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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM:
DATE: March 29, 2018
RE: Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance Amendment

Summary: Update the Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance to reflect the current function and operation of the Board.

Background: The Ordinance establishing the Parks and Recreation Commission and accompanying powers and duties was adopted in 1973. Since that initial adoption no amendments have been made.

In January of 2017, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the 1973 Ordinance and revised based on what they deem to be their current role and associated duties. The Board revised the Ordinance accordingly and established By-Laws that can change and evolve as the Board grows and changes over time.

Key Issues: The Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance was adopted in 1973. The powers granted to the Commission through this ordinance included park planning and maintenance, recreation program development, CIP development and presentation, contract negotiations, budget management, establishment of rates, fees and charges and hiring of staff including appointment of the Director of Parks and Recreation. The ordinance no longer reflects the amended role the Board has undertaken as the Department has grown and progressed over the last 45 years.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Prior Actions: None

Alternatives:

- (a) Approve ordinance amendment; or
- (b) Deny ordinance amendment.

Community Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the ordinance.



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Attachments:

1. Red-lined copy of Title 9 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Chapter 1 Parks and Recreation Commission
2. Draft ordinance
3. Red-lined By-Laws
4. By-Laws

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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