

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
November 17, 2008
City Conference Room 5A
1:00 – 2:00

Present:

City Council

Al French – Chair

Administration:

Dorothy Webster

Leroy Eadie

Citizens

Hal Ellis – CA

Sherrie Bryant

Mike Dalessi

Dr. Joseph Albert

Greg Sweeney

Staff:

Karen Corkins

Mike Piccolo

Todd Babcock

Visitors:

Absent:

Administration:

Ted Danek

Citizens:

Staff:

City Council:

Steve Corker

Minutes from 11/10/08 meeting were approved. Discussion occurred regarding leaving in WACS and Municipal Code references in the Charter so citizens know how to navigate through city government. There was also a recommendation that Charter items be put on the ballot when the City or other jurisdictions place items on the ballot. We would start with the housekeeping items and go from there. January 12th is when action needs to be taken for the March ballot.

Dorothy Webster asked the question about who is authorized to sign a contract that holds the city responsible. She will look into this. Also, is it stated in the Charter anywhere?

The committee began discussion on the spreadsheet. The committee recommendations are as follows:

1. Article 5, Section 48 – Accept recommendations – correct typo
2. Article 5, Section 50 – Take no action. Remove this item from spreadsheet.
3. Article 5, Section 51 – Question about why approved by Mayor. Mike will see if it's an accounting issue. Return to it later.
4. Article 8, Section 53 – Accept recommendations – match with other gazette language
5. Article 8, Section 73 – Make no changes.

6. Article 4, Section 22a – Accept recommendations
7. Article 4, Section 22c – Mike Piccolo will research
8. Article 4, Section 23 – Accept recommendations
9. Article 4, Section 28 – Make no changes, keep at 5 years
10. Article 4, Section 30 – Accept recommendations
11. Article 4, Section 36 – Discussion about just having Spokane. Decided to make a reference at the beginning of the Charter that says something like, “hereafter, Spokane, WA will be called Spokane . . . “
12. Article 4, Section 38 – Pending - Does this need to be clarified or is it under the description of the Mayor’s responsibilities?
13. Article 11, Section 95 – Leave as is – Recommended by Bob Beaumier and Mike Piccolo will research
14. Article 11, Section 108 – Pending – Is this an adequate amount? Can it be changed to read, “as determined by ordinance”?

It was discussed that the Parks Board and Plan Commission should be invited to the next meeting in order to get their input and feedback into this process.

Important dates:

November 24th meeting was cancelled

December 8th – First meeting in December

End of January – Items need to be ready if going to ballot in March