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Food Trucks (B)

This item is a referral from the Community Development Committee (CDC) to the City Commission regarding recent Committee action regarding the provision of eating services by Food Trucks.

On May 22nd, the CDC reviewed an April 4th referral from the City Commission regarding provision of eating services by Food Trucks.

The Committee heard a presentation from staff on the current regulatory regimen regarding the manner in which Food Trucks are permitted and regulated and heard from Food Truck vendors about their existing operations and perceived problems with the current regimen. In addition, the Committee heard from interested citizens.

The Committee deliberated and expressed an interest in allowing Food Trucks to provide eating services to the community using the existing Special Event Permit mechanism. The permit could be issued for weekly operations (likely issued on a month to month basis) within the Central City District (CCD) as a year-long pilot program. A motion was made to this effect and was supported unanimously by the Committee.

No impact at this time.

The City Commission: 1) direct staff to initiate a Petition to the Plan Board that would allow for the issuance of a Special Event Permit for weekly Food Truck provision of service in the Central City District as a year-long pilot program; and, 2) remove this referral from the CDC pending referral list.

Alternative Recommendation

The City Commission pull the Food Trucks item from consent agenda for discussion.