

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 19NS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ORDINANCE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Ordinance Repealing, Restating, and Codifying Content from Prior Ordinances Governing the Community Development Council as a New Division in the City Code to Establish and Facilitate the Community Development Council for the Purpose of Advising City Council on Priorities for Certain Federal Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance, which repeals, restates, and codifies content from Ordinances 11543 and 16009 and amends the City Code to add a new Division 4, "The Community Development Council," to Article III of Chapter 2, with the new article establishing and facilitating the management of the Community Development Council for the purpose of advising the City Council on funding and project priorities for the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS Grant, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt an ordinance that repeals, restates, and codifies prior City ordinances that govern the Community Development Council (CDC).

In 1994, Ordinance 11543 was approved by the City Council to govern the CDC, with its purpose being to advise the City Council on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations (M&C G-10621). The ordinance amendment reflected an organizational restructuring among City departments that occurred at that time. In 2004, Ordinance 16009 was approved by the City Council and amended the CDC ordinance to add the Emergency Shelter Grant and the Housing Opportunities of Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Grant to the CDC's advisory duties (M&C G-14397). In 2012, the Emergency Shelter Grant was renamed to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), which is updated in the attached ordinance.

The City also receives grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant. The HOME Grant is a federal block grant program that provides funding to states and localities to be used exclusively for affordable housing activities to benefit low-income households. Uses of HOME funds include a wide variety of activities, including building, buying, and rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership and rental assistance. The CDC has advised on the programming of these funds for a number of years but only in an informal capacity.

Staff is recommending the CDC ordinance be amended to update name of the ESG Grant and officially add the HOME Grant to the list of programs on which the CDC advises the City Council along with its continuing advisory role regarding CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funding recommendations.

Previous ordinances were not codified in the City Code. Staff recommends that this material be codified in a newly created portion of the City Code. Chapter 2, Article III, governs "Boards and Commissions". Staff recommends a new Division 4 be added, titled "The Community Development Council" and consisting of sections 2-84 through 2-87. This approach will make information about the CDC easier for the public to find and will make internal tracking of changes to the governing ordinance more efficient to track.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that the revision of the ordinance will have no material effect on City funds.

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