

ORDINANCE NO. 1062

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 2.35 “STANDING FINANCIAL COMMITTEE” TO THE CITY OF BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Beaumont desires to enhance transparency and accountability regarding City financial affairs, as well as establish effective fiscal management and investment policies within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide for increased citizen input and participation regarding fiscal policy and practices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to establish a Standing Financial Committee to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in order to meet such goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CEQA. The City Council finds that the actions contemplated by this Ordinance are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Section 15060 (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 2. Severability. The City Council hereby declares that if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Ordinance, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance enforced.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby adds Chapter 2.35 “Standing Financial Committee” to the City of Beaumont Municipal Code as follows:

Chapter 2.35
“Standing Financial Committee”

Sections:

- 2.35.010 Purpose and Intent.
- 2.35.020 Definitions.
- 2.35.030 Creation of Committee.
- 2.35.040 Appointment and Qualifications of Committee Members.
- 2.35.050 Term and Tenure of Members.
- 2.35.060 Powers and Duties.
- 2.35.070 Rules and Regulations.

2.35.010 Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a Standing Financial Committee. The Standing Financial Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and work to promote enhanced fiscal responsibility, accountability, integrity, transparency, and to recommend fiscal and investment policies for City Council consideration.

2.35.020 Definitions.

- (A) “City” shall mean the City of Beaumont;
- (B) “Code” shall mean the City of Beaumont Municipal Code;
- (C) “Committee” shall mean the Standing Financial Committee as established herein.

2.35.030 Creation of Committee. There is hereby created a Standing Financial Committee. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members.

2.35.040 Appointment and Qualifications of Committee Members. The City Council shall appoint the members of the Committee. Committee members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall consist of at least two (2) members of the City Council, the City Treasurer, the City Manager or his or her designee as the highest ranking financial staff member of the City, and five (5) residents of the City of Beaumont. The ninth committee member shall either be a City resident and/or he or she must own a business operating within the City. The City Manager and his or her designee as the highest ranking financial staff position shall be on the Committee as non-voting members. There will be nine voting members. Any Committee member may be removed from the Committee after three consecutive unexcused absences from meetings and a majority vote of the Committee.

2.35.050 Term and Tenure of Members. All members of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. Members shall serve without compensation.

2.35.060 Powers and Duties. The Committee shall be advisory to the City Council. The Committee shall hold public meetings at least once every sixty days. The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding:

- (A) City investment policies and practices;
- (B) Long term financial planning;
- (C) Such other matters as the City Council may request from time to time

2.35.070 Rules and Regulations. The Committee shall appoint a chair, who shall conduct Committee meetings and report quarterly to the City Council on Committee activities and recommendations. The Committee shall adopt such rules and regulations as are needed to conduct its meetings and shall comply with the Brown Act and other applicable laws.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Publication. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same or a summary thereof to be published within 15 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36937.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, approves this amendment to the City Code.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 18th day of August, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lara, Orozco, Knight, White
 NOES None
 ABSENT: Fox
 ABSTAIN None

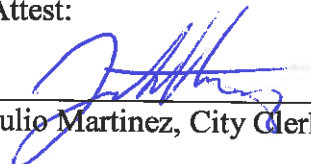
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 15th day of September, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Fox, Lara, Orozco, Knight, White
 NOES None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN None



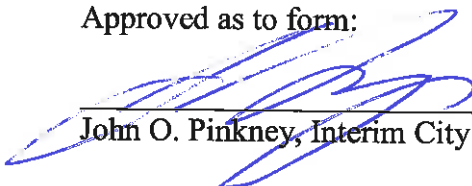
 Brenda Knight, Mayor

Attest:



 Julio Martinez, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



 John O. Pinkney, Interim City Attorney



CITY OF BEAUMONT

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Beaumont City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at approximately 6:00 p.m. in room 5 at the Beaumont Civic Center, 550 E. 6th Street, Beaumont, California 92223, to receive testimony and comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of the following matter(s):

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CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 2.35 "STANDING FINANCIAL COMMITTEE" TO
THE CITY OF BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE**

The intent of the ordinance is to set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Standing Financial Committee. The Beaumont City Council desires to enhance transparency and accountability regarding City financial affairs, as well as establish effective fiscal management and investment policies within the City. The City Council also desires to provide for increased citizen input and participation regarding fiscal policy and practices. The City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to establish a Standing Financial Committee to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in order to meet such goals.

Date: August 4, 2015

Publish one time only in the Record Gazette on August 7, 2015

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Treasurer's Office
By: Nancy Carroll
Agenda Date: August 18, 2015
Subject: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of
Beaumont, California Adding Chapter 2.35 to the City of
Beaumont Municipal Code

Background/ Summary:

Before the City Council is an ordinance that would establish a nine voting member Standing Financial Committee. This Committee would serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on budget, investments, financial planning, audits, transparency and other special oversight projects as determined by Council. The City Manager and the highest ranking financial staff member (to be determined by the City Manager) would be included as non-voting members of the Committee. All other members would be appointed by Council. Elected members would include two Council Members and the City Treasurer. Five public members will be Beaumont residents with one additional member who may or may not reside in Beaumont but if not, must own a business in the City. All citizen members must meet and fulfill application requirements before appointment.

Fiscal Impact:

No compensation is offered for Committee members.

Actions:

Hold a Public Hearing and approve the first reading of the Ordinance adding Chapter 2.35 to the Beaumont Municipal Code.

Carroll