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Date: May 28, 2026

Council Action Date: June 9, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Council Ad Hoc Committee and Committee Reviewing City Council Standing Committees Recommendations Regarding Council Advisory Groups and City Council Standing Committees

SUMMARY

On July 1, 2025, the City Council established an Ad Hoc Committee to review all Council Advisory Groups and develop recommendations regarding appointment processes, committee scope, and organizational updates. On January 13, 2026, the City Council referred consideration of a potential Environmental Standing City Council Subcommittee to the Committee and directed it to transition into a Brown Act body to review City Council Standing Committees. The Committee subsequently completed its review, gathered public input, and developed recommendations for City Council consideration regarding both Council Advisory Groups and City Council Standing Committees, including options related to the establishment and scope of an Environmental Standing Committee. The Committee also identified the future structure and responsibilities of the Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Committee as outstanding policy considerations and developed multiple options for City Council discussion and direction.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on topics to be included in future proposed Municipal Code amendments in the areas of City Council Standing Committees and Council Advisory Groups, including the Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Committee.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

On June 2, 2025, Mayor Dr. Sánchez-Palacios introduced a policy consideration pertaining to the appointment process for Boards, Commissions, and Committees to the City Council Rules Committee. The Rules Committee recommended that the item be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. On July 1, 2025, the City Council discussed the policy consideration and established an Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of

Councilmembers McReynolds, Schumacher, and Mangone, to conduct a comprehensive review of all Council Advisory Groups and return with recommendations.

The Ad Hoc Committee subsequently met on six occasions between November 2025 and March 2026 to review the City's advisory groups, appointment processes, and committee structures. Separately, at the City Council's January 13, 2026, meeting, the City Council referred the concept of a standing City Council committee on the environment to the Ad Hoc Committee for further review. The Council also directed the Committee to transition into a Brown Act-compliant body and expand its scope to review all City Council Standing Committees, including the potential establishment, purpose, and scope of an Environmental Standing Committee, and to return to the City Council with recommendations.

The Committee's recommendations can generally be grouped into three categories: (1) changes to appointment processes, (2) modifications to committee scope, composition, and qualifications, and (3) general governance and administrative updates intended to improve the effectiveness and consistency of Council Advisory Groups.

Appointment Process

San Buenaventura Municipal Code Section 2.220.020 provides for appointments to most Council Advisory Groups through the Appointments Recommendation Committee (ARC), a City Council standing committee. The City Clerk's Office administers the recruitment and appointment process, including receiving and verifying applications, tracking compliance with state-mandated training requirements¹ and Form 700 filings, and providing administrative support. Qualified applications are presented to the ARC, which conducts public interviews and deliberations before forwarding appointment recommendations to the full City Council for consideration.

The Committee recommends transitioning Council Advisory Group appointments to a district-based process similar to the Planning Commission, whereby each Councilmember would nominate one resident and the City Council would make the appointments. The City Clerk's Office would continue to manage recruitment, eligibility verification, compliance tracking, and appointment administration, with applications

¹ Most elected or appointed officeholders of local public agencies – including Councilmembers and members of Council Advisory Groups — are required by State law to take, and remain up-to-date, on certain training. This includes a total of two hours of training in the following topics (total of six hours), which must be kept up-to-date every two years:

- Ethics (AB 1234 (2005));
- Sexual harassment prevention (AB 1661) (2016); and
- Fiscal financial training (SB 827) (2025).

provided directly to Councilmembers rather than the ARC. The proposed changes would take effect on January 1, 2027, aligning implementation with the seating of the newly elected City Council following the November 2026 election. For outside agency appointments, the Mayor would make recommendations to the City Council, except for the Ventura Housing Board of Commissioners, which would be reviewed by the Housing and Homelessness Standing Committee and forwarded to City Council for consideration. If adopted, these changes would eliminate the need for the Appointments Recommendation Committee. No changes are proposed to the Mobile Home Rent Review Board appointment process.

Qualifications and Scope

The Committee generally recommends broadening committee scopes and reducing restrictive qualification requirements where appropriate to expand the pool of eligible applicants, improve recruitment efforts, and ensure advisory groups remain responsive to current community needs. No changes are proposed to the Mobile Home Rent Review Board.

The Committee recommends converting existing Ad Hoc bodies established in the Municipal Code, such as the Tree Advisory Committee and the Arts and Culture Committee's Capital Improvement Project Review Committee, into standing committees. The Committee further recommends updating the Municipal Code to authorize any Council Advisory Group to establish temporary ad hoc committees, subject to approval by the City Manager or designee and City Council, to address specific projects or issues on a limited-term basis.

