

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 13, 2006

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

TITLE OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE:

The City Council directed the preparation of this ordinance on September 18, 2006. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish an Environmental Advisory Commission to replace the Utility Advisory Commission. This new commission will advise and provide policy recommendations to the City Council concerning the City's environmental goals and policies.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

Replacement of the Utility Advisory Commission and establishment of a new Environmental Advisory Commission require amendment of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Environmental Advisory Commission will consult and coordinate with other City commissions and City departments on environmental matters subject to the Commission's review (excluding oversight on daily administrative and operational activities of the City) and such other environmental issues requested by the City Council.

The Utility Advisory Commission will terminate upon the effective date of this ordinance.

MEETING OF 11/13/2006

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.1.

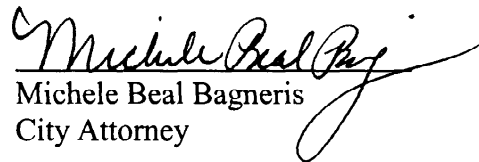
FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no direct fiscal impact as a result of creating the proposed Environmental Advisory Commission.


POLICY CHANGES:

The proposed ordinance is intended to achieve the environmental goals set forth in the City's Environmental Charter (the Environmental Charter is Attachment 2 to the associated September 18, 2006 agenda report), the Urban Environmental Accords (adopted by City Council on September 18, 2006) and similar policy declarations. The utilities oversight function performed by the Utility Advisory Commission will cease; however, the Municipal Services Committee of the City Council will continue to review matters relating to the Water and Power Department.

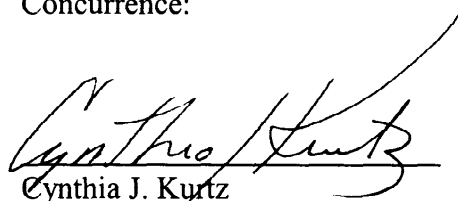
Respectfully submitted,


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City Attorney

Prepared by:


Scott D. Rasmussen
Assistant City Attorney

Concurrence:


Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Manager

Introduced by _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE
THE UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 2.140
OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, TO CHANGE THE UTILITY
ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMISSION

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.140.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby
amended to read as follows:

“2.140.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Environmental Advisory Commission
Ordinance.””

SECTION 2. Section 2.140.020 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby
amended to read as follows:

“2.140.020 Establishment.

There is created and established a commission of the city to be known as
the “Environmental Advisory Commission and hereinafter called the
“commission.””

SECTION 3. Section 2.140.040 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby
amended to read as follows:

“2.140.040 Qualifications.

All members shall be residents of the city; provided, however, that a person nominated by a councilmember need not reside in the councilmember’s district. Members should have experience in at least one of the areas subject to commission purview under section 2.140.110 or have professional experience in disciplines relating to the environmental sciences.”

SECTION 4. Section 2.140.110 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“2.140.110 Purpose and functions.

A. The purpose of the commission is to advise the city council on environmental policy matters related to the following, excluding the daily operations of city departments:

1. Energy;
2. Waste reduction;
3. Urban design;
4. Preservation and enhancement of urban natural areas;
5. Transportation;
6. Environmental Health;
7. Water; and
8. the city’s Environmental Charter, the Urban Environmental

Accords and similar policy declarations.

B. In addition to those matters set forth in subsection A, the commission shall advise and make recommendations to the city council as directed by the

municipal services committee or the city council. The commission shall not consider environmental matters relating to specific projects or developments, including without limitation compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

C. In connection with the matters set forth in subsection A, the commission shall consult and cooperate with other public agencies and commissions on matters relevant to the commission's purpose in the manner required by section 2.45.060.

D. In carrying out its functions and duties, the commission may:

1. Request information, services, facilities and assistance of any city department or agency in furtherance of the objectives of the commissions;
2. Study and examine through the conduct of meetings, conferences, public hearings or other appropriate methods, those matters it is charged with.
3. Conduct outreach and education to the public, business and Industry regarding environmental matters affecting the city.”

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Signed and approved this _____ day of

_____, 2006.

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council at its meeting held _____, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

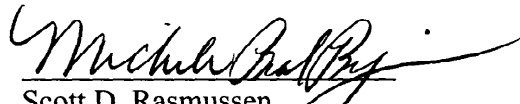
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Scott D. Rasmussen
Assistant City Attorney