

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to public outreach and engagement; creating a Community Involvement Commission to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council; amending Sections 3.35.010, 3.35.030, and 3.35.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Chapter 3.62, consisting of Sections 3.62.010, 3.62.020, 3.62.030, 3.62.040, 3.62.050, and 3.62.060, to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: On July 13, 2016, Mayor Murray issued Executive Order 2016-06, which directed City departments to implement new outreach and engagement practices that prioritize equity and reaffirm the City's commitment to inclusive participation. Executive Order 2016-06 also called for the creation of a new Community Involvement Commission and expressed the Mayor's intent to end the City's practice of providing District Councils and the City Neighborhood Council with prioritized access to City resources, thereby affording City staff the capacity to assist and engage a broader range of community members. This ordinance would amend the Seattle Municipal Code to (1) establish a Community Involvement Commission and (2) update the Department of Neighborhoods chapter (SMC 3.35) to better reflect the Department's current policies and practices as well as those advanced by the Mayor in Executive Order 2016-06 regarding dedicated City staff support for District Councils and the City Neighborhood Council.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

 This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

 X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No; existing City resources will be used to implement and fund the policy, program and staffing changes advanced by this ordinance.

- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

If this ordinance is not adopted, District Councils and the City Neighborhood Council

could continue to receive a higher level of City assistance (prioritized support from DON's team of Neighborhood District Coordinators, a distinct role in the review and ranking of Neighborhood Matching Fund grant applications) than all other community organizations located and working in Seattle neighborhoods. Additionally, a new Community Involvement Commission and other elements of the public engagement framework outlined in this legislation to foster ongoing participation by a broader range of community members would not be realized. These potential outcomes are inconsistent with the City of Seattle's responsibility, as a steward of public funds, to direct its limited staff and public engagement resources to programs and activities that are inclusive, effective, and accessible to all local residents and stakeholders that wish to participate, including representatives of underserved and underrepresented populations.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

The legislation will primarily impact DON, which will be responsible for staffing the Community Involvement Commission and leading the City's ongoing efforts to implement public outreach and engagement practices that are equitable, inclusive, and effective. However, through Executive Order 2016-06, the Mayor has directed all City departments to work with DON to develop community involvement plans and practices that are consistent with the policies and initiatives put forward in this ordinance and its accompanying resolution.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

A public hearing is not required for this specific piece of legislation; however, it will be transmitted to the City Council as part of the Mayor's 2017-2018 Proposed Budget and the City Council will host multiple public hearings on the Mayor's proposal as part of their review process.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

Consistent with Executive Order 2016-06, this ordinance would create a new Community Involvement Commission. The intent of this effort is to help engage a broader range of community members – including representatives from underserved and underrepresented populations – in City decision-making processes. Additionally, ending the City's practice of providing District Councils and the City Neighborhood Council with

prioritized access to City resources will allow City staff to support a greater diversity of community organizations, including those that serve vulnerable and/or historically disadvantaged populations.

- i) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**

This ordinance is part of a larger effort to advance policy and program changes designed to make the City's community involvement practices more equitable and inclusive. Measurable outcomes tied to the passage of this ordinance include the formation of a new, citywide Community Involvement Commission. Appointments to the Commission are expected to come before the City Council's Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee in early 2017.

- j) **Other Issues:**

To meet its business needs, DON's 2017-2018 budget proposal reallocates 2.0 FTE Neighborhood District Coordinator positions that previously provided staff support to District Councils to 2.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1 positions. The reallocation would be budget-neutral; however, the funding source for the two positions would shift from General Fund support within DON to funding provided by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Both Strategic Advisor 1 positions would work closely with staff from SDOT and the Office of Economic Development to help address the impacts of complex, large-scale infrastructure improvement projects on local communities.

This ordinance was transmitted to the City Council together with a companion resolution.

List attachments/exhibits below: None.