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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert

Department(s): Governing Body

Requested Motion

Discuss the establishment of a Non-Standing Resident Advisory Committee to focus specifically on potential data center proposals, research and study impacts, review transparency and administrative review processes specifically related to Data Centers and associated Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) amendments, and continue engagement with an independent third-party consultant.

Approval Recommended?

TBD

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After the recent withdrawal of a proposed data center by a developer and with no proposals currently on the table, I would like to present a proposal to form a multidisciplinary Data Center Steering Committee, bringing together experts, residents, including ETJ representation and an independent third-party group.

The committee will focus specifically on potential data center proposals, researching and studying impacts and reviewing transparency and administrative review processes to provide recommendations for UDO considerations and other policy improvements. The goal is to ensure the Town's policies, UDO standards, and administrative review processes are transparent, sound, and well-informed before any potential proposals are considered.

While our Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) continues its broader work on environmental issues, this steering committee will examine all potential impacts of data centers—including public safety, economic, community, environmental, and operational considerations providing a dedicated and transparent forum to fully study this issue from a resident and stakeholder perspective. I hope the committee's findings and recommendations can inform regional approaches as neighboring communities review potential data center proposals.

Attachments

- N/A

