

## RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A COMMITTEE SYSTEM FOR CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council desires to implement a committee system to streamline its decision-making process. This change is made in the interest of having a more efficient and effective government because a committee system will allow most City Council agenda items to be fully deliberated and vetted in a committee before they are presented to the full City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the committee system is to have a planned and thorough review of each matter before it is heard at the regular City Council meeting. While in committee, the matter will be investigated and evaluated, and the committee will make either a positive recommendation or a negative recommendation to City Council. When the matter is presented to City Council for a vote, the Council will give weight to the recommendation and will rely on the expertise and assessments made by their colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the committee system will consist of four standing committees, and each committee will be tasked with reviewing relevant matters and making recommendations about those matters to the full City Council; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance implementing this committee system will be drafted and presented to the City Council for consideration June 16, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That in the interest of having a more efficient government, the Greensboro City Council will implement a committee system to streamline the decision-making process, and the Greensboro City Council will adopt an ordinance implementing the committee system during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, which shall be structured substantially as follows:

There will be four standing Council Committees: 1) Community Services; 2) General Government; 3) Infrastructure; and 4) Public Safety. The committee system will remain separate from the functions of the Zoning Commission and the Planning Board whose duties will remain unchanged.

The Mayor will appoint four Council Members to each of the committees and will appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair of each committee.

Each Council Member will be appointed to two committees.

Each committee will consist of four Council Members and the Mayor. Each Council Member will have one vote. The Mayor will vote only to break a tie.

Each committee meeting will be advertised, televised, and open to the public. The public will have the opportunity to address their concerns to committee members.

The committee will vote to give either a positive recommendation or a negative recommendation of the matter to the full City Council. City Council will consider the matter at its regular meeting. City Council, including the Mayor, will vote to decide the matter, continue the matter, or will vote to return the matter to committee for further deliberation.

Implementation of this Resolution may proceed as indicated in the Agenda Item.