

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

13-053-0

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXVIII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION.

BY COUNCILOR GARDNER:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Article XXVIII of Chapter 2 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

Article XXVIII. Duluth ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous Commission.

Sec. 2-148. Commission created; purpose; membership.

There is hereby established an ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous commission. The purpose of this commission is to ensure that the views of the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community are incorporated in the decision making, future planning, and stewardship of the city of Duluth. The commission will endeavor to act as a guide in the development of public policy, planning and services so that the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community is adequately represented in these processes. The commission will also endeavor to increase understanding and acceptance of the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community and culture and to increase ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community involvement in all aspects of community affairs in Duluth. The commission shall consist of 11 members and shall reflect ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous diversity in the area. A majority of the members shall be residents of Duluth. Members shall be appointed by the mayor with approval of the city council. Of the first 11 appointments, four shall be for three years, four shall be for two years and three shall be for one year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three years. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 2-149. Officers; meetings; conduct of business.

The ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous commission shall meet within 60 days after all its members are appointed to elect its officers, which shall consist of ~~two co-~~ a chairs, a vice-chair and a secretary. Thereafter the commission shall meet at stated intervals fixed by resolution of the commission. The commission may adopt reasonable bylaws, rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

Sec. 2-150. Staff support.

Staff support, including clerical services and incidental expenses, shall be provided by the city.

Sec. 2-151. Duties.

The ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous commission shall have the following duties:

(a) To advise the mayor and city council about issues concerning services, policies and facilities that are of concern to the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community;

(b) To serve as a forum for citizen involvement and expressions on issues affecting the community;

(c) To identify and apply for funds and grants on behalf of the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community;

(d) To make recommendations to the city council regarding community development planning;

(e) To recommend to the city council legislation that empowers and promotes ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community development;

(f) To increase public understanding and acceptance of the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community and culture;

(g) To develop a process to institutionalize a dialog with the city council, the mayor's office and city departments;

(h) To foster programs that will increase ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community involvement in all aspects of community affairs;

(i) To develop research and information about the ~~American Indian~~ Indigenous community;

(j) To establish community development objectives and policies;

(k) To develop a strategic plan for the ~~American-Indian~~ Indigenous community.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the change of the Commission's name from American Indian Commission to Indigenous Commission to reflect the universally accepted and United Nation's description for native people as Indigenous. This name change was unanimously supported by Commission. The ordinance also provides for a Chair and a Vice-Chair as opposed to two Co-chairs. This is a typical City Commission structure and the change will assist the Commission's meeting procedures when the Commission revises its Bylaws to outline the roles for the Chair and Vice-Chair.