THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: March 23, 2021

Subject: Amendment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Bylaws to add two additional Committee Members for a total membership of 13 members.

Staff Resource(s): Sam Powers, CED Director
Paul D'Angelo, Community Development Program Director

Action Requested: Approval of a proposed amendment to the AHAC Bylaws to add a total of two additional Committee Members for a total Committee membership of 13 members and amending this section of the Bylaws on expertise to include a Staff member from the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA) as one of the positions.

Background:

- The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was established in June, 2011, with a 9 member board, and updated in March, 2019, to an 11 member board.
- AHAC would like to add two additional members to the Committee with Housing Experience as stated in the By-Laws.
    - One of the new board members would be from The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA), with expertise in public housing and vouchers.
    - The second new board member would have general housing experience.

Council Goal(s):

- A Connected & Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - February 1, 2021 - Passed unanimously
- Boards & Commissions - March 9, 2021 - Passed unanimously

Pro(s):

- Additional diversity on the AHAC Committee, adding expertise from HACA

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- None

Suggested Motion:

- Move to amend Article III, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the AHAC to add 2 additional Committee Members for a total Committee Membership of 13 Members; and to amend this section of the Bylaws on expertise to include a Staff member from the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA).

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Updated Draft AHAC Bylaws
- AHAC Founding Resolution
- Resolution adding 2 Board Members March 26, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS TO ADD TWO SEATS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING DIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE

WHEREAS, Resolution 11-118 established an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) on June 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 11-118 established AHAC to be composed of no more than 9 members who will represent the diverse viewpoints of community stakeholders on affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-63 amended the AHAC By-Laws to be composed of no more than 11 members, adding a banker/lender with affordable and/or commercial loan experience to the list of desired members, who will continue to represent the diverse viewpoints of community stakeholders on affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, as the difficulty of developing and building affordable housing continues, AHAC would like to add additional members to the Committee to represent expertise needed to help address our affordable housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, AHAC voted unanimously to request that the City Council approve an amendment to its Bylaws that will add two (2) additional members to the Committee which will result in a total Committee Membership of 13 members; and to amend the Bylaws and membership to include a senior staff member from the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA) to the list of desired members, who will continue to represent the diverse viewpoints of community stakeholders on affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2021, Boards & Commissions voted unanimously to approve the above changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee be amended to add two (2) additional Committee Members for a total Committee Membership of 13 members; to include a senior staff member from the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA) to the list of desired members, who will continue to represent the diverse viewpoints of community stakeholders on affordable housing.

Read, approved and adopted the 23rd day of March, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney