

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Councilman-elect Marqueece Harris-Dawson has declared his desire to not use taxpayer funds to finance his transition staff, facilities, events, and activities, but rather to finance these expenses by obtaining gifts to the City from voluntary non-governmental sources; and

WHEREAS, the Councilman-elect's proposal requires immediate action by the City Council and such action is necessary to promote the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved such private financing mechanisms in the past and continues to believe that utilizing such a private financing mechanism as is now proposed by Councilman-elect Marqueece Harris-Dawson is in the best interests of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Councilman-elect Marqueece Harris-Dawson is hereby authorized to solicit and accept gifts made to the City for the purpose of financing the Councilman-elect's transition staff and expenses incurred between June 12, 2015 and September 15, 2015, and to deposit such cash gifts in a public benefit trust fund hereby established for such transition purposes (the "Fund") in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$100,000 and with no gift from any one source to exceed \$1,000; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Councilman-elect's transition organization shall have authority to make expenditures out of the Fund for the sole purposes of paying the reasonable costs and expenses associated with the Councilman-elect's transition, such as for staff, equipment, supplies, meeting space, parking, telephones, postage, and oath-of-office events, and provided further that the office of the City Controller is hereby authorized to deposit any unspent cash gifts on hand after payment of all of the costs and expenses associated with the Councilman-elect's transition into the City's General Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gifts made by the donors to the City for such purposes are hereby accepted on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Controller is hereby requested to process any requests for disbursements submitted to the City Controller by a designated representative of Councilman-elect Marqueece Harris-Dawson' transition organization within 24 hours of receipt of such request for disbursement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized and requested to prepare any necessary agreements, documents, or other instruments to memorialize and implement the foregoing, Councilman-elect Marqueece Harris-Dawson is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City any such agreements, documents, or other instruments in the form approved by the City Attorney.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilman, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:




June 12, 2015

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