
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers O'Brien, Tandon, and Chair Reynolds
Special Meeting of February 22, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

Meeting is being held virtually via Zoom

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Event Name: Internal Affairs Committee Meeting

Time: Feb 22, 2022 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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REGULAR AGENDA

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATION

At the March 16, 2021 City Council meeting the Council approved a request by Vice-Mayor Reynolds to have Code Enforcement provide a presentation to the Internal Affairs Committee on overall code enforcement policies, both Citywide and in the Downtown area. On May 17, 2021 following the initial presentation and discussion, the Internal Affairs Committee voted to postpone making a recommendation on this item until they could hear a presentation from Silver & Wright LLP, that Code Enforcement Supervisor Durkin recommended. This firm specializes in substandard buildings, administrative enforcement, civil actions and injunctions, administrative citations, administrative appeals, inspection warrants, abatement warrants, summary abatement, liens and special assessments, and ordinance drafting. **(Report – Charlene Durkin, Code Enforcement Supervisor)**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Development Director recommends that the Committee consider the presentation from Silver & Wright LLP and continue its discussion regarding innovative ways to enhance the City's code enforcement compliance.

B. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting will adjourn to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTE: Citizens and other interested parties are encouraged to participate in the public process and will be invited to address the Committee regarding each item on the agenda.

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Internal Affairs Committee
Agenda Report

Meeting Date: February 22, 2022

TO: Internal Affairs Committee

FROM: Charlene Durkin, Code Enforcement Supervisor, 530-720-2485

RE: Potential Supporting Services for Code Enforcement

REPORT IN BRIEF

Code Enforcement staff attended a conference and were introduced to unique code enforcement legal services that might benefit the City of Chico. Given the Internal Affairs Committee's interest in exploring innovative ways to address blight and other abatement options, staff coordinated a presentation from Silver & Wright LLP, a law firm that assists numerous California jurisdictions implement heightened code compliance. The firm specializes in substandard buildings, administrative enforcement, civil actions and injunctions, administrative citations, administrative appeals, inspection warrants, abatement warrants, summary abatement, liens and special assessments, and ordinance drafting. Attached is an informational flyer outlining the resources and services they provide.

Recommendation:

The Code Enforcement Supervisor recommends that the Committee consider a presentation from Silver & Wright LLP and continue its discussion regarding innovative ways to enhance the City's code enforcement compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to this presentation. Retaining additional legal services to support the Code Enforcement Division would have a fiscal impact and would need to be coordinated through the City's budget process. A good discussion point for the Committee would be how cost recovery offsets legal services.

Reviewed by:



Brendan Vieg,
Community Development Director

Approved and Recommended by:



Mark Orme, City Manager

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ATTACHMENTS:

Law Firm Flyer



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Receiverships — Nuisance Abatement — Code Enforcement Police Services — Civil Rights Defense

At Silver & Wright LLP, our attorneys specialize in providing effective, efficient, and responsive legal services to municipalities through receiverships, code enforcement, police services, and defending public agencies against litigation. We have helped numerous cities and counties throughout California achieve their goals of increasing public safety, reducing blight, and recovering taxpayer costs and public agency fines. Our attorneys have developed the most unique and cutting-edge solutions to achieve success for our clients, obtain compliance with the law, and do so in cost-effective ways. S&W leads the way in complex code enforcement matters.

Our team of attorneys regularly teach classes and speak at seminars and conferences all over California on issues relevant to receiverships, nuisance abatement, code enforcement, police services, and cost recovery. We regularly author code enforcement articles for statewide publications and have been featured in news articles and on television. Our attorneys also serve as volunteers for code enforcement organizations, and actively work with the State Legislature on code enforcement-related laws. S&W's expertise includes:

Practice Areas

- Nuisance Abatement
- Graffiti Abatement & Restitution
- Marijuana Enforcement
- Drug & Gang Abatement
- Massage & Red-Light Abatement
- Public Agency Defense Litigation
- Business & CUP Revocations

Receiverships

- Health & Safety Code
- Business & Professions Code
- Code of Civil Procedure

Code Enforcement

- Substandard Buildings
- Administrative Enforcement
- Civil Actions & Injunctions
- Criminal Prosecutions
- Administrative Citations
- Administrative Appeals
- Inspection Warrants
- Abatement Warrants
- Summary Abatement
- Liens & Special Assessments
- Ordinance Drafting
- And more!

Police Services

- Civil Rights Litigation Defense
- *Pitches* Motion Defense
- Deadly Weapon Forfeitures
- Regionalization Agreements
- Undercover Investigations
- Police Officer's Bill of Rights
- Public Records Act
- Litigation Defense
- Search & Seizure Training
- Due Process Training
- First Amendment Training
- Marijuana Training



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