

Report

Agenda Date: 5/6/2020, Item No. 77

Revision to Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-112 of the Phoenix City Code, The Small Business Enterprise Participation Program, Extension of Sunset Date (Ordinance G-6696)

Request approval of Ordinance amending the City Code and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to extend the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program sunset date through Oct. 31, 2020, to allow for extended engagement with the community regarding proposed changes to the SBE program.

Summary

The SBE Program provides local small businesses with opportunities to participate in City construction contracting, and goods and general services purchasing. The SBE program is comprised of five elements: Certification, Procurement, Construction Subcontracting Goals, Contract Compliance, and Business Development. The program supports the growth and economic vitality of local businesses and strengthens Phoenix's culturally diverse marketplace. After receiving stakeholder feedback, staff is recommending an extension of the SBE Program to allow the City to continue the program to allow for more community engagement.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

 Extension of SBE Program from May 4, 2016 through June 30, 2020 (Ordinance G-6152)

Public Outreach

Staff held four information sessions outlining the current SBE Program and the proposed Chapter 18 amendments. These meetings were held in January and February of 2020. Stakeholders at each of these sessions overwhelmingly expressed support for the continuation of the SBE Program. In conjunction with the information sessions, there was a public comment period that ended Feb. 24, 2020.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Managers Toni Maccarone and Mario Paniagua, the Equal Opportunity and Finance departments, and the City Engineer.