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To: City Council

From: Disabilities Commission

Council Meeting Date: July 5, 2022

Re: Amending Ordinance No. 024848 to Establish a Program for Virtual Meetings and Virtual Public Participation for the Broadband Business Planning Task Force, Disabilities Commission and Youth Advisory Council

Executive Summary

An ordinance has been prepared to amend Ordinance No. 024848 to establish a program for virtual meetings and virtual participation for certain designated advisory boards and commissions.

Discussion

On November 15, 2021, City Council passed Ordinance No. 024848 authorizing a six (6) month trial program for virtual meetings by three (3) designated advisory boards and commissions: Broadband Task Force, Disabilities Commission, Youth Advisory Council. This trial program lapsed on June 30, 2022.

At its meeting on May 12, 2022, the Disabilities Commission made three separate motions for recommendation to the City Council to progressively expand virtual attendance and participation, which passed unanimously:

Step 1: Request the City Council to extend the virtual meeting trial program for the Disabilities Commission and Youth Advisory Council.

Step 2: Request City Council to authorize all boards and commissions permit virtual attendance for its meetings (i.e. - observing the meeting remotely, but no participation or comments).

Step 3: Request City Council to direct staff to develop and implement a city-wide virtual participation program for all boards and commissions, including City Council.

At its meeting on June 21, 2022, the City Council made a motion to eliminate the expiration date for the virtual meetings and virtual participation programs for the Disabilities Commission and Youth Advisory Council and keep it in effect indefinitely.

The City Manager will provide the Council with a future report on expanding the program to include additional boards and commissions.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
06/21/2022	REP50-22: Disabilities Commission Report – Virtual Meetings.
11/15/2021	B371-21 (Ordinance No. 024848): Authorized a trial program for virtual meetings and virtual public participation for certain designated advisory boards and commissions.
06/21/2021	REP47-21: Correspondence from the Disabilities Commission relating to a virtual meeting policy and accessibility.
04/19/2021	REP27-21: Correspondence from the Disabilities Commission for consideration of a draft ordinance for virtual meetings and virtual public participation.
03/01/2021	REP18-21: Correspondence from the Disabilities Commission relating to a virtual meeting policy and accessibility.
10/05/2020	REP57-20: Correspondence from the Disabilities Commission relating to virtual meetings.

Suggested Council Action

No recommendation.