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February 26, 2007

City Clerk File No.:
RES 2007-0009

COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

RE: RESOLUTION 07-09 REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE'S NEAR-NATURE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE

During its 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session held Monday, February 19, 2007, the Spokane City Council considered Resolution 07-09. Council Member Verner noted she had some minor amendments she would like to introduce and propose regarding the resolution. The following actions were taken:

Motion by Council Member Verner, seconded by Council Member French, to amend Resolution 07-09 by adding the following paragraph: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this initiative is not intended to create any unfunded mandates and that any costs associated with specific components must be approved through regular city processes." **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Verner, seconded by Council Member French, to amend the text of the initiative under the section on "SMART GROWTH," subparagraph "e," by inserting the phrase "invite good urban design" between "Policies that discourage sprawl" and "promote historic preservation," so that the sentence would read: "Policies that discourage sprawl, invite good urban design, promote historic preservation..." **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Verner, seconded by Council Member French, to amend the initiative under the section on "WASTE REDUCTION," subparagraph "a," by striking the word "Maintain" and insert in its place (the words) "Continually improve." **Motion carried unanimously.**

Subsequent to an overview of Resolution 07-09 by Council Member Verner, comment by Mayor Dennis Hession, and Council comment, the following action was taken:

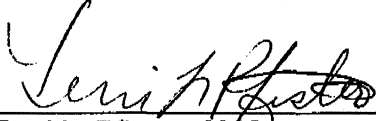
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Upon Unanimous Roll Call Vote of Council, the Spokane City Council adopted Resolution 07-09 regarding support for the City of Spokane's "Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative."

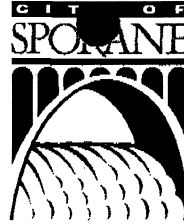
In order to clarify the vote on Resolution 07-09, as amended, the Council took further actions, as follows:

Motion by Council Member French, seconded by Council Member Verner, to **adopt Resolution 07-09, as amended**, regarding support for the City of Spokane's "Near-Nature Quality of Live Initiative" **carried unanimously.**

Upon Unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Spokane City Council adopted Resolution 07-09, as amended, regarding support for the City of Spokane's "Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative."



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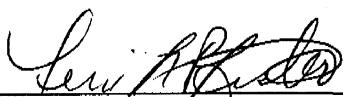
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RE: RESOLUTION 07-09 REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE'S NEAR-NATURE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE

During its 3:30 p.m. Briefing Session held Monday, February 5, 2007, upon reviewing the February 12, 2007, Advance Agenda, the Spokane City Council took the following action:

Motion by Council Member French, seconded by Council Member McLaughlin, to defer Resolution 07-09—regarding support for the City of Spokane's Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative—to February 19, 2007, **carried unanimously.**



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AGENDA SHEET FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: February 12, 2007

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Councilperson Mary Verner

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

- Contract
- Report
- Claims

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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- Resolution
- Final Reading Ord
- First Reading Ord
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- Growth Management
- Human Services
- Neighborhoods
- Public Safety
- Quality Service Delivery
- Racial Equity/Cultural Diversity
- Rebuild/Maintain Infrastructure

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STANDING COMMITTEES

(Date of Notification)

- Finance _____
- Neighborhoods _____
- Planning/Community & Econ Dev _____

- Public Safety _____
- Public Works _____

Neighborhood/Commission/Committee Notified: _____

Action Taken: _____

AGENDA

WORDING:

(If contract, include the term.)

A resolution regarding support for the City of Spokane's **Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative**.

BACKGROUND:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

The City of Spokane's civic slogan - "Near Nature. Near Perfect" – demonstrates the essence of the exceptional quality of life for Spokane and its residents and visitors. This resolution provides that the City of Spokane is committed to continuing and expanding its efforts to sustain the community's quality of life and the natural assets upon which the quality of life is based. This resolution further provides that the City Council will support the Mayor and City's programs described in the Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative, which includes actions to protect water quality and quantity, curb greenhouse gases, improve air quality, lead to sustainable growth and development, and encourage healthy lifestyles options such as outdoor recreation and alternative modes of transportation. The resolution also encourages citizens and other jurisdictions to contribute to the collective quality of life by being good stewards of water, reducing energy consumption and emission of air pollutants, tailoring development to smart growth strategies, and facilitating healthy lifestyles.

RECOMMENDATION:

Fiscal Impact: <input type="radio"/> N/A	Budget Account: <input type="radio"/> N/A
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ATTACHMENTS: Include in Packets:
On file for Review in Office of City Clerk:

SIGNATURES:

Mary Verner

City Councilperson

Division Director

Finance

Michael P. ...

Legal

David ...

Deputy Mayor for Mayor

Alexander J. Hogan, Jr.

Council President

DISTRIBUTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

February 5, 2007: See Council Action Memorandum dated February 8, 2007, for Council action on February 5, 2007.

February 19, 2007: See Council Action Memorandum dated February 26, 2007, for Council action on February 19, 2007.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-0009

A resolution regarding support for the City of Spokane's **Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative**.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Spokane and City government are stewards of natural resources which are our legacy to future generations;

WHEREAS, clean air, clean water, our beautiful natural environment, and opportunities for people to thrive in this environment are real assets for Spokane;

WHEREAS, the assets that are encompassed in our civic slogan - "*Near Nature. Near Perfect.*" - are the essence of an exceptional quality of life for Spokane, our residents, and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane should be a leader and demonstrate responsibility and stewardship for Spokane's excellent and improving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many City of Spokane activities are already underway and good progress has been made to secure this quality of life for the present and future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Spokane that the City is committed to continuing and expanding our efforts to sustain our community's quality of life and the natural assets upon which our quality of life is based; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will support actions by the Mayor and city programs as described in the attached Near-Nature Quality of Life Initiative, because these actions protect water quality and quantity, curb greenhouse gases, improve air quality, lead to sustainable growth and development, and encourage healthy lifestyles options such as outdoor recreation and alternative modes of transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will encourage citizens and jurisdictions across our region to contribute to our collective quality of life by being good stewards of water, reducing energy consumption and emission of air pollutants, tailoring development to smart growth strategies, and facilitating healthy lifestyles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this initiative is not intended to create any unfunded mandates and that any costs associated with specific components must be approved through regular city processes.

As Amended by Council

02.19.07

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2007.

Terri Hester
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michael P. Piccolo
Assistant City Attorney



As Amended by Council

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CITY OF SPOKANE
NEAR-NATURE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE
February 2007
ACTIONS TO BE CONTINUED OR UNDERTAKEN
BY THE CITY OF SPOKANE
TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE
THE NEAR-NATURE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SPOKANE

* Denotes a new action. All others have been initiated and will be continued, updated, and/or expanded.

SMART GROWTH - *Economic development with a Quality of Life purpose.*

- a. Focused growth around Centers & Corridors, with infill targets and options for land-use diversity and mixed-use development.
- b. Land use coordinated with transportation strategies and capital investment.
- c. Well-maintained streets and highways in a sensible grid network.
- d. Adequate provision for not only automobiles, but also mass transit, personal transportation devices (bicycles, motorcycles, wheelchairs), and pedestrians.
- e. Policies that discourage sprawl, invite good urban design, promote historic preservation, preserve open spaces, and protect the urban forest, water resources and wetlands, critical areas, geologically hazardous areas, and Spokane's panoramic views.
- f. Policies and procedures that support developer cooperation, with sequencing and timing that yield sensible results and appropriate incentives for higher-density, mixed-use, and "green building" developments.
- g. Business opportunities that promote a diverse economy, provide a wide range of employment options, and enhance Spokane as an urban place.
- h. Increased housing opportunities.

