

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: BF 77

ISSUE CATEGORY: Budget & Finance

SOURCE: Mayor Bing Administration
Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-112 (Approval of Contracts);
§4-205 ([Auditor General] Powers and Duties)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Require only that budget appropriation for a goods or services contract was approved by City Council during budget process. Eliminate City Council's contract approval authority.

Sec. 4-122. Approval of contracts.

The City may not purchase ~~of goods or services, or in any way procure property or the services of,~~ from independent contractors without approval by resolution of the city council except as provided by ordinance unless the appropriation for the contract was approved during the budget process in accordance with Section 8-205 of this Charter.

RATIONALE: *"The Michigan Home Rule City Act, MCL 117.1 et seq., does not require that Michigan home rule city charters contain provisions for the method that contracts are approved. Council approves appropriations and priorities during their budget analysis. Contract level approval by Council is duplicative in some cases and inefficient in others.*

Auditor General oversight under[revised] Section 4-205 of this Charter will provide transparency. This change will provide a more efficient process while ensuring that City Council maintains its oversight of City expenditures."-Bing Administration, Letter, December 21, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES:

