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City Council

New City Investment Policy

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Title:

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Recommended Action

City Manager Recommendation:

Forward the investment policy to the City Council for approval.

Report

Issue:

Update investment policy.

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Background and Analysis:

Prudent management of an investment program includes an investment policy. The current policy was originally adopted by the City Council in 1996 and most recently amended in 2011. The investment program has been managed by staff as time allowed along with their other duties.

The City recently contracted with Government Portfolio Advisors (GPA) for investment advisory services to assist the City with its investment program. The firm was selected through a Request for Proposal process. GPA acts in the capacity of a non-discretionary advisor. A non-discretionary advisor does not have access to City funds or investments. They make investment program and specific investment recommendations to the City. Actual decision and placement of investments is made by the City. Although not required to be in an investment policy, an investment policy should address the use of an investment advisor.

The new policy is patterned after best practices recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

None.

Options:

- 1) Forward the new policy to the City Council for adoption.
- 2) Do not forward the policy to the City Council.

Financial Impact:

The policy in itself does not have a direct financial impact. The use of an investment advisor will increase investments earnings. The exact impact cannot be determined at this time.