STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2025

PRESENTER: Theresa Johnson, CPRP, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Monthly Stipend for Members of the City Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION: None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 11, 2025, the City Council revisited the establishment of a stipend per meeting for the members of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission. After a brief discussion, the City Council members voted to approve a monthly stipend of $25 per meeting, effective in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, starting in July.

City Council previously considered this matter on February 26, 2025, with no decision other than to "table this matter to a future date" when the full Council would be present.

On May 28, 2025, Councilmember Herrera requested that this matter be brought back to the City Council for further consideration.

Chapter 2.26 of the Kerman Municipal Code (KMC) governs the operation of City Boards and Commissions; and Chapter 2.32 governs the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission ("Recreation Commission").

KMC Section 2.26.070 provides: "Members of city boards and commissions shall serve without compensation for their service unless otherwise provided by resolution of the city council." Unlike Resolution Number 15-60 which established a per-meeting stipend for Planning Commissioners in the amount of $75 per meeting with a maximum of two meetings per month as needed, the City does not have a resolution addressing compensation for members of the Recreation Commission.

A brief survey of California cities reveals that payments to Commissioners vary greatly, with many paying nothing, as Commission members are typically resident volunteers, to upwards of $350 per meeting for Planning Commissioners. At the same time, other advisory committees receive $25 or $50 per meeting. It is noted that the Recreation Commission is an advisory body, whereas the Planning Commission does have action authority under the KMC and state law.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: None