



DATE: August 17, 2011
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Library Department
SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF REVISED BYLAWS FOR THE ARTS COMMISSION**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve revised bylaws for the Arts Commission (attached) to amend *Section 2.3 Termination of Membership* to change the criteria for termination of a Commission Member; *Section 4.1 Regular Meetings* to reduce the frequency of meetings from monthly to quarterly; and *Section 5.3 Presentation of Annual Work Plan* to allow for biannual work plans.

BACKGROUND

The Arts Commission was formed in March of 1991 (Resolution 91-70). The original bylaws identified *Section 2.3 Termination of Membership* which outlined the criteria by which a Commission Member could be terminated. *Section 4.1 Regular Meetings* established monthly meetings for the Commission. *Section 5.3 Presentation of Annual Work Plan* outlined the process for City Council approval of the Commission's Annual Work Plan. The Arts Commission is now recommending that Sections 2.3, 4.1, and 5.3 be updated.

ANALYSIS

At the Arts Commission meeting of July 11, 2011, the Commission approved these revisions to their bylaws. Consequently, staff has revised the following bylaws section:

- *Section 2.3 Termination of Membership*: Changes have been made to three of the four criteria by which a Commission Member can be terminated. A member may only have 2 unexcused absences vs. 3; a member can be removed if they have less than a 50% attendance record vs. 60% as originally identified and; a member can be removed if they fail to attend a training session that will be set up during their first year on the Commission;
- *Section 4.1 Regular Meetings* will be held quarterly, rather than monthly; and
- *Section 5.3 Presentation of Annual Work Plan* is changed to *Presentation of Biannual Work Plan*.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Arts Commission reviewed the revised bylaws at its July 11, 2011, meeting, and recommended approval.

CITY ATTORNEYS ANALYSIS

The revised bylaws have been reviewed and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENTS

Bylaws

**BYLAWS OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE
ARTS COMMISSION**

ARTICLE I. THE COMMISSION

Section 1.1 Arts Commission

The name of the Commission shall be the "City of Oceanside Arts Commission" (hereinafter referred to as "Commission").

Section 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Oceanside Arts Commission is to encourage and to promote the development and enjoyment of performing and visual arts in the City of Oceanside.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 Composition

The Commission shall consist of nine (9) regular voting members and two alternate members identified as alternate I and alternate II.

MiraCosta College may recommend one (1) person to the Oceanside Mayor for appointment to the Commission as a regular member. If MiraCosta College fails to make such a recommendation within 180 days of the notice by the City Clerk's office of this particular opening, the resulting vacancy, if any, shall be filled pursuant to the provision of Section 2.5.

The Oceanside Museum of Art may recommend one (1) person to the Oceanside Mayor for appointment to the Commission as a regular member. If the Oceanside Museum of Art fails to make such a recommendation within 180 days of the notice by the City Clerk's office of this particular opening, the resulting vacancy, if any, shall be filled pursuant to the provision of Section 2.5.

Section 2.2 Terms of Membership

The initial terms of membership for regular voting members shall be staggered, with the effective date of the Resolution establishing the Commission being the official date on which each term begins. Thereafter, regular members shall serve terms of three (3) years.

Alternate members' terms are for two (2) years duration. Positions of alternates are determined by draw. Alternates are to take turns in filling the seats of any absent

regular voting members. Alternates are expected to attend all meetings even if they are not filling in for an absent regular voting member.

Section 2.3 Termination of Membership

All members serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed during a term. Membership in the commission shall be automatically terminated upon any of the following occurrences:

- a. The expiration date of the term of membership;
- b. The member has ~~three (3)~~ two (2) unexcused absences per fiscal year from regular commission meetings without cause and/or without notifying the Chairperson or City Staff.
- c. The member has a less than ~~60%~~ 50% attendance record each fiscal year (includes excused and unexcused absences);
- d. ~~The A new~~ member fails to attend ~~one initial~~ commission training ~~each term~~; if training is offered, with 30 days' notice, during their first year on the Commission;
- e. Upon removal by a majority of the City Council, with or without cause;
- f. The member fails to complete and submit the required financial interest disclosure forms to the City Clerk's Office by the specified due date.

Section 2.4 Resignation

Any Commission member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Mayor of the City of Oceanside and the Chairperson of the Commission. Any such resignation shall be effective upon receipt or upon any date specified therein. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 2.5 Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs, the Mayor shall appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy, subject to the provisions and appointment procedures outlined in Chapter 2, article 2.1 of the City Code. All alternates will be considered for open regular voting member positions. Vacancies will be filled as expeditiously as is feasible.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 3.1 Officers

The officers of the Commission shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson, who each must be a regular voting Commissioner.

Section 3.2 Chairperson

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall work with the staff who serve the Commission to submit such agendas, recommendations, and information at such meetings that are reasonable and proper for the conduct of business affairs and policies of the Commission.

Section 3.3 Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. In the event of the resignation, death or removal of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the Chairperson's duties until such time as the Commission shall elect a new Chairperson, pursuant to Section 3.6 concerning vacancies.

Section 3.4 Additional Duties

At times, officers of the Commission shall perform duties and functions at the request of the Commission or staff, incidental to the offices held by such officers.

Section 3.5 Election

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Commission at the June Commission meeting from among the Commission members, who shall each hold office for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified. An officer may serve successive terms of office.

Section 3.6 Vacancies

Should the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson become vacant, the Commission shall elect a successor from among its members at the next regular or special meeting, and the office shall be held for the un-expired term of office.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 4.1 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held ~~monthly~~quarterly at a time and date determined by the commission, during regular City business hours. – In the event that the regular meeting date is a legal holiday of the city, then any such regular meeting shall be held on the next business day or as agreed upon by the Commission members at a prior meeting.

Section 4.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be held upon call of the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson acting on the behalf of the Chairperson or of the majority of the membership of the Commission, for the purpose of transacting any business designated in the call, after notification of all members of the Commission by written notice personally delivered or mailed at least 72 hours before the time specified in the notice of the meeting. At such special meeting, no business other than that designated in the call should be considered.

Section 4.3 Adjourned Meetings

Any meeting of the commission may be adjourned to another meeting providing the adjournment indicates the date, time, and place of the adjourned meeting. Commission members absent from the meeting at which adjourned decision is made shall be notified by the Chairperson of the continued meeting.

Section 4.4 Meetings to be Open and Public

All meetings of the Commission and its standing committees shall be open and public to the extent required by the California State Brown Act. All persons shall be permitted to attend any such meetings, except as otherwise provided by law.

Section 4.5 Quorum

Fifty one percent of the appointed commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the Commission business, exercising its powers and all other purposes, but less than a majority of the Commission membership may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

Section 4.6 Attendance at Meetings

All members of the Commission, regular voting and alternate, shall be required to attend all Commission meetings unless such member has been excused from participation.

Section 4.7 Excused Absences

A member's absence from a meeting shall be excused if, prior to the meeting from which a member will be absent, the member notifies the Chairperson or City staff of his/her intent to be absent. At each meeting, after the meeting has been called to order, the Chairperson shall report to the commission the name of any member who has so notified the Chairperson or staff of his/her intent to be absent.

Section 4.8 Absence of Regular Member

When a regular voting member is absent from a meeting, an alternate shall be seated and will participate in the Commission proceedings in place of the absent regular voting member. Alternate members will take turns filling in for an absent regular voting member. An alternate member shall have voting privileges only when acting in the stead of an absent regular member.

Section 4.9 Order of Business

The order of business shall be established by the Commission. The agenda shall include sections for both old and new business. Old business shall include reports by members of progress on any project considered currently active by the Chair or assigned staff members. Agendas shall be published and posted in compliance with applicable state and local laws and rules. Provisions will be made for citizens with disabilities by contacting City staff.

Section 4.10 Rules of Order

All business and matters before the Commission shall be transacted in conformance with Article I of Chapter 2 of the Oceanside City Code to the extent applicable to the business of this commission.

Section 4.11 Off-Agenda Items

No off-agenda items shall be acted upon or discussed by the commission. Commission members, staff and/or public may announce off-agenda matters of concern. Each off-agenda matter shall be automatically referred to staff for resolution or placed on the next available Commission agenda.

Section 4.12 Agenda Items

Any commissioner may request an item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the commission. Placement of an agenda item may be made at any commission meeting by notifying the assigned staff member of such a request in written or oral form. Members may also contact the assigned staff person during regular working hours to request an item be placed on the next agenda. Agenda items shall be

labeled as "Information " or "Action" items. No vote shall be taken on any item unless background information has been provided to each commission member.

ARTICLE V. RECORDS, REPORTS, AND ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Section 5.1 Meeting Records

The Commission shall keep minutes of all meetings, which shall be open for inspection by any member of the public. Minutes should contain detailed voting records by Member, and by specific action. Upon approval of meeting minutes by the Commission, copies of such minutes shall be distributed to the City Council and City Manager.

Section 5.2 Reports Submitted to City Council

The Commission shall submit copies of all written reports, studies, and correspondence sent to public agencies to the City Manager and City Council upon distribution of the original document.

Section 5.3 Presentation of ~~Annual-Biannual~~ Work plan

The Commission shall submit to the City Council, no later than three (3) months after the initial seating of the commissioners, and no later than June 30 of ~~each~~ every other following year, a comprehensive biannual work plan indicating specific goals and objectives ~~proposed for the fiscal year~~ to support the purpose and scope of responsibilities as described in Section 1.2.—~~The Commission will have an annual workshop with the City Council to discuss the proposed fiscal year work plan.~~

ARTICLE VI. REPRESENTATION BEFORE PUBLIC BODIES

Section 6.1 Representation

Any official representations on behalf of the commission before the City Council, or any public body, shall be made by the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence, or a member of the Commission specifically designated by the Commission.

Section 6.2 Statement of Minority Views

All reports by City staff and all official representation on behalf of the Commission pursuant to Section 4.1 and 4.2 on matters that have been approved or disapproved by the Commission shall, in addition to a statement of majority vote, include a brief statement of any minority opinions on the matter, as incorporated in the Official Minutes of the Commission.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 7.1 Establishment

The Commission shall have the authority to and may establish standing or ad-hoc committees as necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth in Section 1.2 herein. Committees may meet to discuss specific issues within the scope of responsibility for the Commission and to make recommendations for action by the Commission. Membership composition and terms shall be determined by the Commission for any committee created; however, no committee shall consist of more than four (4) Commission members, as not to cause a majority of Commission members to serve on one (1) committee.

Section 7.2 Appointment of Committee Members

Members on a standing or ad-hoc committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of a majority of the Commission members.

Section 7.3 Committee Reports

Committee(s) shall from time to time make reports, written or verbal, to the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.1 Councilmember Liaisons to Commission

The Mayor shall appoint to the Commission, subject to approval of the City Council, one (1) member of the City Council to serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Commission. Said ex-officio member shall serve as an liaison between the City Council and the commission, shall from time-to-time inform the City Council of the activities and issues addressed by the Commission, and shall assist the Commission in promoting recommendations made to the City Council. Council liaisons will make every effort to attend all commission meetings.

Section 8.2 City Assistance to Officers and Commission

The City Manager shall appoint staff to assist the Commission officers and members, as necessary in such activities as setting and conducting meetings, preparing meeting agendas and minutes and responding to requests for assistance from Commission members.

Section 8.3 Procedural Situations Not Addressed

In procedural situations not addressed in the body of the Commission bylaws, the determination of the situation shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the City Attorney's Office.

