

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Clarkston desires to encourage more civic engagement from the public; and

WHEREAS, The Clarkston City Council desires to pilot a participatory budgeting initiative for fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, This initiative will give residents the opportunity to have a role in deciding how a portion of their tax revenues are expended; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who do not fit in either of these categories will be encouraged to participate in the discussion and/or research of proposed projects; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Clarkston that the City of Clarkston will appropriate \$20,000 in the 2015 budget which will be earmarked for the various projects.

SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of _____, 2014.

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

TED TERRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney