

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: July 18, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Leisure Services

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2023-15 – sunseting the City Recreation Advisory Board

SUMMARY:

The Ordinance repeals Article XI of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances in order to sunset the City Recreation Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

In 2005, the City Commission created the City Recreation Advisory Board (Rec Board) to make advisory recommendations to the City Commission, City Manager and Recreation Manager on matters affecting recreation policies, programs, finances and future land or facility capital projects. The Board also assists in promoting community awareness and involvement in recreation programs and initiatives. By its ordinance, the Board is required to meet monthly with four (4) board members present to constitute a quorum. However, since October, 2016, the Recreation Advisory Board has failed to meet due to a lack of quorum. At this time, there are 4 vacancies on the Board which have not been filled.

The City certainly values all of its board members and appreciates their service. However, when the Rec Board was established in 2005, the city and its needs were vastly different. The Recreation Manager has evolved into the Leisure Services Director who oversees many divisions in addition to recreation. The requirements of the department have changed, making the Rec Board, in its current form, unnecessary. In addition, the continual cancellation of meetings for lack of a quorum wastes the active board members' time. The proposed Ordinance seeks to repeal the Recreation Advisory Board ordinance in order to sunset the Board so that its active members can be better utilized by the City in other productive capacities.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2023-15 on first reading, setting the second reading and public hearing for August 1, 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2023-15

Ordinance 2005-36 creating the Recreation Advisory Board