



Legislation Text

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DISCUSSION OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GLENDALE CITY CODE CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE VIII (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.) DIVISION 8 BY CHANGING THE NAME AND DUTIES OF THE WATER SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Purpose and Policy Guidance

The purpose of this item is to provide City Council with information concerning a proposed change to the name of the Water Services Advisory Commission and an expansion of its duties.

Background

On June 25, 2013, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing the Water Services Advisory Commission (WSAC) to review and analyze strategies and policies, including financial policies, relating to water and wastewater services. Members of the WSAC have provided important service to the Council and the community since that time.

Staff is proposing an expanded role for the WSAC to include advice and recommendations to Council for the Public Works Department. In particular, it is anticipated that citizen evaluation and recommendations will soon be needed for Solid Waste and Landfill rate review, as well as for potential program adjustments and procedural changes for Solid Waste and Landfill policies.

The Government Services Subcommittee considered this item on January 5, 2017, and expressed support of expanding the Commission's mission to include providing recommendations to Council concerning the Public Works Department. Subcommittee members suggested Council adopt the "Citizens Utilities Advisory Commission" as the name of this Commission, reflecting its new and expanded duties.

Analysis

Council has similar needs for receiving citizen recommendations regarding policies, utility budgets, and rates for both the Water Services Department and the Public Works Department. In the interest of organizational and Council business efficiency, it is cost effective to combine related needs for these two departments into a single Citizens Utilities Advisory Commission.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

It is important that Glendale residents have input into Council decisions through the Boards and Commissions process. The expanded commission will provide Council with recommendations regarding Water Services and

Public Works utility policies, rates, and budgets. This will ensure Council has recommendations regarding utility cost efficiency, and resulting impacts to the quality of life for Glendale residents and businesses. Funding for the existing commission is available in the Water Services FY2016-17 operating budget. Expansion of the commission to include Public Works will result in a nominal additional cost.