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WORK SESSION

June 26, 2012

After the Urban Renewal Authority Work Session

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Proposed Historic Preservation Demolition/Alteration Review Process Improvements: Phase I and II. (staff: Laurie Kadrach, Karen McWilliams; 1 hour discussion)

At Council's direction, the Community Development Neighborhood Services Department (CDNS) is undertaking a two-phase project to consider changes to the City's Demolition/Alteration Review Process (Section 14-72 of the City Code), which determines the historic eligibility of properties in the City and defines the process for reviewing alterations or demolition. Phase I, to be discussed at this Council work session, proposes changes to Chapter 14 to address Council's immediate concerns with the review process: (1) to ensure timely public notice to citizens (usually neighbors) early in the process about determinations of eligibility and major alteration requests for historic structures; and (2) to provide a method for appealing historic eligibility status.

If the Phase I proposed changes are implemented, other parts of Chapter 14 of the City Code will need to be modified in order to ensure an efficient public notice, eligibility, demolition and appeal process. Those housekeeping changes are included in this proposal. An additional modification is recommended for Chapter 2 of the City Code in order to ensure compliance of Landmark Preservation Board member appointments with Certified Local Government Standards.

Phase II of the project, to be completed later this year, will involve a more comprehensive review of the Demolition/Alteration Review Process.

3. Other Business.

4. Adjournment.