



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: February 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Douglas White, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Consider Placement of a Resolution Condemning Violence Against the LGBTQIA+ Community on the March 3, 2025, Council Meeting Agenda

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Placement of a Resolution Condemning Violence Against the LGBTQIA+ Community on the March 3, 2025, Council Meeting Agenda.

BACKGROUND:

On January 28, 2025, a violent attack occurred in the Jamestown community. This incident has sparked significant concern among residents, particularly among members and allies of the LGBTQIA+ community.

At the February 3, 2025, City Council meeting, the Council Chambers were filled with concerned citizens advocating against violence and discrimination. Approximately 41 individuals provided public comments urging the Council to take a stand, by formally condemning the attack and reinforcing the City's commitment to inclusivity and safety for all residents.

In response to this outcry, Vice Mayor Andy Merrill requested that this issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion and action. Per the City's policy for adding agenda items, which was approved on November 18, 2024, this request aligns with the established process.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The City has a history of progressive leadership in social equity matters. Prior to this request, the City established a Social Equity Committee and spent two (2) years developing Resolution No 04-18-2022-C which was unanimously approved on April 18, 2022. The Social Equity Resolution affirms the City's commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and equitable community. Three years after its initial adoption, the City remains a leader and innovator in the region having crafted policies that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to the General Fund would include the cost of facilitating and developing the Resolution. The scope and costs are unknown. This item is not budgeted within the Legal Services Contract.



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ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Policy on Adding Agenda Items
2. Social Equity Resolution

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Public Safety