

RESOLUTION NO. 12-064 N.C.

ESTABLISH A PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB) PROCESS WITH THE GOAL OF ALLOCATING A MINIMUM OF 30% OF MEASURE B FUNDS AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RETURN TO THE COUNCIL WITH A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE PB PROCESS

WHEREAS, after more than four years of severe cuts to city services and programs while in bankruptcy, there is evidence that Vallejo citizens feel disenfranchised from the political process and are disillusioned by its lack of performance and inability to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, by re-engaging citizens in the democratic process and giving them real power to make decisions about how to spend their tax payer dollars, Participatory Budgeting (PB) is one anecdote to the public's lack of trust in government and feelings that their opinions and concerns about the operations and administration of their City go unheard and do not matter; and

WHEREAS, PB is a democratic process in which members of the public directly decide how to spend part of a public budget through an annual series of local assemblies, meetings, and project proposals and research that result in a final vote by the public to allocate discretionary funds to specific projects; and

WHEREAS, PB would directly empower and engage Vallejo citizens in deliberative democracy to propose, research, analyze, decide and vote on projects that they want in their community, thereby helping to rebuild civic trust and a sense of community in the City of Vallejo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Vallejo hereby declares its intent to establish a PB process as set forth in this Resolution with the goal of allocating a minimum of 30% of the 1% sales tax monies, Measure B funds, collected over a 15 month period from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Vallejo hereby directs the City Manager to return to the City Council with a Resolution of Intention to amend the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 budget in the amount of \$200,000 to provide funding for the creation of the PB process including contracting with a recognized expert in the field of PB and a consultant to assist with the coordination of the PB process, as well as the cost of materials to facilitate and coordinate the PB process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will:

- Upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget and as the 1% sales tax monies are received, deposit a percentage of those revenues as set by the City Council as part of the approved budget in a reserve account until the PB process is complete in spring 2013 and the City Council is able to consider the approval of the public's voter approved projects.
- Consider qualified and proposed PB projects to be those that satisfy the criteria of a one-time expenditure to complete the project; or a program or service proposal that off-sets other expenditures in the City's budget so that the cost is \$0, pays for itself or increases

the City's revenues. Projects or expenditures that are traditionally funded by the Vallejo City Unified School District, Greater Vallejo Recreation District and/or any other public agencies or entities would not qualify as a project for the purposes of the City's PB process.

- Contract with a recognized expert in the field of PB to consult on the design of the PB process and its facilitation.
- Contract with one full-time and one part-time consultant to assist in the coordination and day-to-day logistics and operations of the PB process.
- Work with the recognized expert in the field of PB to identify and appoint a Community Steering Committee to establish the PB structure and process.
- Establish a Community Steering Committee to assist in the design of the PB process with the following parameters:
 - Each Councilmember nominate three civic organizations that will then recommend individuals to the City Council from those organizations to serve on the Committee. The Mayor shall make appointments to Committee with the consent of the City Council pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code section 2.02.350 E.
 - The recognized expert in the field of PB will work with the Community Steering Committee and lead PB design process and development of the PB structure.
 - The Community Steering Committee's proposed PB process and structure will return to City Council for consideration and approval before implementation of the process, including rolling out general assemblies, neighborhood meetings and project proposals.
- Appoint two Councilmembers to act in a liaison capacity to the Community Steering Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after Vallejo citizens vote for PB projects, the City Council will consider approval of the expenditure of Measure B funds on the public's approved and voted on projects.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Vallejo at a Special meeting held on April 17, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Gomes, McConnell, and Sampayan,
NOES: Mayor Davis, Vice Mayor Hannigan and Councilmember Sunga
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:



OSBY-DAVIS, MAYOR



DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK