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AGENDA SHEET FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: DECEMBER 15, 2008

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Neighborhood/Commission/Committee Notified:
Community Assembly, Plan Commission
Action Taken: Recommended for approval

AGENDA WORDING:

(If contract, include the term.)

An Ordinance amending the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan by repealing the 1999 sub area plan "Charting the Future: The Plan for A New Downtown" and adopting an update, "Fast Forward Spokane Downtown Plan Update".

BACKGROUND:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

Downtown Spokane has experienced over \$3.4 billion worth of investment in its core over the last decade. This success was largely guided by the sub-area plan "Charting the Future: A Plan for a New Downtown" which was adopted in 1999. Downtown has undergone dramatic growth and revitalization and as a result in 2007 the City of Spokane and the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) agreed to update "Charting the Future - The Plan for a New Downtown," with "Downtown Spokane Plan Update (Plan Update)", providing an updated vision and a new set of goals and recommendations for Downtown. A team led by MIG, Inc., in partnership with city staff prepared the Plan Update, facilitated community involvement, and provided technical advice. The updated plan is a result of a 12-month community process and was unanimously recommended for adoption by Plan Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

Fiscal Impact: o N/A

Budget Account: o N/A

- o Expenditure: \$ N/A # N/A
o Revenue: \$ #
o Budget Neutral

ATTACHMENTS: Include in Packets: Ordinance

On file for Review in Office of City Clerk: Plan Update Document, Maps, Plan Commission Findings and Conclusions

SIGNATURES:

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Marty Dickinson signature

Division Director for Finance

James Richman signature

Legal

Melissa Wittstruck-Eadie signature

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COUNCIL ACTION:

PASSED APPROVED BY
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:
December 22, 2008
Leri H. Gauder
CITY CLERK

FIRST READING OF THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WAS HELD ON
December 15, 2008
AND FURTHER ACTION WAS DEFERRED
Leri H. Gauder
CITY CLERK

C-34370

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ORDINANCE NO. C 3 4 3 7 0

An ordinance amending the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan by repealing "Charting the Future: The Plan For A New Downtown" adopted on March 29, 1999; and adopting an update, "Fast Forward Spokane Downtown Plan Update".

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed the Growth Management Act (GMA) in 1990 requiring, among other things, the development of new comprehensive plans for cities such as Spokane (RCW 36.70A); and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane adopted a Comprehensive Plan in May of 2001 that complies with the requirements of the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act generally limits the frequency of amendments of comprehensive plans, but provides exceptions for the initial adoption of subarea plans and whenever emergencies exist (RCW 36.70A 130(2)(b)); and

WHEREAS, downtown Spokane has undergone dramatic growth and revitalization over the past decade resulting in significantly changed circumstances, community vision, and sustainable economic growth, creating the need for an update consistent with public input; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan designates downtown as the City's only Regional Center and directs resources towards planning the growth and development of this center; and

WHEREAS, this update to the City's downtown specific plan is intended to stimulate economic activity by providing guidance for future development and design, support an active community through the provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, create new housing choices to attract population growth, preserve and enhance historic character, enhance economic, social, and cultural opportunities for the city and region, and work towards sustainable growth for downtown; and

WHEREAS, the downtown planning area boundary has been expanded to include portions of Kendall Yards to the west and the University District to the east; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City of Spokane and the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) agreed to update "Charting the Future: The Plan for a New Downtown," with "Fast Forward Downtown Spokane Plan Update" providing a vision and a new set of goals and recommendations for downtown in a manner consistent with public input; and

WHEREAS, the public participation requirements of the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A.035 were met through the formation of a citizen planning team composed of residents, business owners, and others with known interests in the downtown,

information provided to the community through neighborhood newsletters, postings on the City's website, open houses, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the environmental review and determination for the amendment fulfilled the requirements and intent of the Spokane Environmental Ordinances and the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED) and appropriate state agencies were given the required 60-day notice before adoption of proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan on August 14, 2008 per RCW 36.70A.106; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the September 10 Plan Commission Public Hearing was published in the Spokesman-Review on Wednesday, August 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission deliberated on consistency of the proposal, adoption of the Plan Update, amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by its adoption, and repeal of the 1999 Plan, on October 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission reviewed the analysis of the decision criteria, review guidelines, map and text change standards for amendments, as listed in chapter 17G.020 SMC, and by a vote of 8-0, recommended approval of the Plan Update proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission further recommends that the City Council take simultaneous legislative action to repeal the 1999 Plan and that all City policy documents and Spokane Municipal Code citations pointing to the repealed document be construed to reference the 2008 "Fast Forward Spokane - Downtown Plan Update" until such time as policy and codes can be updated with the rewritten document title; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled update/amendment of the City's Comprehensive Plan will not occur until December 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that delaying adoption of the "Fast Forward Spokane Downtown Plan Update" until the next regularly scheduled update of the City Comprehensive Plan has the potential to jeopardize the public peace, health, safety and general welfare by allowing development to occur that is inconsistent with the goals of the downtown and the community at large as set forth in the updated downtown specific plan, constituting an emergency within the meaning of RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b) and SMC 17G.020.010(E)(4); -- Now, Therefore,

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That the Spokane subarea plan "Charting the Future: A Plan for a New Downtown" adopted by the City Council on March 29, 1999, is repealed.

Section 2. That the attached "Fast Forward Spokane Downtown Plan Update" is hereby adopted as an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Passed by the City Council on December 22nd, 2008.

Joe Shogan  
Joe Shogan, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Levi Hester  
City Clerk

B. Burns  
Assistant City Attorney

Mary B. Verner  
Mayor

12-29-08  
Date

12-29-08  
EFFECTIVE DATE

