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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Approve Goodyear Youth Commission Code Update

STAFF PRESENTER(S): John Raeder, Assistant to the Council

OTHER PRESENTER(S): None

Summary:

Council will consider the proposed amendment to Section 3-11-2 of Goodyear City Code to remove limits for the size of the Goodyear Youth Commission.

Recommendation:

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1473 AMENDING SECTION 3-11-2 OF THE GOODYEAR CITY CODE (GOODYEAR YOUTH COMMISSION); PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Fiscal Impact: There will be no fiscal impact with the proposed code change.

Background and Previous Actions

Council adopted Ordinance 07-1098 in September 2007 to establish the City of Goodyear Youth Commission and to provide a forum for students to develop leadership skills through involvement in City Government. In 2019, the Council adopted Ordinance 2019-1441 to amend the term period and effective date for Youth Commission membership by creating two-year terms, providing clarity for appointing members entering the 12th grade, and aligning terms to the fiscal year.

The Youth Commission is an opportunity for incoming and current high school students to develop leadership skills and become civically engaged. Through the commissioner's involvement, they receive briefings from various departments; participate in tours; and provide input to city projects from the youth's perspective.

The Youth Commission currently consists of no more than 20 voting members who are high school students that also reside in Goodyear. The Commission meets once a month with additional volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Staff Analysis

The proposed amendment to Section 3-11-2 accomplishes the following:

- It eliminates the minimum and maximum number of voting members of the Youth Commission. Instead, the size of the Youth Commission will be determined by the City Council through its appointment of the members of the Youth Commission upon the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Boards and Commissions.
- It eliminates provisions that were initially included to ensure staggered terms and to ensure the terms of members were on a fiscal year:
 - The proposed amendment eliminates the references to staggered terms, which only applied to the members appointed for the first Youth Commission. Instead, the proposed amendment provides that all members of the Youth Commission are to serve two-year terms except members who are appointed or reappointed when entering grade 12. The term of members of the Youth Commission who are appointed or reappointed when entering grade 12 will be one year.
- It eliminates the provisions related to the Council's appointment of the first chairperson of the Youth Commission as this is no longer needed.

The amendment was recommended by the Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commission to provide additional flexibility and discretion to determine the size of the Youth Commission and make appointment recommendations based on the quantity of qualified candidates. Staff recommends the approval of Ordinance No. 2020-1473 and the proposed amendments.

Attachments

- Ordinance #2020-1473
- Revisions to Goodyear City Code Section 3-11-2