



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: March 30, 2022

Agenda Item: #6

Agenda Item: *Discussion and possible action regarding proposed bylaw amendments for the Joint Sustainability Committee.*

Vote

Vote taken was on Council Member Kelly's Motion, Council Member Fuentes's second on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Tovo off dais.

Sponsors/Department:

Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Summary of Discussion

Stephanie Hall, Business Process Specialist, Office of the City Clerk, presented on the proposed bylaw amendments for the Joint Sustainability Committee. Staff recommends proposed bylaw amendments as follows:

- Edit Article 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES: include Austin Climate Equity Plan
- Edit Article 3. MEMBERSHIP: to increase membership from 13 to 18, Mayor will nominate five additional members
- Edit Article 7. MEETINGS (D): edit meeting frequency to monthly
- Edit Article 7. MEETINGS (F): edit number required to obtain quorum due to increased membership, quorum would be 10

Staff does not recommend recommends proposed bylaw amendments as follows:

- Edit Article 8. COMMITTEES (A)JSC proposed amendment: "The Joint Sustainability Committee may have committees. "
- Staff does not recommend edit unless a committee is established; staff recommends maintaining the standard agenda template language: "The Joint Sustainability Committee will have no committees."

◦Edit Article 8. WORKING GROUPS (D) JSC proposed amendment: "Staff support is not guaranteed for working groups"

◦Staff does not recommend as City Code does not provide staff support for working groups; staff recommends maintaining the standard agenda template language: "Staff support will not be provided for working groups."

Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Article 7. MEETINGS (H)

JSC Proposed Amendment:

"A board action is adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members actually present (18-member board, quorum is 10, 2/3 of 10 is =7 votes)."

Staff Recommendation (based on City Code §2-1-6 and bylaw template):

"If only a quorum is present at a meeting, a board action is adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum (18-member board, quorum is 10, 2/3 of 10 is = 7 votes). If more than a quorum is present at a meeting, a board action must be adopted by an affirmative vote of the number of members necessary to provide a quorum (18 members = 10 votes)."

Direction

The Committee recommends the Mayor to provide two weeks' notice when appointees are named. The Committee request to send item as recommended by staff to full Council for approval on Council Member Kelly's motion, Council Member Fuentes second the motion on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Tovo off the dais.

Recommendation:

The recommendation to forward the status changes in accordance with staff recommendations to the full council was made on Council Members Kelly's motion, Council Member Fuentes second on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Tovo off the dais.