

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROGRAM POLICY AND
AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB)
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a Participatory Budgeting Program since FY 15-16; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise directed by action of City Council, the City of Greensboro Participatory Budgeting Program will operate continuously with each project approval cycle taking two (2) years to complete; and

WHEREAS, five (5) City Council districts will take part in the Participatory Budgeting Program, each district will be allocated an equal share of project funds, and its residents will develop their own district projects and vote on them; and

WHEREAS, eligible Participatory Budgeting projects may be capital or programmatic if they benefit the public, are located on City-owned property, do not require hiring of permanent staff, and are a one-time budget expenditure;

WHEREAS, a council appointed citizen Participatory Budgeting Commission is necessary to bridge the partnership between the City Staff and the public and to provide oversight of the Participatory Budgeting process; and

WHEREAS, the composition of a Participatory Budgeting Commission will reflect Greensboro's diversity and ensure representation for key stakeholders in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Participatory Budgeting Commission will consist of up to eleven (11) members with up to two (2) members per district, which will be appointed by the respective Councilmember, and (1) at-large position. The at-large position will be appointed in a rolling manner pursuant to the 2016 Council Policy on Appointment Procedures for Greensboro's Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, Commission members will be eligible to serve three (3) 2-year terms for a maximum of six (6) years on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may develop and provide recommendations for projects, funding, and program guidelines to the City Council. If guidelines are changed, any changes must be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may appoint a liaison to the Participatory Budgeting Commission; and

WHEREAS, City Council shall retain final authority over project and funding decisions; and

WHEREAS, all previous resolutions establishing a Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee are hereby rescinded and replaced by this resolution.

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

That the proposed Participatory Budgeting Program policy presented herewith this day is hereby adopted; and the formation of the Participatory Budgeting Commission is hereby authorized.