



**DATE:** May 15, 2018

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** City Manager's Office/Council  
Procedures Committee

**TITLE:** **Resolution Amending Council Policy  
A-11 – Display of Flags at City  
Facilities**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a Resolution Amending Council Policy K-11 – Display of Flags at City Facilities, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

### **BACKGROUND**

The Council Procedures Committee (CPC) is a standing Council committee that meets on an as-needed basis to discuss issues relating to City Council policies and/or procedures. This report addresses a recommendation by the CPC recommending Council approval to fly the Pride flag annually in June, below the City flag, as an expression of the City's official sentiments.

### **ANALYSIS**

The consideration of ceremonial flags had previously been considered by the CPC on April 21, 2015. The request was for the Committee to review Council Policy K-11 (Attachment 2) for consideration of potential revisions to allow for adding ceremonial flags to fly, below the City flag, as an expression of the City's official sentiments for a period of time, in accordance with larger recognitions, such as Pride Month that occurs in June. At that time, no action was taken by the Committee to modify the existing policy.

However, since that time, the Pride flag has been raised at Civic Center in all subsequent years after a vote of the City Council. On June 20, 2017, Council gave direction to fly the Pride flag annually in June and make required changes to the policy. On Thursday, June 29, 2017, the CPC considered and confirmed the Council direction to fly the ceremonial Pride flag annually in June and make the required changes to

Council Policy K-11 – Display of Flags at City Facilities (Attachment 3). The Committee direction was to fly only the ceremonial Pride flag annually in June and make required changes to Policy K-11 – Display of Flags at City Facilities accordingly, while ensuring that City flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, and that any change to the City flag policy define what flag(s) may be displayed (Attachment 4). The recommended amendment to the policy is as follows:

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The City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The following flags may be displayed by the City as an expression of the City's official sentiments:

- a. Pride Flag. The ceremonial Pride flag may be displayed below the City flag annually in June.

**FISCAL IMPACT** – There is no significant budgetary impact to this recommendation. There are nominal costs for a one-time flag purchase.

**ALTERNATIVE**

The City Council can modify or decline to accept the CPC recommendations.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. Resolution Amending the Council Policy K-11 – Display of Flags at City Facilities
  2. Existing Council Policy K-11 – Display of Flags at City Facilities
  3. [CPC Report Item 5.4 – June 29, 2017](#)
  4. [CPC Minutes – June 29, 2017](#)