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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2020
To: Code Committee
From: Cynthia Rogers, Planning Director
Subject: Floodplain Regulation Recommendations

I am submitting the following background information in support of the floodplain regulation updates on the agenda for this evening's Code Committee Meeting. Below is a timeline of events:

June 2-4, 2010 – Taunie Boothby, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinator, conducts a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) in Dillingham.

March 21, 2011 – Ms. Boothby sends a follow up request to resolve issues identified during the CAV.

July 7, 2014 – Rose Loera, City Manager, sends a letter to Ms. Boothby outlining steps being taken to come into compliance with the NFIP.

March 7, 2017 – Jimmy Smith, new National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinator, sends letter to Ms. Loera requesting the City come into compliance with NFIP based on the CAV conducted in 2010, including revision of Title 15 of the City's Floodplain Management ordinance.

June 26, 2017 – Mr. Smith sends letter to Alice Ruby, Mayor, requesting the City come into compliance with NFIP or risk FEMA staff taking over the CAV for the City.

June 18, 2019 – Mr. Smith meets with Planning Director to discuss the outstanding CAV requirements, to reiterate the City is out of compliance with NFIP, and to underscore the importance of coming back into compliance. Specifically, the City would risk FEMA not extending coverage under NFIP should an event occur while we are out of compliance.

July, 2019 – Mr. Smith provides additional resources to the Planning Director, upon which he based his recommendations for revising the City's Floodplain Management ordinance.

November, 2019 – Planning completed review of existing floodplain regulations contained in COD Code and produced recommended changes based on FEMA Model Floodplain Management Ordinance.

January 8, 2020 – Planning Commission reviewed Planning recommendation of update to floodplain regulations contained in COD Code and recommends and supports the changes.

The process undertaken to produce the recommended changes to the COD Floodplain Management regulations was as follows:

- 1) Familiarized myself with current COD Floodplain codes and the FEMA Model Floodplain Management Ordinance;
- 2) Compared each section of COD code to the Model Ordinance;
- 3) Tracked changes to accept Model Ordinance language where the change is a simple update to language or formatting;
- 4) Highlighted in yellow any reference information that will need to be updated (e.g. numbering);
- 5) Retained any language that is compliant with FEMA Model Floodplain Management Ordinance;
- 6) Highlighted in pink any areas where COD Floodplain codes are more stringent or differ in important ways from the FEMA Model Ordinance language, so that Code Committee can evaluate further.

I am available to answer any questions regarding recommended changes to the COD Floodplain Management regulations in COD code.