



CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #18-294

Date: October 3, 2018

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: First Public Hearing to consider proposed amendment to the City's Charter to add sustainability language to § 5-301(2)(B)

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the City's Charter as required under 17 V.S.A. § 2645

RELATED COUNCIL GOAL/PRIOR ACTION: Environmental Stewardship, Responsive and Responsible Government

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: none

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Hold charter information meeting as required under 17 V.S.A. § 2645

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Charter Change is being proposed to expand the City Council authority to regulate environmentally impactful activities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Proposed Charter Change Language

INTERESTED PARTIES: City Council, Voters, City Clerk

CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Hoffman", is written over the City Manager's Approval line.

§ 5-301. Powers and duties of City Council

(2) Promote and safeguard the public health, safety, comfort, or general welfare by the adoption, amendment, or repeal of ordinances and regulations, including the following subjects:

§(B) Regulation or prohibition of any condition, activity, enterprise, public nuisance, or matter concerning ~~promotion of public health, safety, and welfare as permitted by the general law of the State within the City,~~ including any condition, activity, enterprise, public nuisance or matter that promotes or results in unreasonable litter or waste, the degradation of the natural environmental, negative impacts to wildlife, or increased costs, whether tangible or intangible, to City taxpayers and residents to clean-up, manage or recycle as a result of such condition, activity, enterprise, public nuisance or matter. In furtherance thereof, the City shall have the power to impose and collect reasonable and related taxes, charges and fees and to adopt ordinances, regulations and policies that protect, promote and encourage natural resources, wildlife, environmental conservation, sustainability, energy conservation and efficiency.