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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

**FROM:** DEB WOODS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**DATE:** MARCH 19, 2024

**AGENDA TEXT:** RESOLUTION 2024-09 – Amending the Livability Commission Bylaws concerning Council Liaison positions and other changes

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**BACKGROUND**

The City Council met with various boards and commissions throughout 2023 to review their purposes, accomplishments, and roles in furthering the city's strategic and master plans. They also evaluated the roles of City Council members serving on these boards and commissions. As part of this review, City Council determined they would take the proper steps to remove the City Council Liaison in each Board and Commission as a voting board member, designate the City Council Liaison as a non-voting Council Liaison to the board, and ensure the Council Liaison does not occupy one of the limited voting member positions on the board. Membership requirements for the Livability Commission, established by their Bylaws, currently require a representative of the City Council to serve on the Livability Commission, and therefore needs to be amended to clarify City Council's direction.

A liaison serves as a bridge or intermediary between two entities or groups. In this context, the City Council liaison to the Livability Commission would facilitate communication, collaboration, and understanding between the City Council and the Commission. They would convey relevant information, concerns, and decisions between the two bodies, ensuring alignment of efforts and effective utilization of resources towards improving the quality of life, economic health and lifestyle of the Fruita Community and achieving shared objectives within the community.

Attached is Resolution 2024-09, drafted for City Council review to proposed amendments to the Livability Commission's Bylaws. A few of the amendments included in the Resolution were proposed by Livability Commission members at their past meetings such as adding a section concerning nepotism.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This Ordinance does not have any fiscal impact.

**APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The removal of a representative from the City Council as a voting member from the Livability Commission provides a degree of separation of roles and responsibilities between the City Council and the Advisory Commission and promotes independence of the Commission. The appointment of a City Council member as a liaison to the Livability Commission fosters communication between the two boards.

**OPTIONS TO THE COUNCIL:**

- Approve the Resolution as presented, or with amendments, or
- Opt for no action, retaining the current membership structure of the Livability Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-09 - AMENDING THE LIVABILITY COMMISSION BYLAWS CONCERNING COUNCIL LIAISON POSITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES**