

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
December 8, 2008
City Conference Room 5A

Present:

City Council

Al French – Chair
Steve Corker

Administration:

Ted Danek
Leroy Eadie

Citizens

Hal Ellis – CA

Staff:

Karen Corkins
Mike Piccolo
Todd Babcock

Visitors:

Absent:

Administration:

Dorothy Webster

Citizens:

Sherrie Bryant
Mike Dalessi
Dr. Joseph Albert
Greg Sweeney

Staff:

City Council:

Michael Allen

Motion to delay approval of 12/12/08 meeting minutes due to lack of a quorum was approved.

The question was raised about how will this be placed on a ballot? Mike Piccolo explained that the Ordinance will describe the Charter Changes.

The next question was whether or not there will be a voter's pamphlet. We discussed 5 different options:

1. Print the entire ordinance in the newspaper
2. Create a voter's pamphlet – estimated cost \$200,000
3. Send the ordinance out to every possible group
4. Do a press release, web site, posting around town, and utility billing.
5. Get a review group together to give feedback.

It was decided to do a combination of 3 and 4 because the pamphlet is too expensive for housekeeping items. In the Utility Billing it can state how to get a hard copy if they want and when the Community Presentation will be.

List of organizations to send the ordinance to:

- News Directors
- News Editors
- League of Women Voters

- ACLU
- Republican and Democratic Committee Chairs
- GSI
- Chamber of Commerce
- DSP
- Service Clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, etc)
- Neighborhood Councils
- Center of Justice
- Peace and Justice League
- Board of Realtors
- Homebuilders
- Unions
- Labor Councils
- Envision Spokane

Post at:

- Community Centers
- Libraries
- Fire Stations

It was decided that the week before ballots go out will be best time for the Community Presentation. March 10 is the election day and ballots will go out mid-February. A cover letter needs to be created to go out with the ballots.

Timeline:

Community Presentation	Week of Feb. 9 th – 15 th
Mailings go out	January 26, 2009

Councilman French brought forward a request to look at Section 85 in the Charter regarding changing the parameters for Councilmanic bonds. The committee decided that this is a policy decision and definitely a major change. It would be discussed further during the major issues discussion.

Important dates:

January 26th – Next meeting