
Sponsor: Information and Public Records

Meeting Date: 9/28/2021

Title: Proposed Enterprise and Administrative Services Department
Ordinance - Waive the First Reading

File Number: 2021-416

Background and Rationale:

The current Information and Public Records (“IPR”) Administration division includes administrative, contract, enterprise services and the Enterprise Project Management Office (“EPMO”).

- Administrative Services responsibilities include hiring and onboarding, payroll processing, human resources/benefits administration, planning, office space/facilities coordination and administration of various service team and cross-county initiatives.
- Contract Services supports departments within across the Service Team in acquiring goods and services in compliance with laws and county policies and, via membership on the Contracting and Procurement Center of Excellence (COE), provides oversight on all technology-related and high-risk contracts across the county.
- Enterprise Services was initially formed in 2020 by the Incident Management Team (“IMT”) to support residents during the pandemic, has grown and will continue to grow in pursuit of its objective to dramatically transform how the county delivers services by engaging residents and employees to provide the best possible resident experiences.
- EPMO became part of the IPR Administration division in July 2021, to align with the transition of the EPMO from a project management office primarily supporting technology projects to encompass management and consultation on projects and strategic priorities throughout the county.

The establishment of the Enterprise and Administrative Services Department, to include all functions listed above, will align service team and countywide functions that support the county’s goals and strategic priorities including to provide effective and efficient operations; strong Residents First service models; and transparency and accountability in all business operations and practices.

Development and evolution of the IPR Administration division, in particular over the past two years and including the addition of department-level duties such as resident-facing and enterprise-level support services, support the establishment of the Enterprise and Administrative Services Department.

The Enterprise and Administrative Services Department will have its own budget authority and will not be a division of another department.

Existing budgets and Full Time Equivalents (FTE) for the IPR Administration division and Enterprise Services as well as the EPMO portion of the Information Services budget will support the Enterprise and Administrative Services Department through 2023; starting in 2024, budgets and FTEs will be combined into a single departmental budget.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.01A.1 states that acts of the county board which shall be by ordinance include the following: Establish, structure, merge, or abolish any county department, office, agency, board or commission, except as provided for in this charter.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states each proposed ordinance shall receive two readings: first, at the time it is presented, and second, at the time of the public hearing as required by law. Both readings may be waived if a copy of the ordinance is supplied to each member of the county board prior to its introduction.

In accordance with these requirements, the proposed Enterprise and Administrative Services Department Ordinance was provided to each commissioner prior to its introduction on August 24, 2021. Therefore, the first reading may be waived by duly made motion and majority vote.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Waive the First Reading of the proposed Enterprise and Administrative Services Department Ordinance.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner MatasCastillo.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board