City Council Meeting
08-24-26
Item 7.B.

Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Silverstein and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: August 5, 2026 Meeting date: August 24, 2026

Subject: Establishment of City Council Ad Hoc Committees

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consider establishing the following Ad Hoc Committees and appointing two Councilmembers to each: 1) Ad Hoc Committee for Existing Litigation, 2) Olympics Ad Hoc Committee, and 3) Infrastructure Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: This item supports the City's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goal 3: Advance Infrastructure Resilience.

Goal 1: Support Community Rebuilding and Long-Term Recovery
Objective 1.1: Reduce injury and fatal collisions on Pacific Coast Highway
Strategy: Implement Speed Enforcement Camera System Pilot Program

DISCUSSION: Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, Ad Hoc Committees may be used only to perform a single limited task and are not permitted to have continuing jurisdiction over a subject matter area or particular issue. Ad Hoc Committees are not required to hold public meetings and will meet on an as-needed basis with staff and other stakeholders. They can consist only of two members of the City Council and are used to allow two councilmembers to work together to research a particular subject matter and bring back recommendations to the full City Council. Over the last several months, the Council has directed staff to return with an item to consider forming three new Ad Hoc Committees.

On January 26, 2026, the Council directed staff to bring back an item to consider establishing a Litigation Ad Hoc Committee related to the City's existing litigation cases.

Because ad hoc committees must have a single limited task, the Council should clarify the committee's specific assignment, including the report or recommendation the committee is expected to provide to the City Council. If the Council desires to discuss a particular case, the City Attorney recommends that such discussion occur in closed session to preserve confidentiality and privilege regarding the matter.

On February 23, 2026, the Council directed staff to bring back an item to consider establishing an Olympics Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff and provide input and recommendations to the City Council on potential 2028 Olympic events and associated activities in the City of Malibu. The 2028 Olympics is a single event with a clear end date, however, the Council may still clarify the scope of the committee's assignment.

On March 9, 2026, the Council directed staff to bring back an item to consider establishing an Infrastructure Resiliency Ad Hoc Committee that could explore water system solutions, cell towers, new legislation related to infrastructure, and new technology. The Council should clarify the committee's specific assignment, and how its work would align with the Public Works Commission's assignments. Alternatively, the Council could direct assignments to the existing Public Works Subcommittee composed of Councilmember Conrad and Councilmember Stewart.

If the Council establishes any of the proposed ad hoc committees, it should appoint two Councilmembers to serve on each committee.

Ad Hoc Committee appointments and assignments are reviewed after each General Municipal Election and will next be brought back to the City Council in January 2027. The current list of Ad Hoc Committees is provided below.

Ad Hoc Committee	**Members**
Camping	Riggins / Silverstein
Mobilehome Park Rent Control Regulations	Silverstein / Stewart
Palisades Fire Ad Hoc Committee	Silverstein / Riggins
Policy and Culture	Stewart / Silverstein
Sewer	Riggins / Uhring
School District Separation	Riggins / Conrad
School Safety	Riggins / Conrad
Short-Term Rental	Riggins / Silverstein
Sweetwater Mesa / Primrose Properties Ad Hoc	Stewart / Riggins
Use of Public Parks and Property	Riggins / Conrad

ATTACHMENTS: None.