



Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:
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Agenda Item Type	First Reading Ordinance
Agenda Item Name	0650 - ORDINANCE / CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Agenda Wording

An ordinance of the City of Spokane, Washington, suspending the acceptance of annual applications for amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan until completion of the City's Comprehensive Plan 2017 period update, and deferring and suspending the

Summary (Background)

This proposed ordinance establishes that the 2016/2017 cycle will be "suspended" in lieu of the 2017 periodic update and clarifies that the City will not process applications to amend the comprehensive plan until the 2017/2018 cycle which commences on October 31, 2017. These applications will then become part of the 2017/2018 amendment cycle. If any pending applications in the 2015/2016 cycle are unable to be completed during 2016, they will be suspended and resume consideration during the

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5/9/2016

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Continuation of Wording, Summary, Budget, and Distribution

Agenda Wording

processing of applications which cannot be completed before December 31, 2016.

Summary (Background)

2017/2018 amendment cycle.

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ORDINANCE NO. C35386

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, SUSPENDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2017 PERIOD UPDATE, AND DEFERRING AND SUSPENDING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS WHICH CANNOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW ("GMA"), the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are subject to continuing review and evaluation by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required under RCW 36.70A.130 to take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations by June 30, 2017 to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of GMA (the "2017 Update"); and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution RES 2013-0011 Public Participation Plan at a duly advertised public hearing on February 4, 2013 that is being used for the 2017 Update; and

WHEREAS, the City presently has significant resources devoted to completing the required 2017 Update; and

WHEREAS, GMA also requires the City to establish procedures and schedule whereby updates, proposed amendments, or revisions of the Comprehensive Plan are considered by the City no more frequently than once every year; and

WHEREAS, the annual process is guided by a number of principles including (i) keeping the plan responsive to the community, (ii) honoring the community's long-term investment in the Comprehensive Plan through neighborhood planning processes, (iii) encouraging development that enables the entire community to prosper and reinforces a sense of place and feeling of community, in an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable manner, and (iv) requiring that proposed amendments result in a net benefit to the general public; and

WHEREAS, GMA generally requires all comprehensive plan amendment proposals to be considered by the governing body concurrently so the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained, but also provides that, after appropriate public participation a county or city may adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform with GMA whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal of a comprehensive plan filed with the growth management hearings board or with the court; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this Ordinance suspending acceptance of applications and processing of annual site-specific comprehensive plan amendment applications at a duly noted public hearing on May 9, 2016, and received public testimony from interested parties, considered all the written and oral arguments and testimony; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that suspending the acceptance and processing of annual comprehensive plan amendment requests is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety and for the immediate support of City government and its existing public institutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WAC 197-11-880, the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the requirements of a threshold determination under the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopts the foregoing as its findings of fact, justifying its adoption of this ordinance; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Suspend. Chapter 17G. 020 of the Spokane Municipal Code is suspended for the 2016/17 cycle of annual comprehensive plan amendment and accompanying rezone requests. This suspension does not preclude out-of-cycle amendments, if an emergency exists, new territory is annexed into the City, or to resolve a truly obvious mapping error or an appeal of a comprehensive plan filed with the growth management hearings board or with the court. Upon completion of the 2017 Update, the annual review process will resume with the 2017/18 annual comprehensive plan amendments and accompanying rezone requests as outlined in Chapter 17G.020 SMC. When the review process resumes both consistent and inconsistent amendments will be considered.

Section 2. Pending Applications. If any pending 2015/16 annual amendment proposals (i.e., applications submitted under Chapter 17G.020 SMC on or before October 31, 2015) cannot, for any reason, be processed before December 31, 2016 in the current cycle of consideration, or are otherwise postponed/deferred to the next applicable amendment cycle, such proposals/applications will be deferred until the 2017/18 annual amendment cycle.

Section 3. Declaration of Emergency and Effective Date. This ordinance, passed by a majority plus one of the whole membership of the City Council as a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, public safety, public property, or public peace, shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON May 9, 2016.

Ben Fuchs
Council President

Attest:

Seri Agosta
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Same
Assistant City Attorney

David A. Cunniff
Mayor

Date May 9, 2016
Effective Date

(Returned after Mayoral Signature Deadline)

(Returned by Mayor May 27, 2016)

