

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: September 22, 2015		DATE SUBMITTED: September 14, 2015	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: CMO		SUBMITTED BY: Joey Dunn	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
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			<input type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consideration of revisions to Article III of the Bylaws of the Research Valley Partnership (RVP), as recommended by the RVP Board of Directors, including the addition of voting members to the RVP Board of Directors, and allowing extension of terms for board members who are elected officials.			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: As stated in the attached letter from Patricia Meronoff, the RVP recently amended its Bylaws. The amended bylaws add three (3) new voting members to its Board of Directors. Additionally, the amended bylaws state, "Elected officials may be appointed for additional <u>terms</u> or partial <u>terms</u> by their respective City Councils and Commissioner's Court, not to exceed their term as an elected official." The amended language adds an "s" to the word "term" where underlined in the previous referenced sentence.			
With the amendment as proposed, RVP Board membership would be as follows:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) representatives appointed by Bryan City Council • Three (3) representatives appointed by College Station City Council • Three (3) representatives appointed by Brazos County Commissioners' Court • One (1) representative appointed by the President of Texas A&M University • Three (3) representatives appointed by The Partnership (formerly 2 reps) • One (1) representative appointed by the BCS Chamber of Commerce • Two (2) representatives appointed by Invest Research Valley Leadership Council • One (1) representative appointed by the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Texas A&M Health Science Center • One (1) representative appointed by the Vice Chancellor of Engineering – Texas A&M University System (new) • One (1) representative appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences – Texas A&M University System (new) • One (1) representative appointed by the President of Blinn College's Brazos County Campuses 			
Article XVII of the Bylaws requires any amendments to Article III to receive written approval of the City Councils of Bryan and College Station before any such amendments become effective.			
On September 10, 2015, the College Station City Council denied the proposed changes by a vote of 6-1.			
STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the proposed changes to Article III of the RVP Bylaws, with the condition that new appointees be non-voting ex-officio board members. World-class areas of specialization within the Texas A&M University System do serve as "magnets" to bring new high-tech industry, increasing business investment, and global connectivity to the Bryan-College Station community. Additional ex-officio representation from Texas A&M can achieve this purpose, while not diluting board			

representation from the Cities and County.

OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):

1. Approve amended bylaws with the condition that new board appointees are non-voting ex-officio members
2. Approve amendment as submitted by RVP
3. Deny amendment and provide further direction
4. Postpone action and provide further direction

ATTACHMENTS: (attachments are one pdf document)

1. Letter dated August 21, 2015, from Patricia Meronoff on behalf the RVP (including a redline version of the proposed amendments to Article III of the RVP Bylaws)
2. RVP Updated Bylaws dated May 2015 (proposed)
3. Original Articles of Incorporation adopted 1989

FUNDING SOURCE: While this action does not involve funding, the City of Bryan provides \$350,000 of General Fund dollars annually to the RVP.

APPROVALS: Hugh R. Walker, 09/14/2015

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER Kean Register, 09-14-2015

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY Janis K. Hampton, 09-15-2015

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