CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

22-R-3414

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BYRON D. AMOS URGING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING TO WORK WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ATLANTA PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD ("APAB") TO DEVELOP A "BEST PRACTICES" SET OF GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S TWENTY-FIVE (25) NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNITS ("NPUS"), THAT WILL SERVE TO ENHANCE, ENCOURAGE AND EXPAND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE NPU SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER BYRON AMOS

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Planning Unit ("NPU") system was established in 1974 by the late Mayor Maynard Jackson to provide an opportunity for all residents to actively participate in the Comprehensive Development Plan, which is the City of Atlanta's vision for the next five, ten and fifteen years, and has evolved into the official venue for local community residents to actively participate and provide input on government activities; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-five NPUs representing neighborhoods across the city may recommend an action or a policy to any city agency on any matter affecting the livability of the neighborhood, including, but not limited to, issuance of a license to sell alcohol, land use, zoning, housing, community facilities, human resources, social and recreational programs, traffic and transportation, environmental quality, open space and parks, and assist city agencies in determining priority needs for the neighborhood such as the review of items for inclusion in the city budget and make recommendations relating to budget items for neighborhood improvement; and

WHEREAS, historically, less than three percent of eligible community residents have participated in the NPU system; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic forced governments across the country to function remotely to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services to residents and to allow the business of government to continue; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning the City's NPUs began utilizing a video conferencing platform - Zoom - to conduct their meetings during the pandemic, and this has resulted in a dramatic increase in meeting accessibility and enhanced participation from the community; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022 the Atlanta City Hall resumed holding in person meetings; and

WHEREAS, to maintain the increased engagement from the community, the Atlanta City Council supports the NPUs continuation of virtual meeting attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board ("APAB") is comprised of 25 voting members, which include the chair of each neighborhood planning unit, or the NPU designee; and

WHEREAS, NPUs are entities of the City of Atlanta and receive some City funding for their operations; and

WHEREAS, as the Department of City Planning provides administrative support for the NPUs, this is a unique opportunity for the Department to work with the APAB to establish a best practices set of guidelines which will continue to enhance and foster expanded participation of residents in the NPU system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA, that the Commissioner of the Department of City Planning work with the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board to develop a best practices set of guidelines for the City's twenty-five Neighborhood Planning Units that will serve to enhance, encourage and expand community participation in the NPU system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that some best practices to consider may include the following:

1) Adopt procedures to manage virtual meetings to make them more inclusive;

2) Develop a process to engage community members and make elections fair and transparent;

3) Create a bill of rights for NPU members to ensure that all community residents understand their rights to participate in the NPU system;

4) Establish procedures to ensure all meetings are properly advertised and are open and accessible;

5) Ensure meeting minutes and/or recordings are available and easily accessible; and

6) Develop a process for sharing information and maintaining records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of City Planning in work with APAB prepare a 'best practices" set of guidelines for the NPU and submit a copy of the recommendations to the Community Development/Human Services Committee within ninety (90) days of adoption of this legislation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby waived

A true copy,

A. Vanessa Waldon

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Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council **MAY 16, 2022**
APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403 **MAY 25, 2022**

SPONSOR SIGNATURES

Byron D. Amos, Councilmember, District 3

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Workflow List:

Atlanta City Council	Completed	04/18/2022 1:00 PM
Community Development/Human Services Committee	Completed	04/26/2022 1:30 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	05/02/2022 1:00 PM
Community Development/Human Services Committee	Completed	05/10/2022 1:30 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	05/16/2022 1:00 PM

HISTORY:

04/18/22 Atlanta City Council REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION

RESULT:	**REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION**	**Next: 4/26/2022 1:30 PM**

04/26/22 Community Development/Human Services CommitteeHELD IN COMMITTEE

RESULT:	**HELD IN COMMITTEE [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Byron D Amos, District 3
SECONDER:	Jason Dozier, Chair, District 4
AYES:	Dozier, Amos, Bakhtiari, Bond, Hillis, Westmoreland, Winston

05/02/22 Atlanta City Council RETURNED AS HELD

RETURNED AS HELD TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION

MEMBERS PRESENT: DOZIER, HILLIS, AMOS, WINSTON, WESTMORELAND, BAKHTIARI & BOND

RESULT:	**RETURNED AS HELD**	**Next: 5/10/2022 1:30 PM**

05/10/22 Community Development/Human Services Committee FAVORABLE

RESULT:	**FAVORABLE [UNANIMOUS]**	**Next: 5/16/2022 1:00 PM**
MOVER:	Byron D Amos, District 3	
SECONDER:	Matt Westmoreland, Vice-Chair, Post 2 At-Large	
AYES:	Dozier, Amos, Bakhtiari, Bond, Hillis, Westmoreland, Winston	

05/16/2022 Atlanta City Council ADOPTED

RESULT:	**ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [13 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Alex Wan, Councilmember, District 6
SECONDER:	Howard Shook, Councilmember, District 7
AYES:	Bond, Westmoreland, Waites, Winston, Farokhi, Dozier, Wan, Shook, Norwood, Hillis, Boone, Overstreet, Lewis
AWAY:	Byron D Amos, Liliana Bakhtiari

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➲ VOTE RECORD - RESOLUTION 22-R-3414

- ☻ ADOPTED
- ☐ ADVERSED
- ☐ FAVORABLE
- ☐ ACCEPTED AND FILED
- ☐ REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
- ☐ HELD IN COMMITTEE
- ☐ TABLED
- ☐ DEFERRED
- ☐ RECONSIDERED
- ☐ FILED
- ☐ FILED BY COMMITTEE
- ☐ FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE
- ☐ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED
- ☐ QUESTION CALLED
- ☐ SUBSTITUTED
- ☐ AMENDED
- ☐ REFERRED TO ZRB AND ZC
- ☐ REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION
- ☐ ADOPTED AS AMENDED
- ☐ ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE
- ☐ ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED
- ☐ FORWARDED
- ☐ REFERRED TO SC
- ☐ FILED WITHOUT OBJECTION
- ☐ FAILED
- ☐ ADVERSED IN COMMITTEE
- ☐ QUADRENNIALY TERMINATED
- ☐ FORWARDED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
- ☐ FORWARDED TO FC/NQ
- ☐ FAVORABLE/SUB/AMENDED
- ☐ FAVORABLE/SUB/AMND/CONDITION
- ☐ FAVORABLE/AMND/CONDITION
- ☐ RETURNED AS HELD
- ☐ FAVORABLE/SUB/CONDITION

		YES/AYE	NO/NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MICHAEL JULIAN BOND	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
MATT WESTMORELAND	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
KEISHA SEAN WAITES	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
JASON H WINSTON	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
AMIR R FAROKHI	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
BYRON D AMOS	VOTER	☐	☐	☐	AWAY
JASON DOZIER	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
LILIANA BAKHTIARI	VOTER	☐	☐	☐	AWAY
ALEX WAN	MOVER	☻	☐	☐	☐
HOWARD SHOOK	SECONDER	☻	☐	☐	☐
MARY NORWOOD	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
DUSTIN HILLIS	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
ANDREA L. BOONE	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐
ANTONIO LEWIS	VOTER	☻	☐	☐	☐

☐ FAVORABLE ON CONDITION ☐ ACCEPTED ☐ AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ☐ ROUTED TO COW ☐ SUSTAINED ☐ OVERRIDDEN ☐ NOT ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE ☐ SUSTAINED WITHOUT OBJECTION ☐ TABLED W/O OBJECTION ☐ HELD IN COW ☐ POSTPONED ☐ RETAINED AS HELD ☐ REFER TO ZRB AND ZC W/O OBJECTION ☐ AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED (FILED)	

[Unanimous]

Certified by Presiding Officer	Certified by Clerk
CERTIFIED 5/16/2022 ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT	CERTIFIED 5/16/2022 MUNICIPAL CLERK
Mayor's Action *See Authentication Page Attachment*	

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

05/16/2022