



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: October 2, 2024

TO: Mayor Teich and the Owosso City Council

FROM: Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Public hearing for Parks and Recreation Commission ordinance amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends scheduling a public hearing for October 21, 2024, to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, *Boards and Commissions*, Division 3, Parks and Recreation Commission.

BACKGROUND:

At the September 25, 2024 Parks and Recreation Meeting, the commission voted to add a student member to the Parks and Recreation Commission. This action would require amending the established ordinance.

The suggested amendment is located within Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, *Boards and Commissions*, Division 3, Parks and Recreation Commission, and would add a student member to the Parks and Recreation Commission. This seat shall have a one-year term and could fully participate in meetings but would not have a vote and would not count towards a quorum. Any student ages 15-18 enrolled in a public or private high school within the city would be eligible. Like the other seven seats on the commission, this position shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

The Parks and Recreation Commission's goal with adding a student seat to their board is to add a youth voice in their decision-making process. They believe the student members can provide valuable suggestions for the city's parks and recreation offerings while also encouraging civic engagement.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

RESOLUTION NO.

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO
AMEND CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION,
ARTICLE IV, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,
DIVISION 3, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has established by ordinance, a Parks and Recreation Commission to provide quality park and recreation opportunities based upon cost, efficiency and community need; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently made up of 7 voting members; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parks and Recreation Commission to add a Student Member to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, *Boards and Commissions*, Division 3, Parks and Recreation Commission, Section 2-242. *Members; appointment, terms, voting, officers* shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-242. - Members; appointment, terms, voting, officers.

- (a) —The members of the parks and recreation commission shall consist of seven voting (7) members appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. The mayor or the designee of the mayor, with council approval, shall be an ex-officio member of the commission. The Mayor shall also appoint, with council approval, one (1) student member.
- (b) —The seven voting (7) members shall have terms of two (2) years. The first appointment of the seven (7) members shall be staggered so that three (3) members are appointed for a one-year term and four (4) members shall be appointed to two-year terms. Thereafter each appointment of a member shall be for a two-year term unless it is an appointment to fill a vacancy in office that occurs prior to completion of a term. The student member shall serve a term of one (1) year. The ex-officio member of the commission shall serve for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the mayor.
- (c) —Each voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The ex-officio and student member shall not have a vote. Any action shall require a majority vote of the members present at a meeting constituting a quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least four (4) voting members.

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, ~~XXX, 2020~~ October 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 3. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective 20 days after approval.