

To: Bryan City Secretary
From: Councilmembers Southerland and Peña
Subject: Agenda Item Titled:



Boards and Commissions Resolution Amendment

Please place the following item on the Bryan City Council Regular Agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of Sep 22, 2015:

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to direct staff to rewrite Resolution No. 2053, A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE BRYAN CITY COUNCIL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS TO CITY OF BRYAN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE to the following:

1. Change references from "single voting precinct" or "voting precinct" to "Single Member District".
2. Change Section 8 to "In situations wherein no citizen has made application to serve from a Single Member District or where specific qualifications are established, the position shall remain unfilled until a District representative can be found".
3. Change Section 9 to "The Mayor shall only appoint qualified citizens recommend by each Single Member Representative to any Mayoral Task Force. The task force shall be 5 members, one from each district. The person or persons shall be qualified to serve in the general manner prescribed in Section 5".

Presentations: Councilmembers Peña and Southerland

This agenda item placement is in accordance with the Bryan City Charter (j) (1) a. 2. Also the Texas Attorney General Opinion Number DM-228 (1993) states no policy can preclude a councilmember from placing an item on the agenda for public discussion.

Any changes to this agenda item must be approved in writing by both under signs prior to posting to the agenda.


Date: 9/14/2015

Rafael Peña, Councilmember District 2


Date: 9/14/2015

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Attachment:

Resolution 2052, Dated November 12, 1991, Title: A resolution setting forth the policy of the Bryan City Council for the appointment of citizens to city of Bryan boards, commissions, and committees; and providing an effective date.



RESOLUTION NO. 2053

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE BRYAN CITY COUNCIL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS TO CITY OF BRYAN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the most responsive form of government is one in which the citizens participate to the maximum extent possible; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council also desires to express its policy regarding the appointment of citizens to Bryan Boards, Commissions and Committees;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRYAN CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. All current Boards, Commissions and Committees are hereby confirmed in their make-up and appointment.

Section 2. From and after the effective date of this policy, the City of Bryan, acting through its officials, will make its best efforts to assure that no Bryan Board, Commission or Committee will have more than one citizen from any single voting precinct on the said Board, Commission or Committee. In making appointments, consideration will be given so that each voting precinct should have at least one representative across all Boards, Commissions and Committees to the maximum extent possible consistent with citizen availability.

Section 3. Should there be more positions on a Board, Commission or Committee than there are voting precincts for a particular Board, Commission or Committee; then, and in that event, consideration shall be given to having two members from the same voting precinct. If there are twice as many positions as there are voting precincts; then, and in that event, consideration shall be given to having three members from the same voting precinct.

Section 4. Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the position make-up, occupation and number of positions for a particular Board, Committee or Commission shall be fully controlled by any applicable Federal, State or Local statute.

Section 5. General qualifications for any citizen to be a member of a Board, Commission or Committee shall be the same as specified in the applicable statute, ordinance or regulation. Attendance requirements for continued service on any Board, Commission or Committee shall be as set by Resolution of the City Council from time to time.

Section 6. Annually, the City of Bryan shall advertise through an appropriate information system, as determined by the City Council, to encourage citizen participation in serving on City Boards, Commissions or Committees. As a part of the advertisement, a full-size reproduction of the Citizen Board, Commission or Committee Application shall be provided.

Section 7. The City Secretary shall maintain a file of completed Applications in accordance with the City Records Retention system.

Section 8. In situations wherein no citizen has made application to serve or where specific qualifications are established, Council appointees are hereby authorized to serve in the position regardless of voting precinct residence.

Section 9. The Mayor is hereby given the privilege of appointing qualified citizens he may select to any Mayoral Task Force regardless of voting precinct residence and provided that the person or persons are qualified to serve in the general manner prescribed in Section 5 hereinabove.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be immediately effective upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bryan City Council this 12th day of November, 1991.

CITY OF BRYAN

BY: *Marvin Tate*
Marvin Tate, Mayor

ATTEST

BY: *Mary Lynne Jalloway*
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: *R. D. Anderson*
City Attorney