



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: March 9, 2021

SUBJECT: First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to Add a San Diego Community Power Representative as a Non-voting Member of the Environmental Sustainability Commission

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER

SUMMARY:

Issue:

Should the City Council approve the introduction and First Reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to add a San Diego Community Power representative as a non-voting member of the Environmental Sustainability Commission?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the introduction and First Reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to add a San Diego Community Power representative as a non-voting member of the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation.

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”). SD CP 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. SD CP will begin serving municipal customers in March 2021 with commercial and industrial customers starting in June of 2021 and residential customers beginning in January 2022.

DISCUSSION:

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 that the City Council amend Section 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to add a non-voting member from SDCP to the Commission. Prior to the February 9th meeting, staff reached out to SDCP and confirmed the organization would be interested in becoming a non-voting member. At the February 23rd Council meeting, the Council directed staff to bring back an ordinance amending Section 2.85.010 to add the SDCP representative to the Commission.

To effectuate the City Council's direction, the adoption of a draft ordinance amending Section 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code is necessary and is attached to this report as Attachment "A". If the City Council approves the introduction and First Reading of the draft ordinance, the item would return to the City Council on March 23, 2021, for the Second Reading and adoption. If the Second Reading is approved and the draft ordinance is adopted, it would become effective thirty (30) days thereafter and the SDCP representative would assume appointment to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the introduction and First Reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to add a San Diego Community Power representative as a non-voting member of the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

Reviewed by:



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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING SECTION 2.85.010 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER REPRESENTATIVE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 2.85.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“There is hereby created the Environmental Sustainability Commission (Commission) of the City of La Mesa. The Commission shall consist of thirteen members. Seven members shall be residents of the City of La Mesa with voting privileges and six 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 members from the business community shall be representatives from the City's water utility, franchise waste and recycling hauler, electricity and gas utility, San Diego Community Power, high school, and elementary/middle school district. These six 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.”

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption and the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published at least once in the Daily Transcript within 15 days of its adoption.

INTRODUCED AND FIRST READ at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 9th day of March 2021, and thereafter PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of said City Council held the 23rd day of March 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

MARK ARAPOSTATHIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2021-_____ duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited and that the same has been duly published according to law.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

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