Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 58

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the City Code related to residential uses in mixed use buildings. (Suggested date and time: January 31, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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Prior Council Action: 11/8/07 - The City Council directed the City Manager to initiate an amendment to Chapter 25-2 of the City Code to clarify that residential uses are required in a neighborhood mixed use building and that a building is ineligible for the parking reductions available to a neighborhood mixed use building if the building does not contain residential uses.

On November 8, 2007, the City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate an amendment to Chapter 25-2 of the City Code to clarify that residential uses are required in a neighborhood mixed use building and that a building is ineligible for the parking reductions available to a neighborhood mixed use building if the building does not contain residential uses.

Currently, the code provisions for the MUB do not require that a project actually have a mix of uses; such a project could be constructed solely as a commercial project. The proposed code amendment would require that a project built as a MUB have a mix of non-residential (commercial/office) and residential uses.

The code amendment was recommended by the Planning Commission.