



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: MARGARET SELL, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2023

AGENDA TEXT: ORDINANCE 2024-04 – 1ST Reading - Introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapters 2.41 and 2.42 of the Fruita Municipal Code to eliminate voting rights for Council members appointed to the Police and Parks and Recreation Commissions, and excluding them from quorum calculations. Public hearing set for February 20, 2024

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the City Council engaged with various city boards and commissions to: 1) assess their purpose and achievements, 2) provide guidance on aligning with Fruita's strategic and master plans, and 3) evaluate the roles of Council members on these bodies. The City Council aims to enhance the separation of roles between itself and the boards/commissions, fostering their independence. While Council members or the Mayor may still serve as liaisons, they won't have voting powers or contribute to quorum calculations for the boards/commissions.

The Fruita City Charter (Sections 6.3.4 and 6.3.5) outlines the membership requirements for the Police Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, mandating the appointment of one Council member to each. City Charter amendments necessitate voter approval. This ordinance maintains Council members' presence on the Police Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission but withdraws their voting rights. Additionally, it specifies that Council members are not considered when determining a quorum.

FISCAL IMPACT

This Ordinance does not have any fiscal impact.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The removal of voting rights of Council members appointed to the Police Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission provides a degree of separation of roles and responsibilities between the City Council and these Commissions, and promotes independence of the Commissions.

OPTIONS TO THE COUNCIL:

- Approve the ordinance as presented, or with amendments, or
- Opt for no action, retaining the current voting privileges of Council members on the Police Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, along with their inclusion in quorum

calculations.

RECOMMENDATION:

PUBLISH A SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE 2024-04, AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.41 AND 2.42 OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE VOTING RIGHTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE POLICE AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONS AND EXCLUDING THEM FROM QUORUM CALCULATIONS, FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024