

District 3

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Boards and Commissions:

## WHERE DO WE REPRESENT YOU?

### Council Member Klitzke:

- Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability Committee (Chair)
- Plan Commission (Liaison)
- GMA Steering Committee of Elected Officials
- Library Board (Liaison)
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Spokane Regional Transportation Commission
- Spokane Regional Solid Waste
- Salmon Restoration Lead Entity
- City Transportation Commission (Liaison)
- Veterans' Advisory Board
- Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council

### Council Member Zappone:

- Public Safety and Community Health Committee (Chair)
- Regional Homeless Authority
- Legislative Committee
- Association of Washington Cities
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Fiscal Impact Workgroup
- City Transportation Commission (Liaison)
- Tourism and Cultural Investment Committee (Chair)
- TPA Commission
- Visit Spokane Board



## WELCOME!

In this issue, we discuss how to read an agenda, upcoming ordinances, and CM Klitzke's travel to D.C.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 11 -  
May 17

### Urban Experience Committee (UE)

Monday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Public testimony will be taken on the committee's agenda.

Use [this link](#) to sign up to speak for 2 min on any and all items on this month's agenda.

### Agenda Review

Monday, May 12 at 3:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Council approves amendments and agendas for upcoming legislative meetings.

### Legislative Session

Monday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Sign-up opens beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, via the [online testimony sign-up form link here](#) OR in person outside council chambers beginning at 8:00 a.m. on May 12, 2025. You must sign up by 6:00 p.m. to be called on to testify.





Neighborhood Councils:

## WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

- [Audubon-Downriver](#)
- [Balboa/South Indian Trail](#)
- [Browne's Addition](#)
- [Emerson/Garfield](#)
- [Five Mile Prairie](#)
- [North Hill](#)
- [North Indian Trail](#)
- [Northwest](#)
- [Peaceful Valley](#)
- [West Central](#)

Reach out to us if you have suggestions for the newsletter or feedback to make it better!

### CM Klitzke representing us in Washington D.C.:

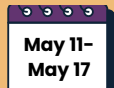
Council Members Klitzke and Cathcart along with County Commissioner Waldref and other local leaders are in D.C. advocating for regional priorities as part of the [Greater Spokane Incorporated](#) Fly-In delegation. They received updates from congressional staff about education, tariffs and DOT priorities in Spokane.



## H.O.M.E. INITIATIVE

Last week, new ordinances were unveiled that give a comprehensive update to Spokane's homelessness policy. Titled the H.O.M.E. initiative, the policies aim to address many of the upstream effects of homelessness to catch people and families *before they become homeless*. It also includes updated tools to enforce unlawful camping in times of need. You can read more about these policies and watch a short video explaining the philosophy behind the [initiatives here](#).

## STUFF TO ATTEND



### Comprehensive Plan Update

Plan Spokane 2046 is a state-required update to Spokane's comprehensive plan that has community input opportunities.

### Farmers' Market Season!

Here is when the different farmers' markets will start:

- Perry Street Farmers Market: Thursday, May 1, every Thursday from 3 - 7 p.m. at Grant Park. Ends in October.
- Spokane Farmers Market: Saturday, May 10, every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Coeur d'Alene Park. Ends November 22.
- Kendall Yards Night Market: Wednesday, May 21, every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Kendall Yards near downtown Spokane. Ends September 17.
- Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market: Friday, June 6, every Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Emerson Park. Ends September 26.





City Government:

## HOW DO I READ AN AGENDA?

Reading a Council Agenda can be overwhelming for first time readers. Here are some acronyms as you make your way through:

- **Consent Agenda** – The consent agenda typically includes uncontroversial items like contracts; these all get approved by a single vote. However, council members can request consent items be taken as separate votes.
- **Legislative Agenda** – The legislative agenda is where each item is voted on separately. This includes large contracts, ordinances and resolutions.
  - **First Reading** – Ordinances must be read TWICE before a final vote is taken. First reading allows testimony to be taken.
  - **Final Reading** – Final reading is the second reading of an ordinance. The council will take final testimony and then take a vote.
- **ORD = Ordinance** – Ordinances are laws being considered by the Council that would change the City's code, the Spokane Municipal Code.
- **RES = Resolution** – Resolutions are non-binding. They typically make a policy statement, a request, or acknowledge people.
- **OPR(Operations)** = Contract – Contracts in general must be approved by Council if they exceed \$50,000 in total value.
- **CPR(Corporate)** = Claims, payments and meeting minutes.
- **SBO = Special Budget Ordinance** – Special budget ordinances are amendments to the City budget to allow for unexpected costs or grant awards to the City.



### STA Customer Satisfaction Survey




If you've ever ridden STA, fill out this survey to let them know where they can improve in the future!

### Community Engagement Grants

In 2025, individual neighborhood councils and Community Assembly committees may apply for up to \$850 to utilize the money to increase resident participation at NC meetings, promote NC work, and increase overall engagement of the neighborhood.



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