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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 17, 2019

Re: Consideration of an Amendment to the Community Development Commission Authorizing Ordinance

Executive Summary

City Ordinance Division 7.-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Sec. 2-281 establishes the Community Development Commission (CDC). The CDC is a City commission that provides recommendations to the City Council each year on matters pertaining to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding. The Community Development Commission is recommending Council consider amending the authorizing ordinance to further align its role with affordable housing efforts, increase oversight of performance metrics and maintain a commission name more reflective of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 that authorizes expenditures under the CDBG and HOME programs.

Discussion

The CDC currently has the following responsibilities:

- (1) Act in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to community development.
- (2) Consider the annual application for the expenditures of federal funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and make recommendations with respect thereto to the city manager and the city council.
- (3) Assist in the planning of such funded activities, promote and stimulate public interest therein; and to that end, solicit to the fullest extent the cooperation of the neighborhood associations and other public private agencies.
- (4) Provide citizens with an adequate opportunity to participate in an advisory role in planning, implementing and assessing the program in accordance with federal regulations now or hereafter adopted by providing adequate information to citizens, holding public hearings to obtain views of citizens, and providing citizens an opportunity to comment on the city's community development performance.

The amendments to the ordinance would have the following impacts:

- (1) Add the word "housing" to the CDC's name, or change the name to "Housing and Community Development Commission".
- (2) Further formalize the commission's traditional role with acting in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to "affordable housing and" community development.
- (3) Increases the commission's role in conducting more on-going assessments of program activities and affordable housing metrics.
- (4) Updates language for Human Services Commission Liaison position.



Discussions within the Fair Housing Task Force, the Community Development Commission and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning process each raised up the issue for more on-going monitoring of metrics for affordable housing goals. The CDC has historically reviewed annual goals and accomplishments as it relates to city affordable housing goals within its 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The commission expressed a desire to conduct additional monitoring, therefore the proposed amendments to the ordinance also broadens these duties of the commission.

The Housing Programs Division was formerly identified as the Community Development Division, therefore staff assumes the Commission name was created to align with the division name. The Housing Programs Division is located within the Community Development Department, therefore the addition of "housing" within the commission name will better align with the name and more clearly represent the work of the Housing Programs Division.

Staff provided a report to Council outlining these requested changes at the May 20, 2019 Council meeting. This ordinance is in response to that presentation and supportive comments from City Council for moving forward with this action.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.
Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
None.	None.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the Community Development Commission.