



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: **NB-1**

SUBJECT: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IV (SENIOR COMMISSION) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION

DATE: February 9, 2015

FROM: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: TRAVIS KARLEN, RECREATION MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 15-02 (Attachment 1) increasing the number of senior commissioners from five (5) to seven (7).

BACKGROUND:

At the October 21, 2014 City Council meeting the City Council established a senior commission which includes five (5) members. At the January 20, 2015 City Council meeting five (5) commissioners were selected. Three (3) residents were selected for four (4) year terms. Those residents are: Kirk Bauermeister, Stella Adkins, and Janet Lee Krochman. Further, two (2) residents were selected for two (2) year terms. Those residents are: Ernie Feeney and John McGlenn.

At the January 20, 2015 City Council Meeting, the City Council asked staff to bring back an ordinance to increase the number of commissioners serving on the Senior Commission.

ANALYSIS

Although the Senior Commission will work well with five (5) members, adding two (2) additional members will offer a more diverse commission and will provide a broader group of individuals to act as liaisons to various committees. Staff is recommending not to exceed seven (7) commissioners. Any more than seven (7) members will cause issues with a quorum and it will become more challenging in terms of effective decision making.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. City Council may choose to change the number of commission members to nine (9).
2. City Council may choose to change or add language to the proposed ordinance.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The cost to add two additional commissioners to the Senior Commission annually is \$1,200.00. This cost will be absorbed in the current Parks and Community Services Department Budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the agenda report and prepared the attached proposed Ordinance.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the additional two (2) members to the Senior Commission through the adoption of the attached ordinance.

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ATTACHMENTS: [Ordinance No. 15-02](#)