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News Release

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Councilman Burlison to host public meetings

City Councilman Doug Burlison invites members of the public to participate in upcoming public meetings to provide input into possible changes to the City Charter.

Burlison is a member of City Council's Plans and Policies Committee, which will take another look at the possibilities in a yet-to-be-scheduled meeting.

Last summer, after struggling with controversial measures on smoking, drinking and illegal immigration, the Springfield City Council asked voters to make it more difficult to bring petition-based ordinances to the ballot box.

Three separate proposals modifying the City Charter appeared on Springfield ballots last August. Voters chose to adopt two of those proposals, but rejected a third that asked to amend the initiative petition process in several ways, such as by setting a one-year time limit for gathering signatures, requiring a staff review of petition language and making it easier for City Council to amend a petition before or after a public vote. Voters supported eliminating a February primary election and increasing the number of signatures required for the initiative petition process.

"I have no preconceived notion about what ideas people may have," explained Burlison. "I just want to provide options for people to voice their opinions and be a part of the discussion before the committee resumes discussions."

Want to participate?

Public Meeting Schedule:

6 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2013

The Library Station Frisco Room
The Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy.

6 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013

City Utilities Training Center, Earl L. Barkley Auditorium on the main floor
301 E. Central

The June 4 meeting will be broadcast on the City of Springfield's CityView Channel: Mediacom 80-1 and AT&T Overs (consult channel guide 99). It will also be live streamed at cityview.springfieldmo.gov.

Live coverage on the City's Twitter feed twitter.com/cityofsgf will also allow citizens to Tweet in questions and comments being fed into the public meeting. E-mail questions may be sent that evening to city@springfieldmo.gov. Following the meeting, video capturing the discussion will be posted at springfieldmo.gov.

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