primary purpose of a general plan is to guide land use decisions, I think a review of the current policies and objectives is essential to understanding our future vision. (when I studied the old chapter 5, it really is basically a review of the current status of all the important regulations that we have in place that bind the decisions of the city).
Chapter 5 then would be the Vision elements, which would build from the information that has been presented in chapters 2-4. I would also suggest that the SMARTER Action items be moved into the new Chapter 6, since they are part of the implementation activities.
Chapter 6 would still be the implementation plan.

What does this all mean? I think we can preserve all the work done on the old chapter 3, since it still is the plan for action based on the information presented earlier in the document. To me, it fits better in the GP if we build the case for action before we actually show what we expect to implement. Putting the elements of the GP before the proposal is the correct order. In the old chapter 5, everyone of the sections has descriptive paragraphs followed by *Policies*. Most of those policies are not new suggestions, but are statements of facts or current law. We do have some overlap with some of our vision elements, but I think we can quickly put all these items in their correct positions.

So the bottom line for me, is I think we can do a little juggling around and not throw out all the hard work that has already happened. Let me know if this suggestion makes any sense to you, and I will be happy to discuss any other ideas.

Thanks
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How the General Plan is Organized

- Chapter One of the General Plan introduces the requirements for the General Plan, how it was developed, and how it is maintained and organized.

- Chapter Two examines the history of Ivins City, projected growth, build-out analysis and reviews the environmental and cultural resources of the City (old chapter 4).
- Chapter Three shows the current financial plan for the next 5 year period.
- Chapter Four reviews the current Land Use Policies and objectives
- Chapter Five details the vision for the future and the goals, objectives, policies and actions associated with the achievement of the City's vision.
- Chapter Six discusses implementation of the plan