

Chapter 2.16COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT\*Sections:

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2.16.010 Created. A committee for citizen involvement is created for the purpose of assuring widespread citizen involvement in all phases of the growth and development of the city and surrounding areas. The committee for citizen involvement shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in this chapter. (Ord. 444 §1(part), 1980).

2.16.020 Membership. There shall be no specific numerical limitation on membership and the committee for citizen involvement shall be open to each and every citizen. "Citizen" includes property owners, homeowners, renters, tenants, business and professional people, and special interest groups when such groups are identified by name, membership and special interest. (Ord. 444 §1(part), 1980).

2.16.030 Powers and duties. A. The committee for citizen involvement shall be advisory to the city council and/or planning commission.

B. Recommendations relating to the following matters may be formulated by the committee for citizen involvement for consideration by the city council and/or planning commission: housing, schools, parks and playgrounds, streets, sidewalks, bike paths; public transportation and communication; business and economic development; land use, zoning, building, annexation, subdivisions; police, fire and emergency medical services; art, cultural and recreational facilities; other matters of general community interest.

C. These recommendations shall be rendered to the city council in writing and, while the council is not obligated to follow any of the recommendations set forth, it is obligated to consider all written recommendations and express its reasons for decisions in writing.

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\* Prior ordinance history: Ords. 430 and 407.

D. It is the obligation of the citizens to keep informed of matters relating to planning, and other matters of general community interest; the city council will attempt to keep citizens informed by means of a newsletter.

E. The committee for citizen involvement shall not consist of any board and/or slate of officers. The city will provide secretarial services to record the minutes of all meetings of the committee for citizen involvement. A summary of the minutes will be printed in the city newsletter. (Ord. 444 §1(part), 1980).

2.16.040 Meetings. A. The committee for citizen involvement shall encourage the active participation of each and every citizen in its regular meetings, which shall be held bimonthly on the third Wednesday of every other month, commencing with February 20, 1980. The meetings shall be held in the format of a town hall meeting, which shall be open to the general public. As used in this chapter, the term "general public" means the citizens of the city of Gold Hill and the area contained within the urban growth boundary of the city.

B. Special meetings may be called in the case of an emergency or critical conditions which warrant the same.

C. All meetings shall be duly and regularly advertised as required by law.

D. A register of attendance will be made available for citizens to sign at each meeting.

E. Recommendations of the committee for citizen involvement will be formulated by a simple majority vote of the citizens in attendance at the meeting where the item is discussed.

F. Citizens may call or write suggested agenda items for discussion by notification to the city recorder not less than fifteen calendar days prior to the date of the next regular meeting. The city recorder will prepare an agenda for each meeting and the same will be posted on the front door of the city hall not less than three calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. (Ord. 444 §1(part), 1980).

2.16.050 Purpose and operation. A. The citizen involvement program established by this chapter will provide:

1. Opportunities for the general public to actively participate in the many and diverse phases of the planning process;

2. Technical information to be made to the general public and various feedback methods to be utilized to assure effective two-way communication between citizens and officials; and

3. Financial support within the city's procedural guidelines, budgetary allocations and availability of funds.

B. The citizen involvement program and the committee for citizen involvement will be coordinated by the city council or such person as the council designates. The council or its designee will moderate the meetings of the committee for citizen involvement and shall be empowered to:

1. Call for order;
2. Eject any person or persons for disorderly conduct including but not limited to derogatory and/or defamatory statements; and
3. Adjourn the meetings. (Ord. 444 §1(part), 1980).