

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: February 15, 2022

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2022-02 – First Reading – amending the Advisory Board Appointment Process

SUMMARY:

Ordinance No. 2022-02 amends the existing City advisory board appointment process by making all appointments by the City Commission as a body and making all appointments for an unspecified term on a go-forward basis for all advisory board members to serve at the pleasure of the City Commission.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The current advisory board member appointment process allows for the appointment of board members by individual members of the City Commission. At the request of the City Commission, Ordinance No. 2022-02 proposes to revise the advisory board appointment process by having all advisory board members appointed by the City Commission as a body after a public interview. The Ordinance also proposes to make all new appointments for an unspecified term in order to have all advisory board members serve at the pleasure of the City Commission (i.e., any advisory board member may be removed by the City Commission without cause).

Ordinance No. 2022-02 also combines two sections that currently govern advisory boards into one consolidated section in the Code.

Please note, the revisions made by this ordinance will only apply to the CRA board members to the extent that they will now be publicly interviewed and appointed by the Commission as a body. Otherwise under section 163.356, Florida Statutes (which governs such boards), the CRA board members will still have four (4) year terms of office, hold office until their successor is appointed, and all vacancies will be filled for the remainder the unexpired term (if any). Further, CRA board members can only be removed for cause (i.e., they do not serve at the pleasure of the City Commission). In terms of qualifications for appointment to the CRA, those are stated in statute and would need to be followed. However, the Commission could consider the City's existing ordinance on advisory boards (which provides an appointment preference for candidates who live in the City as compared to business owners) when appointing a CRA board member.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2022-02 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for March 1, 2022.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2022-02