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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *August 22, 2023*

DATE: August 10, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Eric P. Brown, Washoe County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to acknowledge and approve a resolution allowing an invocation at the opening of public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and the guidelines and procedures pertaining thereto. Human Resources and Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

It is recommended that if the Board of County Commissioners would like to bring invocation into the public meeting, that the decision be resolved through the review and approval of a resolution and an accompanying set of guidelines and procedures for utilization in coordinating invocation at Board of County Commission meetings.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

During Commissioner Updates and Comments at the June 20, 2023 Board of County Commissioner meeting, Commissioner Clara Andriola expressed a desire to bring invocation into the Commission meetings. In response, Washoe County staff researched best practices and legal parameters associated with this request. As a result, staff is bringing forward the recommended Resolution and Guidelines for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge and approve Resolution 23-117 allowing an invocation at the opening of public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and the implementation of the guidelines and procedures pertaining thereto. (All Commission Districts.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to acknowledge and approve Resolution 23-117 allowing an invocation at the opening of public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and the implementation of the guidelines and procedures pertaining thereto.”