

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Susan Rotert, Human Resources Director

Council Meeting: February 23, 2021 / March 9, 2021

Subject: Disability Committee Name Change

Person(s) Responsible: Brianna Doran, Committee Chair
Susan Rotert, Human Resources Director

Summary:

The Committee would like to move to a more modern, user-friendly committee name. This agenda item will change the name of The Mayor's Advisory Committee for People who have Disabilities to the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee.

Background:

The committee was established on May 1, 1991 as The Mayor's Advisory Committee for the people with Disabilities.

The Committee strives to advocate for the rights of people in our community who have disabilities. Throughout the year, specific events are held to bring awareness and information to our citizens. The Committee was created to provide a framework for community-based advocacy in the removal of mobility and attitudinal barriers faced by individuals with disabilities. The Committee's purpose directly corresponds to the City's goal to provide a high quality of life for its citizens.

The Committee has created a three-prong partnership with the Department of Social Services and Independent Living Choices to disseminate collected durable medical equipment and create the most efficient way to direct and help the people of Brookings. The Committee has also created and presented two annual awards, the A.B.L.E. (Ability, Belief Leadership and Equality to Achieve Access for All) Award and EMPOWER Award to local entities who go above and beyond accommodating and employing individuals with disabilities.

Item Details:

The ordinance, if approved, would change the name of The Mayor's Advisory Committee for People Who have Disabilities to the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee.

The Committee would like to move to a more modern, user-friendly committee name to bring forward their true mission of Awareness to the Citizen's and Businesses in the City of Brookings on changes or improvements that can be made to give easy access to

public and employer spaces, help employers and employees or potential employees come together to make a more equitable and accessible Brookings for all who live here.

Legal Consideration:

City Attorney reviewed and approved ordinance language.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

The City of Brookings is an inclusive and connected community which is committed to providing a high quality of life for all of its citizens.

Financial Consideration:

None

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a work session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as presented.

Supporting Documentation:

Ordinance – clean

Ordinance – marked

Committee Minutes

Ordinance 28-91

Resolution 35-90