Report to Mayor and City Council

Monday, January 28, 2019

Discussion

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES NO. 19-1905, 19-1906, 19-1907, 19-1908, 19-1909, 19-1910, 19-1911, 19-1912, 19-1913, 19-1914, 19-1915, 19-1916 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF TWELVE (12) CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES DOWN TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS ONLY AND ELIMINATING ALTERNATES; INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-1917 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DOWN TO SEVEN (7) MEMBERS ONLY AND ELIMINATING ALTERNATES; AND, INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-1918 TO ELIMINATE ALTERNATES FROM THE WOMEN'S ISSUES COMMISSION; AND, CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 19-026, 19-027, AND 19-028 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CARSON HISTORICAL COMMITTEE, THE MEASURE "C" BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND THE COMMUNITY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD DOWN TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS ONLY AND ELIMINATING ALTERNATES; AND RESOLUTION NO. 19-029 REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SEVEN (7) MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS

I. SUMMARY

Councilmember Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks and Councilmember Dear requested these ordinances be considered for the City Council's consideration.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. WAIVE further reading and INTRODUCE:

(A) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1905, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27108.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(B) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1906, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27109.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BULLYING PREVENTION COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(C) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1907, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27101.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITYWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(D) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1908, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2796.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(E) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1909, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2751 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(F) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1910, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2762 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(G) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1911, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2736 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(H) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1912, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2701 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(I) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1913, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27103.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(J) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1914, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2798.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(K) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1915, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE

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SECTION 21001 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RELOCATION APPEALS BOARD TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(L) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1916, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27107.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION COMMISSION TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(M) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1917, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27104.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(N) ORDINANCE NO. 19-1918, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27106.2 TO ELIMINATE ALTERNATE MEMBERS FROM THE WOMEN'S ISSUES COMMISSION"

2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT:

(O) RESOLUTION NO. 19-026, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-066 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CARSON HISTORICAL COMMITTEE TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(P) RESOLUTION NO. 19-027, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-067 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MEASURE C BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(Q) RESOLUTION NO. 19-028, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-070 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD TO FIVE MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

(R) RESOLUTION NO. 19-029, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS"

III. ALTERNATIVES

1. TAKE such action as the Council deems appropriate consistent with the requirements of law.

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IV. BACKGROUND

The City of Carson has twenty three (23) Commissions, Committees and Boards that review and make recommendations to the City Council on a wide variety of topics and areas of specialty. Generally members' terms run from December 1 of a Council election year to November 30 of the following Council election year. Members are recommended by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council.

CCBs vary in terms of size and whether or not they have alternate members. Most but not all CCBs pay their members a stipend for attending meetings. Some CCBs were created by ordinance and some by resolution.

This action would standardize most CCBs in the City of Carson to five members and would also eliminate alternate members from most commissions. This is keeping in line with the practice of most cities. Two, the Economic Development Commission and the General Plan Advisory Committee would be reduced to seven members and no alternates; the Women's Issue Commission would remain the same except for the elimination of alternates.

Also, the amendment to the Resolution on the Measure "C" Budget Oversight Committee also changes its name from the UUT Budget Oversight Committee.

CCBs that would be unaffected by the action are: 1) the Public Relations Commission; 2) the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board; 3) the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission; 4) the Veterans Affairs Commission; and 5), the Youth Commission.

If the City Council adopts the changes in the ordinance, it is important to note that there would be a first and second reading of the ordinances and then 30 days before such ordinances become effective. If members are removed from CCBs prior to the effective dates of the ordinances, it could create problems for meeting quorum requirements for many CCBs, especially those that are larger bodies today, since they will operate under their existing structure until then. This could be in March at the earliest.

ISSUES REQUIRING FURTHER COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Further Council direction is necessary regarding the membership composition of the Human Relations Commission and the Community Civic Engagement Board in order to resolve inconsistencies that will otherwise result from the Council's direction to reduce the membership of the bodies. Specifically:

- Human Relations Commission: Carson Municipal Code Section 2762 provides that the Human Relations Commission shall consist of nine regular members*, including seven general members and two youth members*. It then discusses appointment and qualification standards for the youth members. Per Council direction, the attached ordinance reduces the membership of the commission to five regular members (and eliminates the three alternates). However, it is unclear whether the Council wishes to retain any of the youth members, or whether the five remaining members will all be general (non-youth) members. **Further Council direction is requested to enable the City Attorney's office to revise the ordinance to clarify CMC Section 2762**

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regarding whether the remaining five regular member positions will include any youth members.

- Community Civic Engagement Board: Resolution 11-070, by which the City Council created the Community Civic Engagement Board, provides that the Board shall consist of 11 members, including six general members, two CSU Dominguez Hills representative members, one youth member, one senior member, and one community special needs advocate (with no alternates). Per Council direction, the attached ordinance reduces the membership of the board to five regular members. However, it is unclear *which membership classifications the Council wishes to eliminate*. As currently drafted, the ordinance is internally inconsistent because it states that the board shall consist of five members, but then specifies membership classifications (e.g. general members, CSUDH members, youth member, etc.), all of which are required to serve the board, totaling 11 positions. **Further Council direction is requested to enable the City Attorney's office to amend the membership classification provisions of the ordinance such that the total number of member positions reflected by the classifications is five.**

V. FISCAL IMPACT

There would be a net savings from a fewer number of stipends paid to commissioners due to their being fewer commissioners. It could save the City between $10,000 and $15,000 per year.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Ordinances 19-1905 through 19-1918
2. Resolutions No. 19-026 through 19-029

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