

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following Council's consideration of the Ward Boundary Commission recommendations in report WBC2014-0772 on November 14, 2014 some items remain outstanding. To facilitate Council's discussion Administration is requesting that two of these items be directed through Legislative Governance Task Force Committee for Recommendation to Council and one item on decentralization of city services be melded with another report already underway with respect to the Integrated Civic Facility Planning Program.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Council reconsider their decisions, with respect to the referral of Recommendation 5 and 7 of the Ward Boundary Commission report contained in the Minutes of 2014, November 14 Special Meeting of Council;
2. That Recommendation 7 of the Ward Boundary Commission report WBC2014-0772, be referred to the Legislative Governance Task Force 2015 September 8 Meeting for consideration and recommendation to Council; and
3. That Recommendation 5 of the Ward Boundary Commission contained in the WBC2014-0772 report, be referred to the Manager CCCO, who is currently undergoing the work, and further to report back through the Legislative Governance Task Force no later than 2015 Q4.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

Council at its meeting held 2014, November 14 dealt with Report WBC2014-0772, Recommendation 7 "Establish a Task Force on Committee on Committees" and referred the matter to Administration to be dealt with in conjunction with a report on decentralization of city services.

"REFER, Moved by Councillor Woolley, that Administration Recommendation 7, contained in Report WBC2014-0772, be referred as follows, to Administration, **after amendment, by deleting the words "at the 2014 October 20 Organizational Meeting" following the word "Establish"**, until there is a report back relative to decentralization, and further, how Council would proceed with this Committee at that time:

"7. Establish a Task Force (Committee on Committees) to examine the committees to which Council appoints Members and report back to Council through Legislative Governance Task Force no later than June 2015 with implementation on adopted recommendations at the Organizational Meeting in 2015 October."

And further, that the report return to a Special Strategic Planning Meeting of Council in Q3 2015."

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Also that Recommendation 5 contained in WBC2014-0772 regarding Council efficiencies and possibly forming a Task Force on Council Effectiveness was referred to the City Manager to return to Council at a Strategic Planning Meeting of Council in Q3 2015.

"REFER, Moved by Councillor Chabot, that Administration Recommendation 5, as follows, contained in Report WBC2014-0772, be referred to the City Manager to return to a Special Strategic Planning Meeting of Council in Q3 2015, with a report on the complexity of matters and the interests of Members of Council to become more efficient and effective in the future:

"5. Establish a Task Force of 5 Members of Council, with Administrative support, on Council Effectiveness. This Task Force is responsible for recommendations on all aspects of Council and Councillor effectiveness, including, but not necessarily limited to;

- a. Analysis of current Council organizational innovation Initiatives,*
- b. Developing Council Customer service improvement initiatives,*
- c. Guidelines for strategic and effective operation of a Councillor's office, and*
- d. Researching and recommending for implementation best practices from other Municipalities."*

Further, at the same meeting, Council adopted a Motion Arising regarding decentralization of city services and required a report to come back to Council no later than Q3 2015.

"MOTION ARISING, Moved by Councillor Keating, Seconded by Councillor Demong, that with respect to Report WBC2014-0772 Council direct that the City Manager report back to Council no later than Q3 2015 with the opportunities, impacts and costs associated with further geographically decentralizing the provision of City services."

BACKGROUND

At a meeting held between the Administrative Leadership Team and the Mayor to discuss the proposed Agenda for the 2015 September Strategic Planning Meeting of Council, the referral motions with respect to Recommendations 5 and 7 of the Ward Boundary Commission Report, and the motion arising, were discussed.

The City Clerk was directed to prepare a report to the 2015 July 27 Regular Meeting of Council requesting that Council reconsider its previous decisions to refer these items directly to the 2015 September Strategic Planning Meeting of Council.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

In order for Council to be given the opportunity to consider the referrals fully, rather than being forwarded as is, to a meeting of City Council for a final decision, it is recommended that Recommendation 5 be referred to the Manager of the Councillors Office as he is currently preparing a report on "Council and Councillor effectiveness". It is also recommended that Recommendation 7 be referred directly to the 2015 September 8 meeting of the Legislative Governance Task Force for consideration and a Recommendation to Council.

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With respect to the Motion Arising which requested the City Manager report back with opportunities, impacts and costs associated with further geographically decentralizing the provision of City services, the Administration has advised that Corporate Properties and Buildings are currently preparing a report with respect to the Integrated Civic Facility Planning Program which will incorporate the questions raised in the Motion Arising. This report is scheduled for Council's consideration in 2015 October.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The Mayor, Chair of the Legislative Governance Task Force; Administrative Leadership Team; Manager, Councillor's Office; and the Director, Corporate Properties and Buildings, were consulted as to the most efficient and effective methods of addressing the referrals and motion arising.

Strategic Alignment

Well Run City - Efficiency.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

N/A

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

N/A

Current and Future Capital Budget:

N/A

Risk Assessment

N/A

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

In order for Council to be as effective and efficient as possible at City Council meetings, it is recommended that Council reconsider its decisions to refer Recommendations 5 and 7 of the Ward Boundary Commission to the Legislative Governance Task Force for discussion prior to recommending a course of action to City Council.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None