

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY OIL AND GAS FOCUS GROUP

NO. 2019-14

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City (“City”) recognizes the voice of its citizens on issues related to oil and gas development and believes public involvement in analyzing the pressing issues related to such development will assist the City Council and City staff in identifying opportunities for improvement of its response to such development and will aid in aligning the development of policy with citizen’s expectations;

WHEREAS, the City has dedicated substantial resources to develop responsible and proactive approach to oil and gas development, including the provision of multiple avenues for public input and public education, consultation with experts, engagement with partner state and local agencies, and the development of positive working relationships with potential developers;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that there are more opportunities to improve on its approach to oil and gas development and to influence policy in the state and wishes to obtain focused community input on matters relating to oil and gas development, as specified in this resolution;

WHEREAS, the City Council does not intend to disrupt or delay any pending applications or the positive working relationship with potential developers by the establishment of such an advisory committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Focus Group Established. The City Manager is directed to conduct a temporary focus group for the sole purpose of providing non-binding input to City staff regarding:

- a. Proposed state legislation;
- b. Proposed state administrative rulemaking;
- c. Potential City regulations; and
- d. New Form 2A applications.

The focus group shall have no authority to direct staff, vary the direction of the City Council, or take any action to delay or disrupt any process or procedure established by law.

2. Meetings & Duration. The focus group shall be convened no fewer than once per month for three (3) months, or more frequently if needed as determined by City staff. The focus group shall conclude by no later than three (3) months following the appointment of participants by the Council. No focus group session will be held in the absence of at least 50% of the participants. Meetings shall be led by City staff.

3. Participation. The focus group will be comprised of up to nine (9) participants. Participants shall serve without compensation. Each participant shall be a resident of the City. City employees and Council members, their immediate family members, and other elected officials are not eligible for participation.

4. Appointment. Participants shall be appointed and vacancies shall be filled by the City Council in accordance with the criteria established by applicable Council Policies, as amended. In addition, appointment of participants shall be made to include broad representation of interests, diversity, and geographical representation.

5. Limitation on Actions. The focus group will not take formal positions. City staff may report and summarize the input of the focus group as needed.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY

Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk