

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: BF 29

ISSUE CATEGORY: Budget & Finance

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §8-203 (Annual Budget)

Letter dated 12/2/10

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Have budget prepared on a Biennial basis and require departments of police, fire, public works, water and sewerage, recreation, health and public lighting to hold public meetings and receive public comment before November 1 of each *even-numbered* year.

Sec. 8-203. ~~Biennial~~ budget.

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In accordance with law, the city shall establish by ordinance, dates upon which the mayor shall submit to the city council a proposed annual budget for ~~two~~ fiscal years, and city council to complete consideration of the budget. Proposed capital appropriations shall be set forth in a separate section of the annual budget.

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Before November first (1st) of each *even-numbered* year and prior to submitting a proposed annual operating budget, the departments of police, fire, public works, water and sewerage, recreation, health and public lighting shall conduct a public meeting to review programs, services and activities to be included in the budget and receive public comment.

Departments shall publish a general summary of program, service and activities funded in the current fiscal year, in one (1) or more daily newspapers of general circulation in the city. The summary shall include funds spent or encumbered in the current fiscal year. The notice shall be published not less than ten (10) days before the day on which the meeting is held, and shall state the date, time and place of the meeting.

RATIONALE: "The proposed language requires a biennial budget process, as opposed to the current annual process. Pursuant to the State Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, the approved operation budget must be an annual budget, so the second year budget would be an estimated budget for planning purposes. If the Charter Revision Commission agrees that biennial budgeting is desirable, the proposed language would have to be modified to reflect the distinction between an actual budget for spending purposes in the first year and an estimated budget for planning purposes in the second year."-City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: