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INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: February 23, 2021

TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Bill Baber
Councilmember Jack Shu

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.85.010, CREATION-MEMBERS-VOTE., TO ADD A SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER REPRESENTATIVE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Background

In September of 2019, the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Encinitas, and Imperial Beach adopted an ordinance and resolution to form San Diego Community Power (“SDCP”). SDCP is a Community Choice Energy and California joint powers agency that in partnership with San Diego Gas and Electric (“SDGE”) will provide reliable, affordable clean energy from renewable sources to approximately 770,000 total customers in these five cities.

At the February 9th Council meeting, the Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Commission presented an update on the progress of the Commission’s 2021 Work Plan. As part of the presentation, the Chair recommended adding a non-voting member from SDCP to the Commission. Staff reached out to SDCP and confirmed the organization would be interested in becoming a non-voting member.

Proposal

The proposal is for the City Council to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Section 2.85.010 – Creation-Members-Vote to add a SDCP Representative as a non-voting member of the Environmental Sustainability Commission. Attachment “A” with this memorandum includes the language in Section 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code that needs to be amended with recommended edits. We are requesting the City Council consider and support the formal adoption of an ordinance amending this section of the Municipal Code to add a SDCP non-voting member to the commission at a future meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment:

A. La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.85.010 – Creation-Members-Vote

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There is hereby created the environmental sustainability commission (commission) of the City of La Mesa. The commission shall consist of ~~thirteen~~**twelve** members. Seven members shall be residents of the City of La Mesa with voting privileges and ~~six~~**five** members shall be advisory members from the business community without voting privileges. The seven members that are residents of the City of La Mesa shall be comprised as follows: two members from the general populous; three members with professional experience related to environmental sustainability; one member representing the senior adult population (at the time of appointment shall be not less than fifty-five years of age); and one member representing the youth population (at the time of appointment or reappointment shall be not more than twenty-one years of age). Each of the seven members shall be entitled to one vote on matters before the commission. The ~~six~~**five** members from the business community shall be representatives from the city's water utility, franchise waste and recycling hauler, electricity and gas utility, the city's community choice energy joint powers authority, high school, and elementary/middle school district. These ~~six~~**five** members shall not be required to be residents of the city, but shall act as advisory members on the commission and shall not be entitled to vote.

(Ord. No. 2009-2799, § 1; June 9, 2009)