



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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SUBJECT: Resolution – To create a Charter Review Committee – November 12, 2013
DATE: October 30, 2013

SUMMARY:

A resolution creating a Charter Review Committee consisting of 15 persons, for the purpose of reviewing the existing Charter of the City of Tacoma and making such recommendations for change as the committee may deem necessary and proper to amend the provisions of the Charter with reference to improving the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The existing City Charter was adopted in 1953. Pursuant to Section 2.25 of the City Charter, the City Council shall commence a comprehensive review of the City Charter no less frequently than once every ten years, by appointing citizens to a Charter Review Committee, or by the election of a board of freeholders in a manner provided in state law. The last review commenced in 2004. Resolution No. 38733, designating the City Charter Review as a special project of limited duration, was approved by the City Council on September 17, 2013.

ISSUE:

Resolution No. 38733, designating the City Charter Review as a special project of limited duration, was approved by the City Council on September 17, 2013. The City Clerk’s Office now needs the Charter Review Committee to be created in order to solicit applications and allow for the appointment of committee members. The Charter Review Committee meetings need to begin in January 2014.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the review does not occur in 2014, the City will be out of compliance with the City Charter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Charter Review Committee be created.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.