



Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:
07/22/2019

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Agenda Item Type	Resolutions
Agenda Item Name	0260 SPECIAL ELECTION - INIT NO. 2019-1 - OPEN GOVT

Agenda Wording

Resolution requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election on November 5, 2019 in conjunction with the scheduled general election to submit to the voters of the City of Spokane a proposition regarding an amendment

Summary (Background)

On June 10, 2019, Michael Cathcart, Better Spokane, filed with the City Clerk's Office Initiative No. 2019-1 petitions regarding a Charter amendment regarding open government and transparency in City government. The Spokane County Auditor's Office has verified that the initiative has met the requirements for valid signatures of registered voters. Pursuant to SMC 2.02.080 and 2.02.100, the City Council has held hearings on the initiative. The initiative ordinance received a first reading on

<u>Fiscal Impact</u>	Grant related?	NO	<u>Budget Account</u>
	Public Works?	NO	

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<u>Approvals</u>		<u>Council Notifications</u>	
<u>Dept Head</u>	PFISTER, TERRI	<u>Study Session</u>	
<u>Division Director</u>		<u>Other</u>	
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<u>Additional Approvals</u>			
<u>Purchasing</u>			

ADOPTED BY
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:

7/22/2019
Vern H. Hughes
CITY CLERK

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Continuation of Wording, Summary, Budget, and Distribution

Agenda Wording

to the Spokane City Charter relating to open government and transparency in City government.

Summary (Background)

June 24, 2019, and final reading on July 22, 2019. This resolution, consistent with RCW 29A.04.330, will call for the Spokane County Auditor's Office to place the initiative proposition on the November 5, 2019, special election ballot.

Fiscal Impact

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 0050

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE A PROPOSITION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPOKANE CITY CHARTER RELATING TO OPEN GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPARENCY IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 82 and 125 of the City Charter, an initiative regarding amendments to the City Charter may be submitted to popular vote for adoption or rejection; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2019, Michael Cathcart, on behalf of Better Spokane, filed with the City Clerk's Office an amended initiative designated as Initiative No. 2019-1 regarding open government and transparency in city government; and

WHEREAS, the ballot title for Initiative No. 2019 - 1 is as follows:

Shall the Spokane City Charter be amended to require all collective bargaining negotiations be transparent and open to public observation, requiring public notification of such meetings as required by the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act and require all contracts be available for public review and observation on the City's website?

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2019, the proponent filed with the City Clerk's Office the petition signatures for Initiative No. 2019-1; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2019, the City Council held a hearing and first reading pursuant to SMC 2.02.080 for Initiative No. 2019-1, designated by the City Council as Ordinance No. C - 35785, at which time the City Council voted to have the City Clerk validate the signatures; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2019, the Spokane County Elections Office certified that Initiative No. 2019-1 satisfied the required number of valid signatures of registered voters to be placed on the November 5, 2019 general election as required by Section 82 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SMC 2.02.100, the City Council held a hearing on July 22, 2019 on the initiative petition where Ordinance No. C -35785 was given a second and final reading; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires the City to transmit to the Spokane County Auditor by August 6, 2019 a resolution calling for a special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spokane, pursuant to sections 82 and 125 of the City Charter that:

1) the Spokane County Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to RCW 29A.04.330 to hold a special election on November 5, 2019 in conjunction with the scheduled general election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Spokane for their approval or rejection the following proposition to amend the Spokane City Charter as set forth in Initiative 2019-1:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CITY OF SPOKANE

**CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING OPEN GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPARENCY IN CITY GOVERNMENT**

Shall the Spokane City Charter be amended to require all collective bargaining negotiations be transparent and open to public observation, requiring public notification of such meetings as required by the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act and require all contracts be available for public review and observation on the City's website?

YES

NO

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK
SEAL: CITY OF SPOKANE
COUNTY OF SPOKANE
STATE OF WA

DATE

Terri Hulse 8/2/19

2) the City Clerk is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Spokane County Auditor no later than August 6, 2019.

Adopted July 22, 2019

Terri Hulse
City Clerk



Approved as to form:

Michael J. Prewitt
Assistant City Attorney