



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: CC-14

SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL 385 - A BILL THAT CONSIDERS THE ELIMINATION OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (DST) IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DATE: MAY 26, 2016

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CEO

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RECOMMENDATION:

Per Council Policy 000-8 (Attachment 1), it is recommended that the City Council direct staff to draft a letter in opposition to Assembly Bill 385 (Attachment 2), which proposes the elimination of Daylight Savings Time (DST) in the state of California.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Council Policy 000-8 prohibits City Commissions and Committees from executing legislative position letters but does allow them to make recommendations to the Legislative review team or the City Council. In addition, Per Council Policy, since neither of the City's legislative partners (League of California Cities, Association of California Cities Orange County) have taken a formal position on AB 385, formal council approval is required.

The Parks & Recreation Commission is in opposition to AB 385 which proposes for the elimination of Daylight Savings Time (DST) in the state of California. The Commission's viewpoint comes from the perspective that with less daylight hours between March and November, there will be less usable/playable time on City/NMUSD athletic fields. At this time, they are requesting that the City Council consider directing staff to draft a formal opposition letter against AB 385.

With the majority of fields being unlit or only having temporary lighting, the nearly twenty regular participating sports leagues will see a total reduction of approximately 3,875 playable hours of field time (March – Nov) between the hours of 4:30pm and 9:00pm.

To keep up with demand, temporary lighting units may need to be purchased by the City or rented by the user groups and this will come at an unbudgeted equipment cost as well as costs associated with additional staffing that will need to be in place to control and access the lighting equipment.

Federal law establishes the standard time of the United States for each of nine zones and advances the standard time of each zone by one hour during the period commencing at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday of March of each year and ending at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of November of each year.

The DST Act, which was adopted as an initiative measure by the voters at the November 8, 1949, special election, provides that the standard time within the state is that which is known, described, and designated by federal law as United States Standard Pacific Time. The act requires, from 1:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of April, until 2:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of October, the standard time within the state to be one hour in advance of United States Standard Pacific Time.

AB 385 would place a question before the voters on the November 2018 ballot whether to keep Daylight Saving Time (DST) as it currently exists or switch to year round standard time. As a result, a change would require the Legislature's approval of an initiative to be placed on the ballot giving California voters the option of deciding to remain in DST or eliminate it entirely.

FISCAL REVIEW:

It is undetermined at this time what the fiscal impacts would be in the elimination of Daylight Savings Time.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review required.

CONCLUSION:

Staff is seeking Council direction to begin drafting a letter of opposition regarding Assembly Bill 385.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [City Council Policy 000-8](#)
2 [State Assembly Bill 385](#)