



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 017-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING GLENDALE CITY CODE CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE VIII (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.) AND CHANGING THE NAME OF THE WATER SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION AND EXPANDING ITS PURPOSE.

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt an ordinance amending Glendale City Code Chapter 2 (Administration), Article VIII (Boards, Commissions, Etc.) Division 8, to change the name of the Water Services Advisory Commission to the Citizens Utilities Advisory Commission and to expand the Commission's purview to include providing recommendations to Council concerning the Public Works Department.

Background

On January 24, 2012, Council adopted an ordinance establishing the Ad-Hoc Citizen Task Force on Water and Sewer. The Task Force was asked to learn about the City's water and sewer enterprise and to provide Council with policy-related recommendations. One of the recommendations from the Task Force was the creation of an on-going Water Services Advisory Commission.

On June 25, 2013, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing the Water Services Advisory Commission to review and analyze strategies and policies, including financial policies, relating to water and wastewater services.

Analysis

Staff is proposing an expanded role for the Commission 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.

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.

Previous Related Council Action

At the June 25, 2013, Council meeting, Council adopted ordinance No. 2850 establishing the Water Services 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.

Budget and Financial Impacts

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.

Cost	Fund-Department-Account
Nominal	No specific line item.

Capital Expense? No

Budgeted? Yes

Requesting Budget or Appropriation Transfer? No

If yes, where will the transfer be taken from?