RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE GREENSBORO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE ENTERING INTO MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT CONTRACTS IN THE COLLEGE HILL AND CHARLES B. AYCOCK HISTORIC DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the College Hill and Charles B. Aycock Historic Districts were designated as Municipal Service Districts in 1989 to provide a funding source for streetscape and other improvements that enhance the special character of the districts; and

WHEREAS, period lighting, gateway signs, landscaping and similar improvements are important to the success of the Historic District Program because they support investment in restoration of architecturally significant houses and buildings; and

WHEREAS, property owners participate in the cost of special projects and services through the Municipal Service District tax and have a role in planning and prioritizing projects to be funded; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Municipal Service District statutes were amended to require a public hearing for any contract be funded with MSD revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission is appointed by City Council to administer the Historic District Program; and

WHEREAS, authorization of the Historic Preservation Commission to hold public hearings on MSD contracts at their regular monthly meetings would expedite the process and ensure ample opportunity for resident and property owner input.

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

The City Council of the City of Greensboro delegates to the Historic Preservation Commission the authority and responsibility to hold public hearings prior to entering into contracts for services, functions and facilities funded with MSD revenue in the Charles B. Aycock and College Hill Historic Districts. Public hearings will be held pursuant to the terms of G.S. 160A-536 as rewritten.