



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

DATE: April 13, 2021

SUBJECT: First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Mesa Amending La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.80.010, Creation-Members-Vote, to Update the La Mesa Community Parking Commission Membership to Two At-Large Members and Three Business Representatives, Property Owners, or Residents Residing in the CD/D Downtown Commercial Zone

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

SUMMARY:

Issues:

1. Should the City Council amend La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.80.010, Creation-Members-Vote, to update the La Mesa Community Parking Commission membership to two at-large members and three business representatives, property owners, or residents residing in the CD/D Downtown Commercial Zone?

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the first reading of the Ordinance amending La Mesa Municipal Code ("LMMC") Section 2.80.010, Creation-Members-Vote, to update the La Mesa Community Parking Commission membership to two at-large members and three business representatives, property owners, or residents residing in the CD/D Downtown Commercial Zone.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action.

City's Strategic Goals:

Continue to improve high quality municipal services.

BACKGROUND:

The La Mesa Community Parking Commission (“Commission”) was created on July 27, 2004 by Ordinance No. 2004-2747. The original Commission membership stated, “one retail merchant, one commercial business member, one resident, and two members at large shall be appointed as members.” No category shall have more than two representatives on the Commission. At least one of the retail merchants shall be a member of the La Mesa Village Merchants Association. Merchant representation from east and west of Spring Street shall be preferred.”

On December 13, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2016-2850, updating the Commission membership to consist of “Business representatives, property owners, or residents residing in the CD/D Downtown Commercial Zone.” Subsequently, on March 16, 2021, the La Mesa Community Parking Commission by a 3-0 vote, with one Commissioner absent, approved to recommend the City Council amend LMMC Section 2.80.010, Creation-Members-Vote, to update the La Mesa Community Parking Commission membership to two at-large members and three business representatives, property owners, or residents residing in the CD/D Downtown Commercial Zone.

DISCUSSION:

From 2016 to present recruitment for the Commission has been difficult due to the membership requirements. The number of applications received during the recruitment process has often been less than the number of openings requiring an extension of the application period. Very few applications have been submitted for the Commission during the annual recruitments compared to other boards and commissions, which is likely due to the specific membership requirements for the Commission.

In October 2019, an unscheduled vacancy was created by a Commissioner resignation and the seat remained vacant until July 2020. In September 2020 an unscheduled vacancy was created after a newly appointed Commissioner resigned before beginning participation on the Commission. The unscheduled vacancy remains unfilled today. Continued vacancies on the Commission may lead to cancellations of meetings due to lack of a quorum and a delay in important City business.

The change being proposed would make two of the five Commission seats “at-large” seats available to resident electors of the City of La Mesa. The other three seats would remain subject to the membership requirements implemented in 2016. Filling an at-large seat would not preclude any applicant that also meets the 2016 membership requirements. If the Council approves the amendment, the current vacancy would

become an at-large seat and the second at-large seat would be activated when the next vacancy occurs.

The Commission provides a vital link between City government and the community for gathering public input, reviewing projects and making recommendations on parking related issues. For continued success, it is imperative that Commission vacancies be filled in a timely fashion. Updating the Commission membership to allow for two at-large seats would expand the recruitment potential and would add to the experience, expertise, and background of the Commission makeup.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the first reading of the Ordinance and direct staff to return to Council on the April 27, 2021, for the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

Reviewed by:



Greg Humora
City Manager

Respectfully submitted by:



Megan Wiegelman
City Clerk

Attachment: A. Draft Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING SECTION 2.80.010 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE LA MESA COMMUNITY PARKING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP TO TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS AND THREE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES, PROPERTY OWNERS, OR RESIDENTS RESIDING IN THE CD/D DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONE

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

SECTION 1: Section 2.80.010 of the La Mesa Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The La Mesa Community Parking Commission is hereby created and established to consist of five voting members. Two at-large members and three business representatives, property owners, or residents residing in the CD/D Downtown Commercial Zone shall be appointed as members. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on matters before the commission.

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 13th day of April 2021, and thereafter PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of said City Council held the 27th day of April 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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