



March 28, 2008

City Clerk File No.:
RES 2008-0030

COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

RE: RESOLUTION 08-30 REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

During its 3:30 p.m. Administrative Session held Monday, March 17, 2008, the Spokane City Council took the following actions:

Motion by Council Member French, seconded by Council Member Corker, to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure **carried 5-1 (Council Member Rush voting “no” and Council Member Allen absent)**.

Motion by Council Member French, seconded by Council Member McLaughlin, to add Resolution 08-30—regarding the creation of a City Charter Review Committee—to the Resolutions and Final Reading Ordinances for this evening’s (March 17, 2008) Agenda **carried 5-1 (Council Member Rush voting “no” and Council Member Allen absent)**.

During its 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session held March 17, subsequent to public testimony and Council comment on Resolution 2008-30, the following action was taken:

Motion by Council Member French, seconded by Council Member Corker, to amend the fourth “WHEREAS” in Resolution 2008-30 to end with:

“ . . . proposing recommendations to provide clarification of the City Charter . . . ”

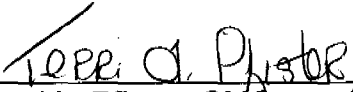
carried 5-1 (Council Member McLaughlin voting “no” and Council Member Allen absent).

Subsequent to further Council discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion by Council Member Apple, seconded by Council President Shogan, to amend the membership of the City Charter Review Committee to be comprised of three staff people [Administrative], two Council Members, and two at-large [members] from the neighborhood councils; **failed on 2-4 vote (Council Members Apple and Rush voting “aye” and Council**

President Shogan and Council Members Corker, French, and McLaughlin voting “no” and Council Member Allen absent).

Upon 4-2 Roll Call Vote of Council (Council Members Apple and Rush voting “no” and Council Member Allen absent), Resolution 2008-30, as amended, was adopted.



Terri L. Pfister, CMC
Spokane City Clerk

c: Todd Babcock, Council Office

AGENDA SHEET FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 17, 2008

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Action Taken: _____

AGENDA

WORDING:

(If contract, include the term.)

A resolution regarding the creation of a City Charter Review Committee.

BACKGROUND:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

Since the adoption of the strong mayor form of government, it has been recognized that there are several provisions of the City Charter that need to be reviewed for potential amendment in order to harmonize charter sections to achieve greater clarity. The City Council and the Mayor's Office desires to create a City Charter Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the City Charter for potential amendments to be submitted to the citizens for approval. This resolution creates the City Charter Review Committee, including the membership make-up.

RECOMMENDATION:

Fiscal Impact: <input type="radio"/> N/A	Budget Account: <input type="radio"/> N/A
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ATTACHMENTS:

Include in Packets:
On file for Review in Office of City Clerk:

SIGNATURES:

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Legal

Division Director

City Administrator for Mayor

Finance
Alexander J. Hagan, Jr.
Council President

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COUNCIL ACTION:

ADOPTED BY
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:

March 17, 2008

Clara K. Hester

CITY CLERK

see Council Action Memo dated *3/29/08* RES 2008.0030

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0030

A resolution regarding the creation of a City Charter Review Committee.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Spokane voted to amend the City Charter to change the form of government from a city manager form to a strong mayor form of government;

WHEREAS, after having the strong mayor form of government in place for over seven years, there are several provision of the City Charter which may need to be amended for purposes of providing clarification;

WHEREAS, the City Legal Department has previously reviewed the City Charter for potential amendments which would provide greater clarity and eliminate potential discrepancies;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to coordinate with the Mayor's Office to create a City Charter Review Committee to reviewing the City Charter for the purpose of proposing recommendations for amendments to provide clarification of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to have the City Charter Review Committee bring its recommendations to the City Council for the City Council to consider for submission to the citizens as a ballot proposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Spokane that a City Charter Review Committee shall be created consisting of eleven members appointed as follows:

- 1) Three City Council members selected by the City Council;
- 2) Three representatives of the Mayor's Office who are employees of the City selected by the Mayor;
- 3) Five at-large members who are residents of the City, two selected by the City Council, two selected by the Mayor and one selected by the Community Assembly.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON March 17, 2008.

Seri K. Heston
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michael D. Penab
Assistant City Attorney

