

TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Council Policy Proposal No. 10

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Sponsors:

The policy proposal was submitted by Council Vice President Jessica Forsythe, and co-sponsored by Council President Vanessa Kritzer, and Councilmember Osman Salahuddin.

Topic:

The policy proposal is regarding adoption of a resolution taking a position on Initiative No. 2066.

Background:

Washington State has placed a ballot measure before the voters. Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification. Initiative 2066 is scheduled to go to the voters at the General Election on November 5, 2024.

Proposal:

The City Council holds a hearing at the October 15th, 2024, Business Meeting and for the Council to take action on the resolution to declare its official position in opposition to I-2066.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information

Provide Direction

Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

• **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

N/A

• **Required:**

RCW 42.17A.555(1) authorizes the Council to take action to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot measure so long as (a) the agenda includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members

of the public and councilmembers are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express a supporting or opposing view.

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

- Due to requirements from the Public Disclosure Commission regarding taking a position on an initiative, we are not attaching the submitted Council Policy Proposal or resolution to this agenda. Should the Council choose to place this item on the October 15th agenda for consideration, the documents will be provided on that agenda.
- Discussion during Council Talk Time must be focused not on the initiative rather on addressing whether the agenda item should be placed on the October 15th meeting.
- All discussion on the initiative must occur at the October 15th meeting if it is placed on that agenda.

OUTCOMES:

If approved by Council, the resolution will go forward to the Council for discussion and action at the October 15th Business Meeting.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

October 15, 2024 – The public and Councilmembers will be afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express supporting or opposing views.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Notice will be provided on the Council agenda and posted at City Hall.

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

Yes

No

N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

Yes

No

N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/15/2024	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

The General Election will be held on November 5th.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The Council will not take an official position on Initiative No. 2066.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachments will not be provided for the Study Session but will be provided on the agenda for the October 15th Business Meeting if the Council chooses to place it on that agenda.

Attachment A: Council Policy Proposal

Attachment B: Resolution