



DATE: January 29, 2019
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Authorize the Formation of a Council Homelessness-Housing Task Force for a Period of Two Years, Beginning March 2019 through March 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution (Attachment I) authorizing the formation of a Council Homelessness-Housing Task Force for a period of two years, beginning March 2019 through March 2021.

SUMMARY

Council requested that the City Manager evaluate the establishment of a standing Council Committee to focus on evaluating options to address the current homeless-housing crisis. After evaluating the workload of the current Council Committees and staff capacity, the City Manager recommends folding the workplan of the Council Technology Application Committee (CTAC) into the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC), eliminating CTAC as a standing Council Committee. Additionally, the City Manager recommends establishing the Homelessness-Housing Council Task Force for a two-year period beginning in March 2019 through March 2021, to evaluate the efficacy and workload related to establishing it as a permanent Council Standing Committee. Staff recommends that the Homelessness-Housing Council Task Force meet on a quarterly basis during this period with the option to schedule special meetings as needed.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On November 13, 2018, Council requested that the City Manager evaluate the establishment of a standing Council Committee to focus on evaluating options to address the current homeless-housing crisis. In evaluating the workload of the current Council Committees and staff capacity, the City Manager recommends the following:

- 1) Folding the workplan of the Council Technology Application Committee (CTAC) into the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC), and eliminating CTAC as a standing Council Committee.
- 2) Establishing the Homelessness-Housing Council Committee initially as a two-year Council task force to evaluate the efficacy and workload related to establishing it as a

permanent Council Standing Committee. Staff recommends that the Homelessness-Housing Council Task Force meet on a quarterly basis during this period with the option to schedule special meetings as needed.

The CTAC was formed in 1994 to investigate, plan, and implement applications of appropriate technologies to facilitate information transfer between city departments, businesses, customers, and residents with interests in the City of Hayward. Since 1994, much progress has been made, technology has significantly evolved, and many items from the original suggested CTAC workplan have been implemented and established. In evaluating the quarterly workplan items for CTAC over the last couple of years, many of the items on this workplan have evolved to be infrastructure-related and appear to be easily integrated into the CIC workplan, e.g. Fiber Master Plan, Network Replacement, etc. These technology items are also incorporated into and funded by the Capital Improvement Plan budget each year. The integration of the two Committees would help to manage both the Council and staff workloads by reducing the number of standing committees.

The CIC was established almost two years ago on February 21, 2017 to review and consider policy related issues involving the City's capital improvement projects. The scope of this Committee includes: review of the CIP Plan; unfunded needs; and development of policy framework related to pavement management, transportation, water and sewer, building and operations, which includes fleet, technology, streetlights, etc. Currently, CIC has developed a five-year workplan that can incorporate the technology-related items for future meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no initial fiscal impact with the consideration of this report. There will be an impact on current staff's workload for staffing the new committee and for preparation of reports. Staffing impacts will be tracked and assessed over the next two years to determine whether a fiscal or resource consideration may be necessary.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item supports the Complete Communities Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Communities Strategic Initiative is to create and support structures, services, and amenities to provide inclusive and equitable access with the goal of becoming a thriving and promising place to live, work and play for all. This item supports the following goals and objectives:

Goal 1: Improve quality of life for residents, business owners, and community members in all Hayward neighborhoods.

Objective 1: Actively value diversity and promote inclusive activities.

Goal 2: Provide a mix of housing stock for all Hayward residents and community members, including the expansion of affordable housing opportunities and resources.

Objective 1: Centralize and expand housing services.

Objective 2: Facilitate the development of diverse housing types that serve the needs of all populations.

Objective 3: Conserve and improve the existing housing stock.

Objective 4: Increase supply of affordable, safe, and resilient housing in Hayward.

NEXT STEPS

If the Council agrees with the recommendations outlined in the staff report, the City Manager will designate the Deputy City Manager from the City Manager's Office, as the Staff Liaison to the Council Homeless-Housing Task Force. The Deputy City Manager oversees the Housing and Community Services Divisions, which have primary responsibility for the funding and activities related to housing and homelessness.

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