



## DOWNTOWN SPOKANE PARTNERSHIP

### DSP Policy Roundup: Week of June 29, 2026

With both the City and County taking a hiatus from legislative and committee meetings, expect a light week on the policy making front. At our Policy Committee meeting this Wednesday, July 1 at 10:30am, we'll review upcoming issues including the "renter's right to cooling" ordinance scheduled for July 15 vote at City Council and Spokane Falls Blvd redesign scheduled for Transportation Commission vote on Aug. 20. We'll also review candidate questionnaires that will be distributed after the Aug. 4 primary to candidates representing downtown in their district.

- **DSP Board votes to oppose STA's Proposition 1 sales tax reauthorization.** Following the recommendation of the Policy Committee, last week the DSP Board voted to oppose STA's Proposition 1 on August 2026 ballot. This position reflects a judgment about fiscal priorities and timing, not opposition to public transit or the essential services it provides. Spokane City Council will vote on July 15 on a resolution in support of Prop. 1. Ballots will be mailed the same week.
- **Spokane Falls Blvd. Redesign Survey open thru 7/15.** The City is now surveying the public for updated design options. Learn more about the scope of the project [online](#). The survey will be drive how staff presents possible changes to Spokane Falls Blvd. **ACTION:** Take the [survey online](#) by 7/15.
- **New City Council Testimony Rules Start 7/15.** With the new meeting dates on Wednesday, new commenting rules also begin. Be sure to consider when signing up for testimony:
  - EXPRESS TESTIMONY Speakers may address any items on this entire council agenda, including any ordinance, resolution, appointment and special consideration, and may speak for up to three (3) minutes. Speakers who opt to speak during this time may not speak again during the legislative session except for Hearings and Open Forum.
  - FINAL HEARINGS Speakers have up to three (3) minutes to address each final hearing item. Final action will be taken by council on these items.
  - PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE ITEMS Speakers have up to two (2) minutes to address the entire proposed legislative items section as a whole. No final action is expected to be taken by council on these items during this legislative session.
  - FINAL LEGISLATIVE ITEMS Speakers will have up to two (2) minutes to address all final legislative items as a whole. Council is expected to take final action on these items during the evening legislative session.

#### POLICY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

##### City of Spokane Meetings:

Urban Forestry Tree Committee + Citizen Advisory Committee at 3pm 6/30 ([agenda](#)) *nothing of note*



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[CHHS Spokane Board at 4pm 7/1 \(agenda TBA\)](#)

[City Council Public Safety Committee will shift to Thursday, July 9 at 11am.](#) While the [agenda is TBA](#), the DSP will be joining to provide a presentation on the recommendations released by the Safe & Healthy Spokane Task Force earlier this month.

[City Council's next legislative meeting will be Wednesday, July 15 at 6pm draft agenda](#) (June 29 and July 6 are cancelled). *Note that Council meetings are moved to Wednesdays & Committee meetings moved to Tuesdays moving forward.*

- Final reading and vote on the “renter’s right to cooling” ordinance (ORD C36877)
  - **ACTION:** Share concerns with City Council on adoption of ORD C36877, see attached DSP letter and [recent editorial by DSP Chair](#) to personalize your communications.
    - Email [testimony@spokanecity.org](mailto:testimony@spokanecity.org) + [citycouncil2@spokanecity.org](mailto:citycouncil2@spokanecity.org) with text in the body of email, subject line should include: “Comments on Right to Cooling, ORD C36877”
    - Submit a letter to the editor ([see instructions](#))
    - You can also [sign up to testify](#) for final legislative item on ORD C36877 (opens 7/10)
- Also expected to be on the 7/15 agenda are an emergency ordinance that would transfer the boiler and pressure vessel inspection program to the State and designate the Building Official as the responsible authority for the boiler operator license program, and:
  - Proposed items: an ordinance that clarified remittance of the commercial parking tax to align with other taxes, supplemental contract with Dignified Workday for south downtown cleaning services
  - Final items: approval of the contract with LIME, contract to initiate the Pacific Avenue Greenway from Howard to Sherman along Pacific that includes sidewalk repairs and ped beacons, resolutions to confirm Council budget priorities, and renter’s right to cooling ordinance (as amended on 6/8)

### **Spokane Transit Authority:**

- [Planning & Development \(P&D\) Committee at 10am 7/1 \(agenda\)](#) will adopt the final draft of the 2027-2032 Transit Development Plan to guide the service enhancements and infrastructure investments needed in the next 6 yrs, including STA Plaza improvements for staff on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Spokane County:** Watch meetings [online](#)

*Next meeting is July 6*

