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City of Venice Engineering Department

To: Edward Lavalley, City Manager
From: Kathleen Weeden, PE, City Engineer
Date: August 6, 2014
Subject: Community Rating System (CRS) Committee

Background:

The City of Venice is currently rated as a Class 6 community under the NFIP Community rating System (CRS). The City is due for a 5 year cycle verification visit on September 17th, 2014 and is endeavoring to maintain this classification. However, the CRS manual and associated credit scoring have recently undergone a major revision, and attaining points in certain areas has been made more difficult. Three areas which have considerable overlap in implementation and documentation are the Floodplain Management Plan (FMP), the Program for Public Information Program (PPI), and the insurance Coverage Improvement Plan (CPI).

In order to maximize the credit points earned, the Engineering department wishes to create a committee to ensure that all requirements are met in the above three areas. This committee will be tasked with: organizing; seeking public involvement; coordinating with outside agencies; assessing flood hazards within the City; assessing the community's vulnerability to each hazard determined; reviewing suitable activities for public outreach; setting observable, objective and quantifiable goals for public outreach and messages; drafting an action plan for those activities; implementing, evaluation and revising the plan on an ongoing basis.

Residents of CRS communities benefit from improved public safety, reduced property losses and human suffering, enhanced open space, minimized economic disruption, environmental protection, and reduced flood insurance premium rates. As a class 6 community, residents of the City of Venice receive a flood insurance rate premium discount of 20%.

Requested Council Action:

Motion for the City Council to pass a resolution creating a committee, recognizing the planning process, designating the parties responsible for the action plan, and specifying an action plan deadline.

City Attorney: Approved