

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 04/07/08

Reviewed by: *BP*

SUBJECT: Charter Amendment for the November, 2008 Ballot: Bid Procedures

REPORT BY: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk
Beth Pollard, City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Review the proposed ballot language, discuss placing before voters and if Council wishes the measure to be on the November 4, 2008 ballot, direct the City Attorney to prepare ballot measure on Section 4.03 – Bid Procedures.

BACKGROUND

This item was on the March 17, 2008 Council Agenda but was continued to the Council meeting of April 7, 2008. The March 17, 2008 staff report combined three proposed charter amendments into one report. For purposes of the April 7, 2008 agenda, the charter amendments are agendaized separately; the charter amendment regarding transition of committee members is continued to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

The attached staff report from the Council meeting of October 1, 2007 explains the purpose of the change in the bid procedures. In summary, it is to update the maximum amount that can be contracted without a formal bid process to current economy and standards by allowing the City Council to set the limit by ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is a nominal incremental cost for including the ballot measure on the November 2008 ballot. If approved by voters, there will be a lowering of cost and staff time in capital project administration that will depend on the threshold set by Council in the ordinance.

Attachments

1. Staff report, dated March 17, 2008
2. Exhibit "C" Proposed Modification to Section 3.23 of the City Charter
3. Staff report dated October 1, 2007
4. Minutes dated October 15, 2007

