



January 17, 2024

ITEM TITLE: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1240 ADDING CHAPTER 2.26 TO THE IMPERIAL BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING THE IMPERIAL BEACH VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. (0120-95)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

City Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Imperial Beach is home to many United States active and veteran military personnel, and their families. In the interest of recognizing the contributions of one of the most honorable segments of our local citizenry, the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach desires to establish a Veterans & Military Affairs Committee to serve as a resource to provide advice and make recommendations to the City Council on issues affecting active military and veterans and on matters which veterans have special areas of knowledge and expertise.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1240, amending the Municipal Code, by title only.

OPTIONS:

- Approve staff's recommendation conducting the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1240, amending the Municipal Code, by title only; or
- Approve staff's recommendation with alternative amendments or modifications; or
- Request additional information and an additional report.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City of Imperial Beach is home to many United States active and veteran military personnel, and their families. The City Council values the contributions and experience of the many militaries, active and veterans, within the City of Imperial Beach who have dutifully served their country.

In the interest of recognizing the contributions of one of the most honorable segments of our local citizenry, the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach desires to establish a Veterans & Military Affairs Committee to serve as a resource to provide advice and make recommendations to the City Council on issues affecting active military and veterans and on matters which veterans have special areas of knowledge and expertise.

The Veterans & Military Affairs Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed in accordance with Chapter 2.18 of the Imperial Beach Municipal Code. Although there are no specific selection criteria the Mayor will consider the following in the identification of potential members for consideration:

- A cross section of the community should be represented including veterans, active military personnel, and individuals familiar with the military that work or have worked with military and veterans' programs and resources.

Notwithstanding Imperial Beach Municipal Code section 2.18.040, all members of the Veterans & Military Affairs Committee shall be residents of the city unless the City Council determines by a four-fifths (4/5) vote that a non-resident shall be appointed due to special expertise that is not available among resident candidates. No more than one non-resident shall serve on the Committee at one time.

The Veterans & Military Affairs Committee shall meet at least on a quarterly basis, or as needed, and will act in a purely advisory capacity to the City Council. The stated and primary function of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the City Council on issues affecting active duty and veterans and on matters which veterans have special areas of knowledge and expertise and to serve as information resource on issues related to military, veterans, and family members of military and veterans in the City of Imperial Beach. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are described in Attachment 1 under section 2.32.040 of the proposed Ordinance.

It is anticipated that staff support for the Committee will be minimal and limited to administrative support for scheduled meetings, the preparation of reports and information as directed by the City Council or City Manager, and other nominal staff time as needed to allow the Committee to function properly.

The first reading and introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-1240 took place at the December 6, 2023 City Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Besides staff support, there is no additional direct fiscal impact associated with the creation of a Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATT 1 – Ordinance No. 2023-1240