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Item # 23

City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
October 5, 2021

TOPIC: School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee

AGENDA TITLE:

Appoint Two to Three Members of the City Council to the School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Appoint two to three Members of the City Council to the School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee for terms expiring on December 21, 2022.

DISCUSSION

Introduction

At the September 7, 2021 meeting, the City Council received an informational report that detailed the findings of the School Collaboration Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee, composed of Councilmembers Mendoza, Hernandez, and Lopez, had met five times to discuss opportunities to collaborate with the various educational institutions in Santa Ana, joint-use agreements, and the Santa Ana Water Tower. One of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee was to disband the Ad Hoc Committee and establish a standing subcommittee of the City Council to continue to meet to study, review, and discuss school collaboration.

Resolution Establishing the School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee

At this same meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution to establish a standing subcommittee, the School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee. The purpose of the Subcommittee is to study, review, and/or discuss the following topics:

- Create opportunities to collaborate with educational institutions that serve Santa Ana, including public school districts (such as the Santa Ana Unified School District, Garden Grove Unified School Districts, and others), private schools, charter schools, higher education institutions, and others to improve service delivery.
- Identify existing and future joint-use agreements for City-owned and school district-owned facilities to streamline and modernize service delivery.

The Subcommittee will create and approve its own by-laws that will provide further detail relating to its scope of work of advising the City Council. Provisions of these by-laws will include, among other parameters, a recurring meeting schedule. Additionally, the City will seek to convene Subcommittee meetings jointly with legislative bodies from other educational institutions. To date, the City has received notification from the Santa Ana Unified School District that their Governing Board is interesting in meeting jointly with the Subcommittee.

Make-Up of the Subcommittee

The School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee will consist of two or three members who are appointed by a majority of the entire City Council at a public meeting. Additionally, each member of the subcommittee will serve for a two-year term commencing with the first meeting of the newly installed City Council following a general election (note: since this subcommittee was established on September 7, 2021, councilmembers who are appointed to serve on it will serve a term through the first meeting of the newly installed City Council following the November 8, 2022 general election, or on December 21, 2022). These provisions are consistent with the provisions established in Resolution 2017-009, which established the last series of City Council subcommittees.

Standing committees are subject to the various meeting requirements of the Brown Act. Agendas for standing committees must be posted, minutes must be taken, and the meetings must be open and accessible to the public, among other requirements.

Action Required

At this time, staff is requesting that the City Council, by a majority vote, appoint two to three councilmembers to serve on the School Collaboration City Council Subcommittee. Once members are appointed to the subcommittee, staff will schedule the first subcommittee meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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