

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

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 the portion of the policy related to the M/WBE goal-setting formula (Section VII.5) 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