

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Discuss and consider recommended changes to the Bylaws of the Workforce Housing Advisory Committee and approval of the recommendation of Stephen Brockman as committee's Chair

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/13/2021	1	City Council	approved	Pass

**PRESENTER:**

Jeff Jewell, Director of Economic and Community Development

**SUBJECT:**

Discuss and consider recommended changes to the Bylaws of the Workforce Housing Advisory Committee and approval of the recommendation of Stephen Brockman as committee's Chair

**DEPARTMENT:** Economic and Community Development

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** All

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

City Council created the Workforce Housing Advisory Committee (WHAC) to address the community's affordable and workforce housing needs. The committee first convened in early 2020 and has met regularly since.

**ISSUE:**

The changes are proposed to ensure the committee can continue to meet on a regular basis and to clarify some outstanding questions that have arisen as it has operated. Specifically, the major revisions/changes are as proposed:

1. Reduces committee membership from 15 to 11;
2. Requires representatives from six community institutions/bodies: New Braunfels Economic

Development Corporation, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Housing Authority, New Braunfels Utilities, Planning Commission, and Habitat for Humanity;

3. Amends residency requirement to include residents of the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction;
4. Separates Qualifications from Membership and establishes a new section (3.02) that delineates the qualifications of those applicants that will be considered by City Council;
5. Clarifies that the designated organizations can have a maximum of one representative on the Committee;
6. Clarifies that if qualified applicants are not available to represent the aforementioned organizations, the City Council may appoint additional at-large committee members;
7. Removes “unexcused” absences;
8. Clarifies that special called meetings do not count against a member for attendance requirement purposes;
9. Specifies that the Committee will accept nominations and put forward a slate of candidates (or candidate) for City Council’s consideration for the Chair position; and
10. Minor grammatical and spelling corrections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Workforce Housing Advisory Committee met on August 18, 2021 to consider the proposed changes. The recommended changes were approved by a 8-0 vote.