Recommended Scope Changes			
Body	Current Scope (Municipal Code)	Proposed Scope	Proposed Qualifications
Arts & Culture Commission	SBMC Chapter 2.470	Add: Advise and make recommendations on matters pertaining to the arts, culture, and cultural tourism in the city	All seven members have specialized expertise in the fields of arts & culture
Parks & Recreation Commission	SBMC Chapter 2.425	Advise and make recommendations on matters involving community centers and, separately, urban forestry.	No changes
Parking Advisory Committee	SBMC Chapter 2.455	Consider and make recommendations or questions relating to citywide parking.	Remove qualifications
Planning Commission	SBMC Chapter 2.415	Modify duties to incorporate the responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Committee and Design Review Committee.	No changes*
Water Commission	SBMC Chapter 2.460	No changes	All 7 members be employed, or have been employed, or have demonstrated special interest in one of the following positions or possess education qualifying them for one of the five following positions: hydrogeologist, civil engineering with experience in water and wastewater infrastructure, water resources manager, wastewater manager, or other water professionals.

* Pending further discussion regarding the Design Review Committee and the Historic Preservation Committee

General Updates

The Committee recommends a comprehensive update to the Municipal Code provisions governing Council Advisory Groups to establish consistent administrative and operational standards across all bodies. Currently, requirements related to membership, attendance, vacancies, officer selection, meeting procedures, subcommittees, and reporting responsibilities vary between code sections. The proposed changes would consolidate and standardize common provisions, create greater consistency in administration and interpretation, reduce duplication, and provide flexibility for future updates, while preserving the unique purpose and responsibilities of each individual Council Advisory Group.

To improve consistency and administration across Council Advisory Groups, the Committee recommends the following general updates:

- Commissions serve as a liaison between the City and residents through the conduct of regularly scheduled meetings to determine issues of concern and importance to advise the City Council within the commission's scope of authority.
- Commissions advisory to the City Council, and, unless otherwise specified in the ordinance which creates a particular commission, do not have authority over the work program or staff of any other commission or public body
- If a commission has a question as to whether it has jurisdiction over a particular matter, it can ask the City Council for direction — and the commission must refrain from acting on the matter until the Council provides direction.

Meeting Schedules

The Committee recommends modifying the meeting schedules of certain Council Advisory Groups to better align with current workload and operational needs, reflecting instances of limited business, recurring meeting cancellations, and challenges in achieving a quorum. Those recommended changes include:

- Revise the meeting schedules for the Parks & Recreation Commission and Arts & Culture Commission from monthly meetings to every-other-month meetings.
- Revise the meeting schedule for the Parking Advisory Committee from monthly meeting to quarterly meetings.

Other updates

Other updates are recommended to improve consistency, clarify administrative procedures, modernize operational practices, and enhance the overall effectiveness of Council Advisory Groups. Those recommended changes include:

- Standardize the naming of Council Advisory Groups by renaming advisory bodies as "Commissions" where appropriate to improve consistency and public understanding, while retaining the existing names of the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee, which was established by voter-approved ballot measure, and the Mobile Home Rent Review Board due to its distinct function.
- Remove references in the Municipal Code to advisory bodies designated as "reserved" where those bodies no longer exist, to improve clarity and maintain an accurate and current organizational structure.
- Direct staff to schedule quarterly City Council agenda items that provide Council Advisory Groups with an opportunity to present updates on their activities, accomplishments, priorities, and work plans, fostering greater communication, transparency, and alignment between advisory bodies and the City Council.
- Revise the duties of each Council Advisory Group to include the provision: "and any other issues as may be referred to the body by the City Council," providing flexibility for the City Council to assign additional matters for review and recommendation as needed.

Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Committee

The Committee identified the Design Review Committee (DRC) and Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) as policy considerations warranting further City Council discussion. At the conclusion of the Ad Hoc Committee process, the original recommendation was to eliminate the DRC following adoption of objective design standards and transfer its responsibilities to the Planning Commission. Similarly, the original recommendation was to eliminate the HPC following completion and adoption of the City's Historic Context Statement and transfer its responsibilities to the Planning Commission. Following additional public discussion during the Committee's Brown Act-compliant meetings, the Committee recommends that the City Council consider the following options for the Design Review Committee:

- Eliminate the Design Review Committee and transfer its responsibilities to the Planning Commission.
- Retain the Design Review Committee but limit its review to a single public hearing per project.
- Retain the Design Review Committee, limit review to a single public hearing, and exempt residential projects that comply with adopted objective design standards from Design Review Committee review.
- If retained, transition the Design Review Committee to a seven-member, City Council district-based appointment process.

The Committee also recommends that the City Council consider the following options for the Historic Preservation Committee:

- Eliminate the Historic Preservation Committee and transfer its responsibilities to the Planning Commission.
- Retain the Historic Preservation Committee but limit its responsibilities to the designation of landmarks and historic districts and consideration of Mills Act contracts, with a maximum of one public hearing per application.
 - Historic design review would occur administratively by staff, at the Director's Hearing, or by the Planning Commission, depending on the nature of the project.
- If retained, transition the Historic Preservation Committee to a seven-member, City Council district-based appointment process.

City Council Standing Committees

The Committee also reviewed the City's existing City Council Standing Committee structure and evaluated the potential creation of an Environmental Standing Committee for City Council consideration.

Environmental Standing Committee

Following its review, the Committee unanimously recommended the creation of an Environmental Standing Committee. The proposed committee would meet on an every-other-month basis and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters related to environmental stewardship, sustainability, resource conservation, and climate resilience. Key responsibilities would include receiving updates and providing feedback on implementation of the City's Climate Action and Resilience Plan, including Priority Action Plans and progress toward adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets, as well as developing recommendations for City Council consideration regarding implementation of environmental and sustainability initiatives.

The only other recommended change relates to the Appointments Recommendation Committee (ARC). As previously discussed, if the City Council approves the proposed district-based appointment process for Council Advisory Groups, the functions currently performed by the ARC would be assumed by individual Councilmembers and the City Council. As a result, the Committee recommends dissolving the Appointments Recommendation Committee, as it would no longer serve an ongoing operational purpose.

The Committee also noted inconsistencies in how City Council Standing Committees are established and maintained. Currently, some standing committees are codified in the Municipal Code, while others exist solely through the City Council Protocols. To improve transparency, consistency, and ease of administration, the Committee recommends that all City Council Standing Committees and Council Advisory Groups be formally codified within the Municipal Code, creating a single, comprehensive governance framework for the City's boards, commissions, committees, and standing subcommittees.

Next Steps

If the City Council approves the recommended changes, staff will return with the necessary Municipal Code amendments and any corresponding revisions to the City Council Protocols to implement Council direction. Staff will also prepare any related administrative updates required to transition appointment processes, committee structures, meeting schedules, and governance provisions consistent with the actions approved by the City Council.

The Committee also discussed related administrative updates that would be necessary to implement the recommended changes. If approved by the City Council, the City Clerk's Office would update application materials, recruitment processes, and Council Advisory Group handbooks to reflect the revised appointment processes, duties, qualifications, and governance provisions. For advisory bodies with modified qualification requirements, the updated application would provide applicants with an opportunity to describe relevant experience, expertise, or community involvement for consideration during the appointment process.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

This action is not directly related to the current Strategic Priorities identified by City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

Prepared by: Michael MacDonald, City Clerk
Ashley Pereda, Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. City Manager Memo outlining recommendations
- B. Standing Committee Minutes

CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2, 2026
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Bill Ayub, City Manager
Subject: City Council Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Advisory Bodies

Overview

This memorandum transmits an update on the work of the City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Advisory Bodies and includes the Committee's recommendations to date, as reflected in the attached spreadsheet.

Background

On July 1, 2025, the City Council established an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of all City advisory bodies and to bring forward recommendations regarding their structure, purpose, and scope. The three-member Ad Hoc Committee consisted of Councilmembers Mangone (Chair), McReynolds, and Schumacher.

On January 13, 2026, the City Council discussed transitioning the Ad Hoc Committee into a Brown Act committee to expand its scope of work to include a review of City Council standing committees, as well as consideration of the creation of a potential Environmental Committee. The committee's Tuesday, April 7, 3 pm meeting in the Community Meeting Room will include a discussion of the potential Environmental Committee; an agenda will be posted for that meeting.

Given the breadth and interconnected nature of the committee's work, the committee determined that it would be most effective to present a single, comprehensive package of recommendations for City Council consideration in June.

Staff is currently evaluating the proposed changes regarding Advisory Bodies, including identifying where amendments to the Municipal Code and Council Protocols would need to be proposed to City Council to implement the recommendations.

Attachment:

Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Advisory Bodies

Recommendation to City Council

Meeting Body	Proposed Amendment	Notes
Mobile Home Rent Review Board	No changes	
Arts & Culture Commission	District based appointment process; All 7 members have specialized expertise in the fields of arts and culture. Bi-monthly meeting schedule. Revise ad hoc committee establishments from SBMC Section 2.470.030 to be standing committees, since established by City Council through Municipal Code (art and design, acquisition program).	Amended qualifications. Amended meeting frequency.
Parks & Recreation Commission	District based appointment process; Bi-monthly meeting schedule. Revise Commission duties to include advice pertaining to matters involving community centers and, separately, urban forestry. Revise tree advisory ad hoc committee establishment from SBMC 2.425.040 to be standing committee, since established by City Council through Municipal Code.	Amended meeting frequency. Amended duties.
Planning Commission	Commission’s duties (which already include “other planning land-use related matters as the City Council may direct”) would necessarily include the responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Committee and the Design Review Committee, where directed.	Meeting all statutory requirements. Amended duties.
Water Commission	District based appointment process; All 7 members be employed, have been employed, or have a demonstrated special interest in one of the following positions or possess education qualifying them for one of the five following positions: hydrogeology, civil engineering with experience in water and wastewater infrastructure, water resources management, wastewater management, or other water professional fields.	Amended qualifications.
Design Review Committee	Fold into Planning Commission once Objective Design Standards have been completed and adopted.	Duties folded into Planning Commission.
Historic Preservation Committee	Fold into the Planning Commission effective January 1, 2027.	Duties folded into Planning Commission.

Recommendation to Council (cont.)

Meeting Body	Proposed Amendment	Notes
Measure O Committee	District-based appointment process.	Scope includes individual advocacy. No changes
Parking Advisory Committee	Transition to a district-based appointment process, with qualifications serving as preferences rather than requirements. Modify the meeting frequency from monthly to quarterly effective January 1, 2027. Revise the duties to: “Consider and make recommendations on issues or questions relating to citywide parking.”	Amended qualifications. Amended duties. Amended meeting frequency.
Other	<p>District-based nomination/Council appointment changes effective January 2027</p> <p>Rename all Council Advisory Groups as “Commissions” (doing away with “Committee” verbiage). Commissions may establish ad hoc or standing committees where approved by the City Manager or designee</p> <p>City staff to bring quarterly items placed on City Council agendas bundling commissions’ reports of the status of their work</p> <p>Add general language applicable to all commissions (summary below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissions serve as a liaison between the City and residents through the conduct of regularly scheduled meetings to determine issues of concern and importance to advise the City Council within the commission’s scope of authority • Commissions advisory to the City Council, and, unless otherwise specified in the ordinance which creates a particular commission, do not have authority over the work program or staff of any other commission or public body • If a commission has a question as to whether it has jurisdiction over a particular matter, it can ask the City Council for direction — and the commission must refrain from acting on the matter until the Council provides direction <p>Outside body appointments by the City Council to be recommended by the Mayor and approved by the full City Council, with the exception of appointments to the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura, which would be recommended by the Housing and Homelessness Subcommittee and approved by the full City Council.</p>	

Reviewing City Council Standing Committees Committee



Alex Mangone, Councilmember
Ryyn Schumacher, Councilmember
Bill McReynolds, Councilmember

Bill Ayub, City Manager
Javan N. Rad, City Attorney
Michael MacDonald, City Clerk

MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 REGULAR MEETING – 3:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM – CITY HALL
501 POLI STREET, VENTURA, CA 93001

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CALL TO ORDER – 3:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Mangone, Schumacher, and McReynolds

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Pete Friedman, Glenn Overley, Carol Spector, Eileen Shaw

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1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION

Select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the duration of the Committee's work.

Public Speakers: None.

Action: M/S/C (Schumacher/McReynolds) Councilmember Mangone as Chair, Councilmember Schumacher as Vice Chair.

Vote: All Ayes

2. Review Current City Council Standing Committees

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from the City Clerk on the current City Council standing committees and their scope.

Public Speaker: Glenn Overley

Action: Presentation received.

3. Discussion on the Creation of a Environmental City Council Standing Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the potential creation of an Environmental City Council Standing Committee and provide direction to staff to develop a proposed framework, including scope, membership, and any necessary Municipal Code and Council Protocol amendments.

Public Speaker: Todd Collart

Action: Discussion held. Provided staff with direction to develop proposed framework for an Environmental City Council Standing Committee.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Council Advisory Group recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee for the 4/21/2026 Meeting
- Finance, Audit, Budget Committee and Economic Development Committee Analysis
- Strategic Priorities and their correlation to City Council Standing Committees

ADJOURNMENT: 4:28 p.m.

I hereby certify that this a true and correct record of the Committee Reviewing Standing Committees meeting held on April 7, 2026.



