Thursday, April 2, 2009

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

Item No. 38

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code related to regulations in the waterfront overlay ordinance. (Suggested date and time: April 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

For More Information: Robert Heil, 974-2330; Greg Guernsey, 974-2387; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

Prior Council Action: November 29, 2007: Council approved Resolution No. 20071129-042 directing the City Manager to establish a Waterfront Overlay Task Force to evaluate the current ordinance for ambiguities and inconsistencies.

March 27, 2008: Council approved Resolution No. 20080327-039 adopting the Waterfront Overlay Task Force composition and action plan, and directing the City Manager to notify the designated boards and commissions to make their appointments.

October 16, 2008: Council approved Ordinance No. 20081016-034 extending the due date to report findings from the Waterfront Overlay Task Force.

December 18, 2008: Waterfront Overlay Task Force presented its final report to the City Council.

February 12, 2009: Council approved Resolution No. 20090212-025 directing the City Manager to process code amendments to implement certain recommendations of the Waterfront Overlay Task Force Report.

The Waterfront Overlay Task Force was created in 2007 to review provisions of the City Code to identify ambiguities and inconsistencies between the City Code and the 1986 Waterfront Overlay Ordinance. After a nine-month public process, the Waterfront Overlay Task Force presented its final report to the City Council, and it included a recommendation that the City Code be revised to correct issues identified in its final report.

On February 12, 2009, the City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to process code amendments to implement certain recommendations of the Waterfront Overlay Task Force Report.

City staff has begun processing amendments to Title 25 of the City Code. The recommended amendments will be reviewed by the Waterfront Overlay Task Force and various boards and commissions prior to City Council consideration on April 23, 2009.

This action will set the public hearing for consideration of the proposed amendments on April 23, 2009.