

Agenda Report

May 13, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Legislative Policy Committee (May 7, 2024)

FROM: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO SERVE THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. At the request of the Recreation and Parks Commission, approve and file the proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the Recreation and Parks Commission per Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) 2.100.080, as set forth in Attachment B, extending the number of terms the Chair and Vice Chair are allowed to serve consecutively from two to three years.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 2.100 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, known as the Recreation and Parks Commission Ordinance and attached hereto as Attachment A, establishes the Recreation and Parks Commission (Commission). The Commission meets monthly to carry out their charge of advising the City Council on all matters concerning recreation, recreational use and programs of dedicated parkland and parks in the City.

Chapter 2.100.080 grants the Commission the ability to adopt and amend Rules and Regulations to govern the conduct of the Commission's business. These amendments cannot be effective unless and until approved by the City Council. The Commission Rules and Regulations have been amended periodically, the last time being in 2021.

At the April 4, 2024 Commission meeting, Chair Mark Mastromatteo proposed an action item to consider extending the number of terms officers are allowed to serve consecutively from two to three years. The Rules and Regulations currently permit a commission member to serve a maximum of two consecutive years as Chair or Vice Chair (these are the only elected officers). Upon diligent discussion, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council amend Article IV, Section 7, of the Rules and Regulations as follows (see Attachment B, page 5):

“No member shall hold more than one office at a time. No member shall be eligible to serve for more than ~~two~~ three consecutive terms”.

The motion was unanimously carried.

If approved by the City Council, this amendment would only affect how long a commission member may serve as Chair or Vice Chair; it would not change the term length or maximum term a person may serve on the Commission, which is set by ordinance. The Commission conducts officer elections at its June annual meeting; if a currently seated officer who has served as Chair or Vice Chair for two years is elected again, they will commence serving their third term beginning in July.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This request for City Council's approval of this amendment is consistent with the provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 2.100.080, which permits the Commission to “adopt and amend, by the affirmative vote of the majority of seated members, rules and regulations for the conduct of the commission’s business.” Any such changes are subject to the City Council ordering the changes approved and filed. This action is consistent with the City Council’s goal to support and promote the quality of life and the local economy.

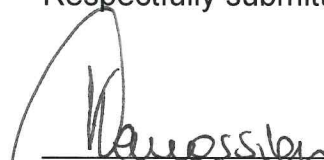
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c)(2) and (c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:


There are no fiscal impacts associated with the approval of this potential amendment.

Respectfully submitted,




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