

RESOLUTION No. 36478

Refer amendments to the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 4, Civil Service, to the May 15, 2007 Special Election Ballot to update language and provide for additional management flexibility (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, the Commission recommended that the Charter language be updated and that Civil Service provisions be maintained; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended that the Council have the authority to designate a small number of additional management employment classifications as “at will;” and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended that the Charter contain a new article that guarantees the right of City employees to collective bargaining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council will submit a Measure for an Act, amending the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 4, Civil Service, to update the language and provide for additional management flexibility, 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

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February 1, 2007

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BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 109-2007

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. 36478

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
ADAMS	X	
LEONARD		X
SALTZMAN	X	
STEN		X
POTTER	X	