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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: March 18, 2025

Subject

Study Session to consider reestablishing the City's Legislative Review Committee.

Recommended Action

Provide staff direction on reestablishing the Legislative Review Committee and direct the City Attorney to consider the impact of Municipal Code Section 2.17.031 on any reestablished Legislative Review Committee.

Background

In 2018, the City Council passed a Legislative Advocacy Policy, which created what was originally known as the Legislative Advocacy Committee to make recommendations on legislative issues that could impact the City and its residents. Thereafter, the Legislative Advocacy Committee became known as the Legislative Review Committee.

In 2023, the City Council revisited the City's Legislative Advocacy Policy, opining that the delegation of authority to the Legislative Review Committee was inconsistent with Municipal Code Section 2.17.031, which states that the authority of the City Council "cannot be delegated to individual Council members, nor to committees composed of council members consisting of less than a quorum of the City Council."

Reason for Recommendation

The City Council has an interest in weighing in on state, federal and regional legislative issues that impact the City and its residents. But the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff may be unable to respond to legislative issues in a timely manner when legislative positions must be considered by the full Council. Recreating a Legislative Review Committee may be useful in bridging that gap,

whereby the Legislative Review Committee might assist the City in responding to legislative proposals that might impact the City.

Next Steps

Following this study session, staff will incorporate Council's direction into a proposed action, which if appropriate, will be brought back to Council for further action.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts as part of this study session.

Environmental Quality Act

Not applicable.

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No Attachments