AIR QUALITY/ENERGY EFFICIENCY - *Spokane: a Cool City.*

- a. Update audit of City's energy efficiency and act upon audit findings to reduce energy consumption.
- b. Continue/expand City practice of using energy efficient lighting and appliances.
- *c. Seek LEED certification on new/renovated City facilities.
- d. Continue partnership with Washington State Department of Ecology and Spokane Transit Authority to retrofit the City's diesel fleet to improve fuel economy and adapt new technologies.
- e. Increase the City's use of fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles.
- f. Continue/expand City employee participation in Commute Trip Reduction program, with parking for vanpools or carpools and other incentives for employees to use public transit.
- g. Maintain/upgrade methane gas collection and co-generation systems at Southside and Northside landfills, Regional Waste-to-Energy Facility, and Water Reclamation Facility.
- h. Continue recovering hydropower generated at Upriver Dam to run the Water Department's pumps, and explore opportunities to expand the usefulness of this power source.
- *i. Inventory City's carbon emissions to provide a baseline against which to measure progress.
- *j. Develop and implement an action plan to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 7% below 1990 levels by the year 2012.
- k. Continue/expand Urban Forestry Program to take advantage of the air-cleansing and energy-conserving benefits of our tree canopy.

WATER STEWARDSHIP - *Recognizing that life depends on it.*

SURFACE WATER:

- a. Implement City's commitments to the Spokane River Phosphorus-Dissolved Oxygen TMDL agreement, including installation of advanced filtration technology at the Water Reclamation Plant.
- b. Engage as a partner in TMDL processes for PCBs, metals, and other pollutants.
- *c. Help educate the public about existing bans on phosphorus-containing laundry and dishwasher detergents, and discourage use of phosphorus-containing fertilizers.

- d. Expand our efforts to control non-point-source pollution, including:
 - 1) completion of the Combined Sewer Overflow facilities that capture contaminated stormwater for treatment;
 - *2) increased use of trees as "green infrastructure," and exploration of absorbent asphalt alternatives to absorb surface runoff;
 - *3) increased attention to sediment, erosion, and runoff during City permitting and inspection processes.
- *e. Increased attention to surface water bodies and drainages during development permit review.
- f. Ongoing tracking of proposals to adjudicate water rights in the Spokane River basin.

GROUND WATER:

- a. Continue to implement conservation rate structure to discourage waste of our water supply.
- b. Continue/expand water stewardship program.
- *c. Complete a water efficiency audit and act upon audit findings.
- d. Continue improvements to water pipeline infrastructure to contain/prevent leakage.
- e. Continue/expand pilot projects to use treated reclaimed water, rather than pure groundwater, when feasible for irrigation, firefighting, and other purposes; and, design future infrastructure to accommodate "purple pipe" for reclaimed water.
- f. Complete the multi-jurisdictional update and coordination of aquifer/well-head protection regulations and enforcement efforts.
- *g. Explore/pursue options to increase groundwater protection around pipelines, rail lines, highways, and other trans boundary corridors.
- h. Continue hazardous waste collection and disposal programs, including Senior Volunteers' annual household hazardous waste pick-ups.
- i. Ongoing tracking of studies of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

WETLANDS:

- *a. Increase attention to protection of wetlands in development permit review.
- *b. Implement model sub-area stormwater plan on Moran Prairie that utilizes natural and manmade wetlands in the Hazel's Creek drainage to enhance commercial property values and provide public education and recreation assets.

WASTE REDUCTION - *Reduce, re-use, recycle.*

- a. Continually improve Spokane's recycling facilities, curbside pickup, and website for item exchange.
- b. Continue/expand paper re-use/recycling in City facilities.
- c. Continue re-use of wastewater biosolids as fertilizer/soil amendments on local farms.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES - *Quality of Life = a health community.*

- a. Encourage City employees to practice "preventive medicine," using exercise and good eating habits to improve health.
- b. Continue/expand partnerships with the Spokane Regional Health District, Greater Spokane, Incorporated, Spokane County Medical Society and others, to educate and enable our citizens to enjoy better health through lifestyle improvements.
- *c. Expand awareness of City's walking/bicycling police officers in the downtown core, and of police patrols on our trail systems.
- *d. Form partnerships among the City, community centers, schools, and others to promote community gardens, farmers' markets, and the consumption of fresh, locally-grown produce.