



DATE: June 10, 2014

CATEGORY: Items Initiated by Council

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: **Authorization to Fly Pride Flag**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council authorize the flying of the Pride Flag for up to 15 days during the month of June in recognition of LGBT Pride Month.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Under the one-hour rule, I would like to request that Council authorize the LGBT Pride Flag, also known as the rainbow flag, to be flown under the City flag outside City Hall for up to 15 days during the month of June (LGBT Pride Month). As Mayor, I plan to issue a proclamation recognizing LGBT Pride Month as we do for several other designated months.

Current Council Policy (see Attachment 1 – Council Policy K-11) does not reference or have criteria for flags that are not “official” or “pennants of societies,” so I want to make sure Council has input on whether or not flying the rainbow flag would be appropriate. The flag would be approximately 5’x8’, similar in size, but not larger than the other flags flown.

I am not requesting that Council change current policy with this request, though Council could certainly ask staff or the Council Procedures Committee (CPC) to review and/or update current policy if desired. I am simply seeking one-time approval for this particular flag and time frame. I feel it is an appropriate exception since the rainbow flag symbolizes diversity and inclusiveness rather than representing a single entity or group. Several other local public agencies fly the Pride Flag and other nongovernmental flags.

FISCAL IMPACT

The flag would be donated and it would take no additional resources for staff to raise the flag under the City flag.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not authorize the flying of the Pride Flag.
2. Request the CPC review the current policy and return to Council with recommendations for modifications.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Council Policy K-11