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To: City Council

From: Nathan Cherpeski
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Subject: Levee Task Force

Honorable members of the City Council;

At our recent levee forum, it was suggested that the City create a citizens task force to examine the issues related to compliance with the Army Corps regulations on the levee and its impacts to the community. There are several options Council could consider.

- 1- Each Councilor could appoint a representative thereby creating a seven member panel that would get information from various groups and interested parties.
- 2- The Council could request applications from interested parties and designate the size of the task force, or
- 3- Council could decline to create a task force.

It is staff's recommendation that we create a task force under alternative one above.

As Council is aware, this is a sensitive topic on both ends of the spectrum. It is important to those whose personal and real property is impacted by these regulations, as well as those who may be impacted in any potential FEMA issues that come from the levee.

Assuming it is Council's desire to have representation from the broadest part of the community, this would allow for, at a minimum, a person from each ward and individuals that Councilors would trust for good advice. The first method of selecting individuals would be most appropriate, although method two could also accomplish this. Staff would also recommend that all their meetings be public and that citizens be allowed to observe and interact throughout the process.