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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

68241

Agenda Number

14.

Meeting Date:

2/16/2017

Department:

Management Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 2 relating to City Council committees.

Amount and Source of Funding

No funding is required for these ordinance changes.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

February 9, 2017 - Council directed the City Manager to return with code amendments related to the elimination and merging of certain council committees

For More Information:

Council Committee,
Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

On February 9, 2017, the City Council passed Resolution No. 20170209-034, directing the City Manager to initiate ordinance amendments relating to Council committees.

If approved by Council, the draft ordinance would amend City Code Section 2-5-103(B) (*Council Committees Created; Subject Matter of Each Committee*) to:

- eliminate the following Council committees:
 - Public Utilities Committee,
 - Public Safety Committee,
 - Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee, and
 - Economic Opportunity Committee; and

- combine the existing Planning and Neighborhoods Committee with the existing Housing and Community Development Committee to create a new Housing and Planning Committee.

The draft ordinance would also amend several other sections of City Code to conform with the above changes to the committee structure, as follows:

- Section 2-5-108 (*Committee Action*):
 - delete Subsection (D) relating to the Planning and Neighborhoods Committee, and
 - delete Subsection (E) relating to the Economic Opportunity Committee;
- Section 2-1-206 (*Joint Sustainability Committee*):
 - delete Subsection (D) relating to the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee, and
 - delete the reference to the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee in Subsection (F)(3) and provide that the Joint Sustainability Committee recommendation will be forwarded to the full City Council;
- Section 2-10-5 (*Public Safety Committee*):
 - delete entire section, which relates to the Public Safety Committee; and
- Section 2-10-11 (*Presiding Judge*):
 - delete the reference to the Public Safety Committee in Subsection (B)(10) and provide that the presiding judge shall forward performance evaluations to the full City Council.