

Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC)

Comments on Revised City Real Property Disposition Policy Language

June 2, 2015

PIAC members expressed their thanks to Bryant Enge, Betsy Ames, and Pauline Goble for coming to the May 5, 2015 PIAC meeting and asking for and listening to feedback from PIAC members on the previous version of the proposed policy language and for integrating this feedback into revisions to the proposed policy language.

More time to review: PIAC members also were unanimous in their request that the date on which the City Council would review the proposed policy (i.e. June 24, 2015) be pushed back to provide more time for PIAC members and community members to review the online survey results and other public comment, to receive and review the final version of the policy language that City Council will consider, and to prepare and deliver formal comments to the City Council and/or testimony for the City Council hearing.

The PIAC members suggested that a 45-day review period would be appropriate and noted that a 45-day comment period would mirror the length of time for public comment that you all included in the revised policy language.

Concern about how disposition decisions will be made: PIAC members also expressed concerns (similar to those expressed by some community members) about how to ensure that community priorities are considered in decisions about how surplus properties are disposed of. They wondered who gets to make these decisions and what would guide their decisions—especially if competing interests were interested in acquiring the same piece of surplus City property. Some PIAC members suggested a need to focus on outcomes—not just the process to establish a property as “surplus.” Other said that the policy should let community members know how these decisions would be made and how they would receive notice of subsequent processes.