

RESOLUTION ~~SUSPENDING~~ AMENDING CITY COUNCIL'S M/WBE GOAL-SETTING
FORMULA ~~METHOD~~

WHEREAS, the Savannah City Council adopted a policy in 2009 that establishes goals for the use of Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) vendors for construction and service contracts over \$100,000, and consultant services contracts over \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the policy states that M/WBE goals shall be calculated based upon specific contracting, subcontracting, and/or supplier opportunities and the availability of M/WBEs registered as certified in the City's M/WBE directory; and

WHEREAS, the M/WBE goal for each project is determined by a mathematical calculation that compares the number M/WBE firms certified in a given trade to the total number of firms in the same trade for a given project; and

WHEREAS, the City has embarked on a number of large construction projects, including development of a new arena and Canal District, and City Council has expressed a desire to maximize M/WBE participation in these projects; and

WHEREAS, City Council's current M/WBE Policy is restricting the City Manager from maximizing M/WBE participation in these projects; and

WHEREAS, City Council is considering adoption of a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, which would replace the M/WBE program, and would become effective January 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Savannah City Council ~~suspends~~ amends the portions of the policy related to ~~the~~ M/WBE goal-setting ~~formula~~ method (Section VII.5, and VII.3) to allow staff to consider other sources of market data when determining participation goals until the new DBE program goes into effect. Be it further resolved that City Council directs the City Manager to maximize M/WBE participation goals during this period.

Approved this 28th day of September, 2017.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council

