

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 04/16/2007		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of the Current Number and Tasks of the Various City Council Committees			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (04/11/2007)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (04/11/2007)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (04/11/07)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (04/11/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (04/11/07)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council discuss the current number and jurisdictional boundaries of the various City Council Committees and direct staff as deemed appropriate. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In October 2006, the City Council expressed its desire to clarify which City Council Committee had jurisdiction over issues relating to Ballona Creek. At a more recent City Council meeting, there was City Council consensus to expand the discussion to encompass the broader topic of the number and mission of the various City Council Committees. The Council directed staff to include this item on a future agenda so this discussion could take place. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> During the City Council's most recent reorganization meeting (held on April 24, 2006), the City Council appointed members of the City Council to 19 individual City Council Standing Committees, 5 Ad-Hoc Committees, and confirmed Liaison Representatives to City Departments. A copy of the staff report entitled "City Council Reorganization 2006" from the April 24, 2006 City Council meeting is provided for the Council's ease of reference. The following list contains the names of the current Standing Committees, Ad-Hoc Committees, and City Council/Department Liaisons (collectively City Council Committees):			

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1. Brotman Medical Center
2. Dog Park
3. EPMC
4. Labor-Management
5. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Activities
6. Audit and Financial Planning (Joint with Agency)
7. Baldwin Hills Park
8. Budget
9. Economic Development (Joint with Agency)
10. Equipment Replacement
11. Executive Agreements
12. Fiesta La Ballona
13. Design Review (Joint with Agency)
14. Homelessness
15. Information Technology
16. Sanitation
17. Culver City Unified School District
18. Telecommunications (Cable Television)
19. Treasurer's Investments
20. Ad-Hoc Animal Control
21. Ad-Hoc Chamber Video and Audio
22. Ad-Hoc Skateboard Park
23. Ad-Hoc Legislative
24. Ad-Hoc LAX Expansion Traffic Impact
25. City Council Liaison to City Departments

The 25 City Council Committees listed above were formed over the course of many years and in an environment where the City Council provided direct oversight of the City's various operational departments. During facilitated meetings held in January and February 2007, which involved participation by the City Council, representatives from all City Commissions, the City Manager, and the Executive Management Team, two important themes arose involving (1) streamlining the operations of Culver City's government to improve efficiency and responsiveness to the citizens and (2) the implementation of the provisions of the City's new Charter as approved by the voters in April, 2006.

The residents and business owners of Culver City have benefited by the dedication and sincere interest of its elected City Councilmembers in creating and nurturing a community that is forward thinking, business friendly, and a sought-after place to raise a family. The City Council may wish to consider during tonight's discussion the restated roles of Culver City's governmental components as stated in Section 300 of the City Charter:

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“The municipal government established by this Charter shall be the “Council-Manager” form of government, under which the City Council sets policy and the City Manager administers the government.”

In its discussion of the City’s Committees, the City Council may wish to consider combining Committees with similar subject matter jurisdiction, determine that other Committees have completed their work, or determine that certain Committees may no longer be needed in light of the passage of Measure V.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The discussion of this topic does not create a fiscal impact. However, based upon the direction provided by the City Council to alter the number and/or scope of the City Council Committees may result in either an increase or decrease in financial expenditures, the amount and magnitude of which is difficult to estimate at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Report on “City Council Reorganization 2006” dated April 24, 2007.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Discuss the current number and jurisdictional boundaries of the various City Council Committees and direct staff as deemed appropriate.