
SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 3, 2004

SUBJECT: Ordinances repealing Chapter 2.70 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth City Government Advisory Board, and repealing and reenacting Chapter 2.37 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth and Family Recreation and Programs Advisory Board

AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS: If the ordinances are adopted, the amendments will be applicable citywide.

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KEY ELEMENTS:

1. The Administration previously submitted to the City Council an ordinance amendment for the purpose of combining the functions of the Youth City Government Advisory Board and the Recreation Program Advisory Board.

This issue was referred to a Council subcommittee consisting of Council Members Jergensen, Love and Saxton. The subcommittee recommended modifications to the proposed ordinance. The Administration has made the recommended changes and has received support from the members of both advisory boards.

2. The Administration has forwarded two ordinances for Council consideration. The first ordinance repeals Section 2.70 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth City Government Advisory Board, and the second ordinance repeals Section 2.37 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Recreation Advisory Board and reenacts Chapter 2.37 under the title, Youth and Family Recreation and Program Advisory Board. The second ordinance combines the functions of the two boards and reflects the changes recommended by the subcommittee.

MATTERS AT ISSUE /POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION:

1. Given the significant investment of City time required to staff City boards and commissions, Council staff has attempted to identify boards which could be eliminated or consolidated. These two boards have been consolidated as noted.
2. Council staff met with Public Services Administration to discuss the possibility of reducing advisory board staff workload. Public Services Administration suggested that the Advisory Board could reduce its meetings to a minimum of six meetings per year as opposed to a required meeting every month. The City Attorney's Office has prepared a draft ordinance to include language reflecting this change.

3. Because board staffing is so labor intensive, another option the Council may wish to consider is to evaluate whether the purpose of these boards is best fulfilled by urging the Mayor to establish task forces or advisory groups on a more informal basis.

OPTIONS AND MOTIONS:

["I move that the Council"] Adopt ordinances repealing Chapter 2.70 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth City Government Advisory Board, and repealing and reenacting Chapter 2.37 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth and Family Recreation and Programs Advisory Board.

["I move that the Council"] Not adopt ordinances repealing Chapter 2.70 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth City Government Advisory Board, and repealing and reenacting Chapter 2.37 of the Salt Lake City Code relating to the Youth and Family Recreation and Programs Advisory Board.