



Legislation Text

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Participatory Budgeting Update

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Council District: All

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PURPOSE:

Dr. Spoma Jovanovic from the UNCG Department of Communications will provide an evaluation of Phase 1 of the Participatory Budgeting process.

BACKGROUND:

City Council supported a resolution on October 7, 2014 for Participatory Budgeting, a democratic process in which community members from all five City Council districts are directly deciding how to spend \$500,000; \$100,000 per district for the FY 16-17 budget. Outreach efforts for Participatory Budgeting began in September 2015 with the creation of a City Council appointed Steering Committee.

Participatory Budgeting is a four phase process in which: 1) Residents brainstorm ideas; 2) Delegates develop proposals vetted by City staff; 3) Residents vote on projects; 4) Winning projects are funded.

Dr. Spoma Jovanovic from the UNCG Department of Communications will provide an evaluation of the first project phase, Idea Collection.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Presentation is for informational purposes only. No Council action is requested.