

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: F5

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution Appropriating \$20,000 for Participatory Budgeting Process

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES NO
Pages: 1

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PURPOSE: To consider adopting the attached Resolution appropriating \$20,000 for a Participatory Budgeting Process in the fiscal year 2015 budget.

NEED/ IMPACT: The City of Clarkston desires to encourage more civic engagement from the public and will pilot a participatory budgeting initiative for fiscal year 2015. This initiative will give residents the opportunity to have a role in deciding how a portion of their tax revenues are expended. Given our limited resources for organizing and implementing a more robust process similar to what larger municipalities have created, it is our intent that the four (4) citizen committees manage this process consistent with procedures to be adopted by the City Council.

Clarkston residents, including future residents who are eligible to vote on the annexation referendum to be held on Nov 4, 2015 and property owners and/or business owners, will be considered voting members of the committee. Individuals who do not fit in either of these categories will be encouraged to participate in the discussion and/or research of proposed projects.

This process will be included in the 2015 Budget contingent upon the November 4, 2014 voter approval of the City of Clarkston Area 2 Annexation Referendum. All residents and members of the City Council will be encouraged to seek alternative funding sources for the participatory budgeting initiative, should the referendum not pass,

The City Council of the City of Clarkston will appropriate \$20,000 in the 2015 budget which will be earmarked for the various projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS: No Staff recommendation.