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Department

To: Legislative Committee
From: Tim Greenwood, City Attorney
Date: February 18, 2026
Re: 1.44 – 1000 Island Environment Center Committee Ordinance Update

Background information:

From discussions at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 6, 2026, there was direction to clarify ordinances that reference "ex-officio" members to note whether the ex-officio member mentioned should be a voting or non-voting member. This section was one of a few that mention the term and this amendment to the City Ordinance is presented to clarify the voting nature of the position on the board/committee.

This amendment also makes changes to the nature of the committee by clarifying its powers to be advisory in nature. It also cleans up same language to be more concise.

Strategic Plan:

This change provides accountability of ex-officio members if voting rights are provided and transparency to the community as to whether the position has voting capacity or not.

Budget: N/A

Staff Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the amendment to Ordinance 1.44 to the Common Council as presented.