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SUBJECT: Amendments to the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government
Real Property
DATE: July 17, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Request for Resolution

SUMMARY:
Public Works staff will present proposed amendments to the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property to better align with current City goals to increase prioritization for affordable housing and equity.

BACKGROUND:
The City adopted Resolution No. 38529 on August 21, 2012, which set forth the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property (Surplus Policy). While the 2012 Surplus Policy did mention affordable housing, the focus of the Surplus Policy was economic development. There was limited prioritization for affordable housing and no mention of equity.

In September 2018, Council Member Mello asked Real Property Services to update the current Surplus Policy to give prioritization to affordable housing and equity. Real Property Services collaborated with the Office of Equity and Human Rights and Community and Economic Development’s Housing Division to align the new policy language with the City’s equity goals and the Affordable Action Housing Strategy (“AHAS”).

In 2019, the City adopted the AHAS and began work to accomplish the goals set forth in various action items within the strategy. This updated Surplus Policy will fulfill a large portion of AHAS Action Item 1.4. In addition, on March 22, 2019, House Bill 2382 was signed into law in Washington. This bill enables public entities to transfer real property at little or no cost for purposes of affordable housing. Consistent with House Bill 2382, the updated Surplus Policy includes language enacting the terms for the City and setting forth requirements.

ISSUE:
The current Surplus Policy does not prioritize affordable housing or equity and needs to be updated to align with current City goals.

ALTERNATIVES:
The City could continue to rely upon the 2012 Surplus Policy; however, this would not align with City goals to increase prioritization for affordable housing and equity.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact.



RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works staff is requesting a recommendation to forward the proposed amendments to the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property to the full City Council for review and approval.