



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 10, 2015
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 17, 2015

DATE: January 20, 2015
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**Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding membership of the
Water Resources Advisory Committee**

CAPTION:

Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding membership of the Water Resources Advisory Committee; to make minor revisions to the language of a member description; and to increase membership by one additional representative.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this amendment is twofold: First, the “representative of apartment owners associations” member description is proposed to change to “an apartment owner or manager” in order to broaden the eligibility of prospective members. Secondly, an additional representative focusing on the positive influence of the watershed and ecosystem is proposed to include an environmental and larger-scale view for the committee.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Water Resource Advisory Committee provides feedback and suggestions to City staff and City Council on matters related to water resources. They meet with City staff at least quarterly and sometimes more often, depending on current issues (e.g. drought).

Membership of the Committee consists nine (9) members that include: a residential customer of the city's water system (homeowner); a large commercial customer of the city's water system; a wholesale raw or treated water customer of the city's regional water supply system; a representative of the Port Industries of Corpus Christi; a representative of a school district located within the city; a representative of a military facility; a representative of landscaping/nursery/horticulture interest; and a representative of apartment owners associations.

In recent meetings, the Committee suggested adding a new member to the committee to represent the Nueces River Watershed and the associated ecosystem. This would provide an additional vital stakeholder to the discussions and recommendations made to staff and City Council. The Committee voted for staff to propose an ordinance change to add an additional

member to the committee.

In addition, the committee voted for staff to propose a change in the title of a current member description from “representative of apartment owners associations” to “an apartment owner or manager.” This suggestion came about because the City Staff could not find someone to meet the criteria who wanted to volunteer for the Committee. Changing the description would broaden the options for a potential member.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Keep committee membership the same as in the current ordinance
2. Change apartment owner member’s description but do not add tenth committee member
3. Add tenth committee member but do not change apartment owner member’s description

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Yes this conforms to policies related to City boards and committees.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): N/A

Comments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ordinance amendment as proposed

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance