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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Mike Bennett, City Manager

DATE: October 3, 2023

AGENDA TEXT: Establishing a Committee to Review Possible “Localism” Board

BACKGROUND

At the September 26, 2023, City Council Workshop, City Council directed staff to schedule a discussion for the Council at this meeting regarding establishing a committee to review the possible creation of a new City Board, the “Localism” Board. This Board, if created, would replace the Downtown Advisory Board (DAB). City Council discussed inviting the current members of the DAB and a mixture of past DAB members, past Council members, or others who have strived to increase residential involvement in the community to participate in a working committee, appointed by City Council, to review the purpose and creation of a new Localism Board. This item is for City Council to discuss the steps to appoint the committee.

During 2023, City Council has met with each Board and Commission, both receiving updates from each Board and discussing the priorities and efforts of each Board. At the September Workshop, City Council debriefed the action items from each discussion and determined the next step with the DAB is that it has fulfilled its purpose and the need to explore the transition of that Board to one that focuses more broadly on “localism” to be an extension of the City’s communication efforts and further reach residents and increase the number of residents engaging with the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The creation of any board would be centered on furthering the priorities and values found in the City’s comprehensive plan, subsequent master plans, and strategic plan.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

Provide direction to staff on next steps for establishing a working committee to review the possible creation of a “Localism” Board.