Michael MacDonald, MMC
City Clerk

Reviewing City Council Standing Committees Committee



Alex Mangone, Councilmember
Ryyn Schumacher, Councilmember
Bill McReynolds, Councilmember

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MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 REGULAR MEETING – 3:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM – CITY HALL 501 POLI STREET, VENTURA, CA 93001

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CALL TO ORDER – 3:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember McReynolds, Vice Chair Schumacher, Chair Mangone

Absent: None

Chair Mangone Presiding

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Patty Overley, Glenn Overley

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1. **Discuss and Review the Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations on Council Advisory Groups**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review, and discuss the recommendations from the prior Council ad hoc committee on advisory bodies.

Public Speakers: Stephen Schaffer, Ann Huston, Glenn Overley, Mark Sirota, Eileen Shaw, Wendy Sauter, Carol Spector

Action: Recommendations discussed.

2. **Review of Current City Council Strategic Priorities and Current City Council Standing Committees**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from the City Clerk on current City Council standing committees, their scope, and City Council strategic priorities.

Public Speakers: Stephen Schaffer

Action: Presentation received.

3. **Discussion on the potential scope of an Environmental City Council Standing Committee**

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the draft scope for a potential Environmental City Council Standing Committee and provide direction to staff.

Public Speakers: Stephen Schaffer

Action: (M/S/C Schumacher/Reynolds) to present the proposed potential scope of an Environmental City Council Standing Committee to the full City Council.

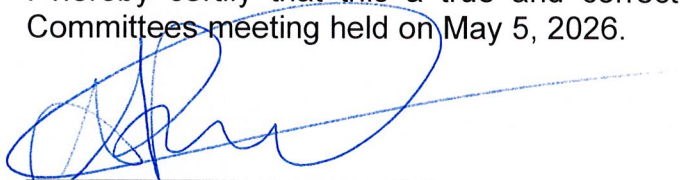
Vote: All ayes

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Explore what other cities have done as far as combining HPC and DRC as a 7-member, council appointed body.
- Review all boards, commissions, and committees, to see where public safety fits best.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:07 p.m.

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Ashley Pereda
Deputy City Clerk

Reviewing City Council Standing Committees Committee

Alex Mangone, Chair
Ryn Schumacher, Vice Chair
Bill McReynolds, Councilmember

Bill Ayub, City Manager
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ACTION AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

REGULAR MEETING – 3:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER – 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember McReynolds, Vice Chair Schumacher, Chair Mangone

Absent: None

Chair Mangone Presiding

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

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1. [Committee Minutes from April 7, 2026 and May 5, 2026](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Committee meeting minutes from April 7, 2026, and May 5, 2026.

Public Speakers: None

Action: M/S/C (McReynolds/Schumacher) to approve Committee Minutes from April 7, 2026 and May 5, 2026 with modifications specified by committee.

Vote: All ayes

2. [Discussion Regarding the Historic Preservation Committee and Design Review Committee](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from staff regarding the Historic Preservation Committee and Design Review Committee and provide feedback and recommendations to staff regarding committee structure, roles, responsibilities, and potential future modifications.

Public Speakers: Dan Long, Marieanne Beavener, Carol Spector, Laura Dunbar, Shanna Wasson Taylor, Bob Guthrie, June Roesler, Albert Antelman, Wendy Sauter, Stephen Schafer, Tim Nicely, Rachel Perzel

Action: M/S/C (McReynolds/Schumacher) to present the following recommendations to the full City Council for discussion and deliberation.

Historic Preservation Committee:

- Option 1: Eliminate the Historic Preservation Committee with duties forwarded to the Planning Commission or Director’s Hearing.
- Option 2: Limit the Historic Preservation Committee to review Landmark designations, Mills Act contracts and Historic Districts, with a one hearing maximum, with all historic review occurring via Director’s Hearing, Planning Commission or Staff depending on the project.

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Design Review Committee:

- Option 1: Limit the Design Review Committee to one hearing, with exemptions for residential buildings that comply with the Objective Design Standards.
- Option 2: Limit the Design Review Committee to a maximum of one hearing per project.
- Option 3: Eliminate the Design Review Committee.

Vote: All Ayes

3. [Discussion Regarding Advisory Body and Department Alignment with the City Council Strategic Priority of Public Safety](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from staff regarding the City Council Strategic Priority of Public Safety and provide feedback and recommendations regarding existing programs, services, advisory body alignment, and potential future modifications.

Public Speakers: None

Action: Presentation received and filed. Feedback provided to staff.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:02 p.m.

I hereby certify that this a true and correct record of the Committee Reviewing City Council Standing Committees meeting held on May 26, 2026.

Keely Royas
Assistant City Clerk