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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 8 **Ordinance/Resolution#** 2748

For Meeting of March 2, 2015 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of March 16, 2015 (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

☐ QUASI JUDICIAL ☒ LEGISLATIVE ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING LCMC, 1997, SECTION 2-977, MEMBERSHIP, PERTAINING TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-977.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To amend Section 2-977, Membership.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL		
Drafter/Staff Contact: Travis A. Brown	**Department/Section:** Fire/Administration	**Phone:** 528-3473
City Manager Signature:		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The current ordinance which establishes the Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) specifies that membership will consist of ten (10) positions representing veteran organizations and two (2) at-large seats. In an effort to broaden the representation of local veterans the Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley #2004 is being added as an organization to be included on the VAB. This will bring the total number of voting members to thirteen (13) which will not change the quorum requirements for the board to conduct business.

The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Las Cruces City Council, will maintain authority to appoint all members of the VAB.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Ordinance.
2. Exhibit "A", Proposed new Section 2-977.
3. Attachment "A", Current Section 2-977 with recommended changes.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A			
	Yes	☐	See fund summary below
	No	☐	If No, then check one below:
	Budget Adjustment Attached	☐	Expense reallocated from: _____
		☐	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
		☐	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the_____ Fund.
Does this action create any revenue? N/A			
	Yes	☐	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of $_____for FY__.
	No	☐	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will enact a new LCMC, 1997, Section 2-977 which will change the membership requirements for the Veterans Advisory Board by adding the Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley #2004 as a veteran organization to be represented on the board.
2. Vote "No"; this will not change the existing ordinance or organizations represented on the Veterans Advisory Board.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could change the existing ordinance in a manner acceptable to City Council.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could allow for additional information to be brought forward.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

N/A

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 15-029
ORDINANCE NO. 2748

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING LCMC, 1997, SECTION 2-977, MEMBERSHIP, PERTAINING TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-977.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces has established a Veterans Advisory Board for the purpose of advising City Council on matters affecting veterans and to propose solutions to alleviate or remedy the needs of local veterans; and

WHEREAS, the existing ordinance dictates the voting membership shall be made up of one member each from ten veterans' organizations and two members-at-large; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to broaden the representation of local veterans the Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley #2004 is being added as a veteran organization to be included on the Veterans Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley #2204 will not change the quorum required to conduct business.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City Council repeals LCMC, 1997, Section 2-977, Membership.

(II)

THAT a new LCMC, 1997, Section 2-977, Membership, is hereby enacted as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part thereof.

(III)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the

accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20___.

APPROVED:

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Smith: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Levatino: _____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
City Attorney

Sec. 2-977. Membership.

The veterans advisory board shall be made up of 13 members. All members must be veterans residing in the county.

There shall be one voting member each who represents veterans' organizations. These organizations shall be the American Legion Post 10, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3242, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6917, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10124, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10, Military Officers Association of America, Mesilla Valley Chapter, Marine Corps League, El Perro Diablo Chapter, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 431, Special Forces Association, Chapter 80, Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley #2004 and an established veteran organization as approved by the board members.

There will be two voting members designated as members-at-large.

White Sands Missile Range and a representative of the state department of veterans' service will be invited to provide an ex-officio nonvoting member on the board. Representatives of each local office of federal senators and congress members, and state legislators will be invited to attend meetings.

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Language in **bold underline** is to be added