RESOLUTION No. 36477 AS AMENDED

Refer amendments to the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 13, Charter Revision and Interpretation, to the May 15, 2007 Special Election Ballot to provide for periodic Charter review (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Oregon grants municipalities the power to establish a Charter to provide a foundation for its governing structure and general policies; and

WHEREAS, although individual Charter revisions have been referred by the Portland City Council to the voters, a full Charter Review Commission for the City of Portland has not been appointed since 1922; and

WHEREAS, the Council appointed a diverse citizen-led Charter Review Commission and an Honorary Advisory Committee on November 9, 2005 through Resolution No. 36346; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed the Chair and the Charter Review Commission to review the Charter and recommend new language in four areas: form of government, regular charter review, Portland Development Commission and Civil Service; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission adopted six core values to guide their discussions and recommendations: Representation/Inclusiveness, Responsiveness/Accessibility, Leadership, Effectiveness, Efficiency and Accountability/Integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission conducted more than 70 regular and subcommittee public meetings and participated in more than 30 community outreach meetings over 14 months in order to finalize its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission researched national and local best practices and heard from more than 50 speakers with knowledge and experience in the four areas they were directed to review; and

WHEREAS, the Commission deliberated and presented its four majority-approved recommendations in its report to Council, A City Government For Portland’s Future; and

WHEREAS, the entire Commission adopted the report and presented it to Council on January 18, 2007 (Council Item No. 63); and

WHEREAS, the Council unanimously voted to accept the Commission’s report and the Mayor directed that resolutions referring the recommendations to the ballot be prepared and brought back to Council in preparation for the next election; and

WHEREAS, based on the Commission’s recommendations, the Council concluded that at least every ten years, Council should convene a citizens’ Charter Review Commission (representative
of the City as a whole) to review aspects of the City Charter and to recommend Charter
amendments to Council as well as directly to voters of the City in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also recommended that the first such Charter Commission should
be formed within two years from the implementation of this Commission’s recommendations to,
among other things, address other issues identified by this Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council will submit a Measure for an
Act, amending the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 13, Charter Revision and Interpretation, to
add a new Article 3 Provide for Periodic Charter Review, attached as Exhibit A, to voters of the
City of Portland in Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County at the May
15, 2007 Special Election in the City of Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council submits the question, ballot title, and
summary to be contained in the May 15, 2007 Special Election Ballot, as shown in Exhibit B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the Auditor to publish the ballot
title, as shown in Exhibit B, in accordance with City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sponsoring elected official may submit an explanatory
statement to the City Auditor for the publication in the voters’ pamphlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor is directed to forward to the County
Elections Office all material necessary to place this measure on the May 15, 2007 Special
Election Ballot.

Adopted by the Council: February 07, 2007
Mayor Tom Potter

Prepared by:
Judy Tuttle
February 1, 2007

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Auditor of the City of Portland
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Deputy
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