

RESOLUTION NO. 6926



A **Resolution** establishing a Charter Review Committee and defining the responsibilities of the Committee.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Everett was approved by the Freeholders April 9, 1968, and adopted at a special election held June 25, 1968; and

WHEREAS, specific provisions of the Charter were amended by vote of Everett citizens on November 7, 1968, November 2, 1982, November 5, 1996 and November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Everett citizens voted and approved Section 16.5 of Charter in November 2006 requiring the City of Everett to convene a new Charter Review Committee no later than February 15, 2016, to ensure that the Charter remains consistent with the governance needs of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERETT:

Section 1: A Charter Review Committee, consisting of fifteen (15) Everett citizens, is hereby established. Seven (7) members shall be nominated by the City Council for designation by the Mayor and seven (7) members shall be designated by the Mayor. These fourteen (14) members so designated shall, as its first item of business, elect a fifteenth member to serve in a like manner. Once fully formed with fifteen (15) members, the Committee shall elect a chairperson from its members. The chairperson shall retain full voting rights. If a vacancy occurs on the Committee, the Mayor may designate a person to fill that vacancy subject to approval of the City Council.

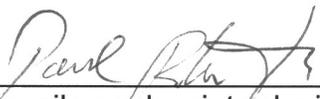
Section 2: The purpose of the Committee shall be to examine and evaluate the Charter, take public input and provide a written recommendation to the Mayor and City Council as to whether the Charter should be revised and, if so, identify the specific sections of the Charter to be changed, with an explanation as to the need for the revisions and the recommended changes. In order for a recommendation to amend a particular section of the Charter to be made to the Mayor and the City Council, the recommendation must have a favorable vote of ten (10) members or more.

Section 3: The Committee shall hold two (2) or more public hearings for the purpose of considering citizens' comments concerning whether the Charter should be revised and, if so, what specifically should be changed.

Section 4: The committee shall present to the Mayor and City Council a written report containing its findings along with specifics concerning the Committee's recommendations on whether to revise the Charter and, if so, then how. The report shall make specific recommendations as to each section of the Charter it believes should be amended. This report shall be presented to the Mayor and the City Council on or before June 1, 2016. The report shall be advisory to the Mayor and City Council in their deliberation on the issues of Charter review. Once the report is received by the Mayor and the City Council, the Committee's purpose shall be deemed fulfilled and the Committee shall be disbanded unless the Mayor and City Council determine otherwise.

Section 5: City Council shall review the report submitted by the Charter Review Committee, to determine if any or all of the recommended Charter amendments shall be placed on the ballot for consideration by Everett citizens. Further, Council may determine that proposed Charter amendments be placed on the Ballot in addition to those recommended by the Charter Review Committee. If it is determined that any or all of the recommended Charter amendments should be placed on the ballot for consideration by Everett citizens, City Council, pursuant to Charter section 16.1, shall adopt an ordinance directing that the recommended Charter amendments be placed on the ballot. The ordinance shall direct that each of the proposed Charter amendments be placed on the ballot as separate questions to be voted upon by the Everett citizens.

Section 6: The committee is authorized to expend up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as needed for support expenses it deems necessary and reasonable. The Committee may retain the services of an independent attorney and administrative support staff as needed.



Council member introducing the Resolution

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of December, 2015.



SCOTT BADER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



RAY STEPHANSON, MAYOR

ATTEST: 