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Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 6/12/2018

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Consider the Establishment of a Council Policy Manual

BACKGROUND

At the April 23, 2018 Governance Committee meeting, staff brought forward the attached report (Attachment 1). At the meeting, the Committee reviewed the Council Policy Manual Work Plan Matrix (Attachment 2) that primarily focused on reviewing and updating the City's Policies and Procedures Manual. Additionally, the Committee intends to focus on reviewing administrative streamlining proposals brought forward by staff.

At the Committee meeting, staff presented the proposed Council Policy Manual Policy (Attachment 3), which would serve as a preamble to the City's current Policies and Procedures Manual, and recommended to rename the City of Santa Clara Policies and Procedures Manual.

DISCUSSION

The Governance Committee approved staff's recommendation to change the title of the current manual from "City of Santa Clara Policy and Procedure Manual" to "City of Santa Clara Council Policy Manual" to focus the City of Santa Clara Council Policy Manual on policies and procedures by which the City Council, Boards, Commissions, Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, shall conduct City business and activities. As the City of Santa Clara Policy and Procedure Manual was adopted by resolution, staff recommends repealing Section C of Resolution No. 6603 (Attachment 4) to effectuate the title change.

Further, as recommended by the Governance Committee, staff is bringing forward the adoption of the Council Policy Manual Policy. This policy will serve as a preamble to the Council Policy Manual and provides the procedure for the preparation, distribution, maintenance, review, and approval of Council policies.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is not fiscal impact to the City other than staff time.

COORDINATION

This report was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution repealing Section C of Resolution No. 6603 to amend the title of "City of Santa Clara Policy and Procedure Manual" to "City of Santa Clara Council Policy Manual" and approving the Council Policy Manual Policy.

Reviewed by: Walter C. Rossmann, Chief Operating Officer

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report to Governance Committee - "2018 Governance Committee Work Plan and Establishment of a Council Policy Manual"
2. Council Policy Manual Work Plan Matrix
3. Council Policy Manual Policy
4. Resolution 6603
5. Resolution to Adopt Council Policy Manual