

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Resolution Amending Certain Portions of the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution amending certain portions of the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Policy.

DISCUSSION:

Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the governing body of a municipality to establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs for making loans and grants of public money and providing personnel and services of the municipality to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the municipality (a "Chapter 380 Economic Development Program"). The City of Fort Worth first established a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program on January 30, 2001 pursuant to Resolution No. 2704, which was continued and expanded on March 10, 2009 pursuant to Resolution No. 3716-03-2009.

On January 29, 2019 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5039-01-2019 (Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) G-19463) to establish a more detailed policy governing the Economic Development Program under Chapter 380 ("Policy"). The City Council amended the Policy on June 16, 2020 (Resolution No. 5241-06-2020) and January 26, 2021 (Resolution No. 5338-01-2021).

Since amending the Policy in January 2021, the City Council accepted revisions to the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan that included changes to specified target industries and other updates (M&C 22-0113).

Staff recommends amending the Policy further to make certain revisions relating to the following:

- Updated Target Sectors
- Clarified and revised criteria for grant eligibility at specified rates for General and Target Sector Projects
- Reformatting and reorganization for clarity and ease of application
- Inclusion of certain references to the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) and its ability to fund certain programs presented in the Policy
- Authority to offer temporary office space for Mega Projects
- Guidance and general terms for Open Space Preservation in association with projects that are subject to an Economic Development Program Agreement
- Requirement for the hiring of Fort Worth residents for certain projects
- Other general updates and clarifications

Staff recommends amending the Policy as outlined above. A copy of the amended Policy is attached.

Once adopted, the amended Policy will be effective on March 21, 2023.

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 approval of the above recommendation will have no material effect on the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, and any effect on expenditures and revenues will be budgeted in future fiscal years and included in the long term forecast.

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