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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a capital projects task force

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 5 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 5-108 to read as follows:

§5-108. Capital Projects Task Force. a. There shall be a task force to examine the city's capital project process and to develop a report containing recommendations and best practices to ensure that capital projects are funded, initiated, constructed and completed in an efficient, timely and cost effective manner.

b. The task force shall consist of thirteen members, as follows:

1. the director of the office of management and budget, or his or her designee;
2. the commissioner of the department of parks and recreation, or his or her designee;
3. the commissioner of the department of design and construction, or his or her designee;
4. the commissioner of the department of cultural affairs, or his or her designee;
5. two members appointed by the mayor; and
6. seven members appointed by the speaker of the council.

c. All members shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this local law and shall serve without additional compensation. Upon appointment of all members, the task force shall elect a chair from its membership by a majority vote at the first meeting of such task force. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

d. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law, the task force shall hold its initial meeting and thereafter shall meet at least quarterly.

e. The task force shall:

1. Review the alignment of the capital commitment plan to the city's ability to execute capital projects;

2. Identify any laws, policies or rules that may be impeding the efficiency of the capital project process;

3. Review the certificate to proceed process to determine any possible causes of delay;

4. Consider the establishment of a standard for communication and sharing information between the office of management and budget and other agencies;

5. Consider the establishment of reasonable timeframes for each phase of a capital project, as appropriate by agency;

6. Evaluate the contracting processes and procedures for capital projects, both citywide and by contracting agency;

7. Assess the need for a standardized, citywide capital project tracking system; and

8. Review and consider any other matter the task force deems relevant to the improvement of the capital project process.

f. No later than March 1, 2018, the task force shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and shall post on city's website and the website of the city council, a report on the capital project process in the city. Such report shall be revisited and revised as appropriate every two years and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. An analysis of efficiencies and deficiencies in the capital project process as identified by the task force;

2. Recommendations for best practices in capital project planning, management and execution, and any legislative or policy changes to improve the capital projects process developed as a result of the issues examined pursuant to subdivision e of this section; and

3. A suggested timeline for the implementation of any recommendations made by the task force.

g. Beginning in calendar year 2019, the task force shall on an annual basis submit to the mayor and the speaker, and shall post on city's website and on the website of the city council, a report detailing the progress, if any, made on the recommendations contained in the most recently revised report required by subdivision f of this section.

h. All agency heads shall promptly provide to the task force any information it requests to assist in in carrying out its responsibilities under this section.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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