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AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.56, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COLORADO, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOURTH SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE LAKEWOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION CONCERNING DIVERSITY AND OTHER GENERAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, The Lakewood Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community was established as a regular City Council advisory commission by City Council Resolution 2007-48, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Charter, and codified in Chapter 2.56 of the Lakewood Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lakewood Advisory Commission is to support Lakewood as a vibrant and inclusive community, and to serve as an advocate and informed voice for the community by providing research and recommendations on local issues to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need for a standing sub-committee to advise and inform on issues of diversity impacting the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Title 2, Chapter 2.56. Title 2, Chapter 2.56 of the Lakewood Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

2.56.010 Lakewood Advisory Commission Established.

The Lakewood Advisory Commission, referred to hereinafter as the "LAC", ~~for an Inclusive Community created by City Council Resolution 2007-48, as amended,~~ is hereby established as a regular City Council advisory commission pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Charter. ~~and shall henceforth be known as the "Lakewood Advisory Commission."~~

2.56.020 Mission Statement.

In order to support Lakewood as a vibrant and inclusive community, the ~~Lakewood Advisory Commission is~~ LAC shall be an advocate and informed voice for the community by providing research and recommendations on local issues to the City Council.

2.56.030 Membership and Terms.

- A. The ~~Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC shall consist of 30 members, each of which shall serve a three-year term beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The members' terms shall be staggered.

- B. Those individuals who are members of ACIC as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall continue as members of the Lakewood Advisory Commission and shall fulfill the remainder of their existing terms.
- C. Upon expiration of a term, the appointment or reappointment of a member shall be by City Council resolution upon recommendation of the City Council Screening Committee as set forth in the Council Policies and Procedures Manual.

2.56.040 Officers.

The membership of the ~~Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC shall annually elect, from among all Lakewood Advisory Commission members, a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary who shall serve as the Officers of the ~~Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC. ~~The Officers shall prepare and present an annual report to City Council.~~

2.56.050 Subcommittees; Chairs.

- A. ~~The Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC shall be divided into ~~the three~~ four subcommittees: Sustainability, Neighborhoods, ~~and~~ Civic Awareness, ~~and Diversity~~.
- B. Each LAC member shall be assigned to one or more subcommittee.
- C. Each subcommittee shall have approximately the same number of members.
- D. Each subcommittee shall annually elect its own chair from the membership of the subcommittee.

2.56.060 Executive Committee.

The ~~Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC shall have an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and the four ~~three~~ subcommittee chairs. The Executive Committee will work closely with the Commission Advisor for assignments and guidance on City Council requests for research and recommendations. The Executive Committee shall relay City Council assignments to the appropriate subcommittee(s) and shall ensure proper action/follow-up by such subcommittee(s). ~~The Officers shall prepare and present an annual report to City Council.~~

2.56.070 Meetings.

- A. ~~The Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC shall meet monthly unless a meeting is cancelled for cause by a vote of the Executive Committee.
- B. The subcommittees shall meet as necessary to work on and complete City Council requests for research and recommendations.
- C. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly unless a meeting is cancelled for cause by a vote of the Executive Committee.

2.56.080 Commission Staffing.

The City shall staff the ~~Lakewood Advisory Commission~~ LAC with a Commission Advisor and a Commission Coordinator, which positions may be filled by a single individual, as determined by the City Manager.

2.56.090 Quorum

- A. A quorum of the LAC shall consist of more than fifty (50) percent of its then-current membership.
- B. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four of the seven members.

2.56.100 Removal

Any member may be removed from the LAC in accordance with Resolution 2008-40, as amended or superseded.

2.56.110 Policies and Procedures

The Executive Committee is authorized to promulgate such reasonable policies and procedures as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the LAC.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final publication.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance should be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid portion, provided that such remaining portions or application of this Ordinance are not determined by the court to be inoperable.

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a virtual regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on the 12th day of July, 2021; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website, www.lakewood.org, on the 15th day of July, 2021; set for public hearing to be held on the 26th day of July, 2021, read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the 26th day of July, 2021 and, signed by the Mayor on the _____ day of July, 2021.

Adam Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bruce Roome, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney