NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS and SEPA DETERMINATION
PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing before the City of Spokane Plan Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 2019, beginning at 4:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Lower Level of City Hall at 808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington. This hearing or portions thereof may be continued at the discretion of the Plan Commission. This public hearing is to consider two applications by the Spokane City Council to amend the Comprehensive Plan, including modifications to policy LU 1.8 and a new proposed policy LU 4.6. Note that the applications will be considered separately by the Plan Commission.

Any person may submit written comments on the proposed action or call for additional information at:

Planning Services Department
Attn: Kevin Freibott, Planner II
808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard
Spokane, WA 99201-3333
Phone (509) 625-6184
kfreibott@spokanecity.org.

Documents relating to these amendments are available for download at https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2018-2019-proposed-comprehensive-plan-amendments/

Location: Citywide

SEPA: Separate SEPA Determinations of Non-Significance were issued on August 27, 2019 under WAC 197-11-970; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days. Comments regarding these DNSs must be submitted no later than 5 pm on September 10, 2019 if they are intended to alter or appeal the DNS.

Description of Proposals:
Z18-958COMP: This proposal would amend the Comprehensive Plan to include one new land use policy, Policy LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development, to encourage and support transit-supported development. This proposal is intended to amend the City’s land use policies in advance of the construction of the Central City Line and to give sufficient time for developers and neighbors to understand the impacts of the Central City Line and the new development options along the route. This proposal would have effects city-wide, as high-performance transit routes are established and implemented.

Z19-002COMP: This proposal is to amend Policy LU 1.8, General Commercial Uses, of Chapter 3 of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, to update and clarify the existing policy, which gives guidance to the Plan Commission and staff when there is interest in pursuing a land use plan map change to General Commercial. The existing locations of General Commercial land use designation and other areas in the city of Spokane may be viewed online at the MapSpokane site, under the “Planning” and “Landuse Plan” layers: maps.spokanecity.org.

Process Notes: The two text amendments were prepared separately following request by the Spokane City Council. Following completion of the project materials, the City issued a notice of application and request for public comment to the newspaper, the Official Gazette, and the main branch of the library. Likewise, staff sent the notice to all neighborhood council contacts. Once the
public comment period ended, the Director of Planning issued a threshold determination for the project and obtained a public hearing date from the Plan Commission. Following the hearing before the Plan Commission a hearing date with the City Council will be requested. The date, time, an location of this hearing will be posted similarly to this notice. Written comments and oral testimony at all hearings will be made a part of the record. Only the applicant, persons submitting written comments and persons testifying at a hearing may appeal the decision of the Plan Commission and City Council.

No further mailings or postings are required by City Code. If you have not commented on these two proposals or requested to be on the notification list and would like to be, email kfreibott@spokanecity.org or mail Kevin Freibott, Planner II, City of Spokane, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs and services for persons with disabilities. The Spokane City Council Chamber in the lower level of Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., is wheelchair accessible and also is equipped with an infrared assistive listening system for persons with hearing loss. Headsets may be checked out (upon presentation of picture ID) at the City Cable 5 Production Booth located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building, directly above the Chase Gallery or through the meeting organizer. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Human Resources at 509.625.6363, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or msteinolfson@spokanecity.org. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Human Resources through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.