February 14, 2018

Dear Council President and Fellow Council Members:

Council Member Kinnear, as sponsor, is forwarding for your consideration an amendment to Section 2.1, of Chapter 2 of the City’s Comprehensive Plan to include a reference to the Joint City Council-Administration Six-Year Strategic Plan adopted by resolution number (2017-0101), amended or adopted thereafter, with the addition of the following language to follow the last paragraph:

In addition to these regulatory tools city staff will implement the tenets of the plan in their projects and programs. Because the Comprehensive Plan is designed to help the community realize a shared vision of the future, as the community, environment, and legal framework changes over time so should the community’s guiding document. To ensure that the Comprehensive Plan functions as a living document, evolving to meet the needs of the community, the Joint Administration-Council Strategic Plan will serve as a strategic implementation guide to help direct the actions and priorities of elected officials and city staff. The Strategic Plan is designed to direct attention to projects that implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

The following criteria have been met:

A. The proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan is consistent with any recent state or federal legislative actions, or changes to state or federal regulations, such as changes to the Growth Management Act, or new environmental regulations.
B. The proposed text change is consistent with the goals and purposes of the state Growth Management Act.
C. This proposal does not require a financial commitment
D. This proposal has no funding requirements or service level standards.
E. The proposed text amendment seeks to increase internal consistency between the comprehensive plan, and the Strategic Plan. The proposed changes to the text of the comprehensive plan do not require corresponding adjustments to the zoning map or implementation regulations in the Spokane Municipal Code.
F. The proposed text amendment will maintain regional consistency.
G. The proposed text amendment has no land use impacts.

Additionally this text amendment is procedural in nature and categorically exempt from SEPA review per WAC 197-11-800(19).

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Kinnear
City Council Member, District 2