



Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Rey Valdes
City Manager

Subject: **City of Doral Amended Mayor and Councilmember Initiated Events Policy**

Introduction

From time to time, the Mayor and individual Councilmembers may want to initiate a community celebration, workshop, or event, that highlights the individual elected officials' interests, causes, priorities, or is of special interest to that Councilmember, which events will be associated directly to his/her individual office, and provide a benefit to the City's residents.

To that end, during the regular council meeting of August 9, 2023, pursuant to Discussion Item (9)(C), Councilwoman Porras proposed that the City adopt a policy providing that elected officials can utilize City facilities and waive staff costs for Councilmember initiated events. Following the discussion, there was consensus of the City Council to proceed with such a policy, and the City Attorney was directed to prepare the same.

Pursuant to the above direction, an ordinance was drafted and placed on the September 13, 2023 regular City Council agenda; however, said item was ultimately deferred.

On September 20, 2023, at a publicly noticed meeting, members of the City Council discussed the aforementioned policy, and further refined the intent and parameters of a policy allowing for Councilmember initiated events.

Consistent with the discussion conducted at the September 20, 2023 meeting, the proposed "City of Doral Mayor and Councilmember Initiated Events Policy" was drafted for the City Council's consideration, which is attached to this agenda item as Exhibit "A".

After almost a year of implementing this policy, staff feels that there is clarification needed in order to continue to implement the policy in a fair and transparent manner.

Attached hereto is the amended Mayor and Councilmember Initiated Events Policy.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact on this item.

Recommendation

I respectfully request Mayor and Council approval of the item.