

INTRODUCED: September 9, 2019

A RESOLUTION No. 2019-R051

To request that the Mayor propose a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 capital budget and a capital improvement program for the four fiscal years thereafter that includes at least \$3,000,000.00 recommended for appropriation or planned appropriation for capital projects identified, with their scopes determined, through a participatory budgeting process.

Patrons – Mr. Addison, Mr. Agelasto and Ms. Larson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEP 23 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, section 6.19 of the Charter of the City of Richmond (2019), as amended, empowers the Mayor to recommend each year a program of proposed capital improvement projects for the ensuing fiscal year and for the four fiscal years thereafter and the Council to accept with or without amendments or reject the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, “participatory budgeting” originated in Porto Alegre in Brazil in 1989 as a method of citizen participation in allocating government resources in which citizens engage in multiple rounds of debates and deliberations and ultimately vote on how a certain percentage of the government’s budget is spent; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEP 23 2019 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, a participatory budgeting process would include the following steps:

1. A steering committee that represents the citizens creates the rules and engagement plan;
2. Through meetings and online tools, citizens share and discuss ideas for projects;
3. Volunteer “budget delegates” develop the ideas into feasible proposals;
4. Citizens vote on the proposals that they believe most serve the city’s needs; and
5. The City funds and implements the winning ideas; and

WHEREAS, although under applicable law, the Mayor has the discretion to recommend or not recommend any capital project as part of the capital budget and program of proposed capital improvement projects that the Mayor submits each year, the Council believes that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Mayor propose a capital budget and capital improvement program that includes at least \$3,000,000.00 recommended for appropriation or planned appropriation for capital projects identified, with their scopes determined, through a participatory budgeting process;

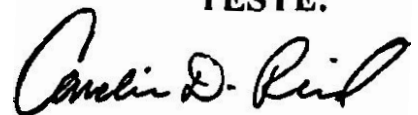
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Mayor is hereby requested to propose a capital budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and a capital improvement program for the four fiscal years thereafter that includes at least \$3,000,000.00 each year recommended for appropriation or planned appropriation for capital projects identified, with their scopes determined, through a participatory budgeting process.

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TESTE:



City Clerk



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, Richmond City Attorney
Richmond Office of the City Attorney

THROUGH Meghan K. Brown *MYB*
Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM William E. Echelberger, Jr, Council Budget Analyst *[Signature]*

COPY Andreas D. Addison, 1st District Representative
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney
Daniel Wagner, 1st District Liaison

DATE August 29, 2019

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TITLE Participatory Budgeting

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This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Andreas D. Addison, 1st District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance and Economic Development

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- The Patron requests resolution requesting the Mayor to include \$3.0 million in each year of the proposed FY21 to FY25 Capital Improvement Plan for a participatory budgeting project, or projects.

BACKGROUND

Summary:

- The Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP), a non-profit organization created to help empower people to decide how to spend public money collaboratively, defines Participatory Budgeting as:

“... a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. It gives people real power over real money.”
- Since its inception in 1989, participatory budgeting has spread to over 3,000 localities worldwide.
- The patron believes that increased public participation will improve the outcome of the Cities Capital Improvement Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

There will be no cost or revenue impact, since participatory budgeting will be covered from the available capital resources for FY21 to FY25.

Attachment/s Yes No

Richmond City Council Ordinance/Resolution Request Form/updated 10/5/2012/vn



What Is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget. It gives people real power over real money.

How PB Works

PB is an annual cycle of engagement that is integrated into a regular budgeting process. A typical PB process follows these steps:



DESIGN THE PROCESS

A steering committee that represents the community creates the rules and engagement plan.



BRAINSTORM IDEAS

Through meetings and online tools, residents share and discuss ideas for projects.



DEVELOP PROPOSALS

Volunteer "budget delegates" develop the ideas into feasible proposals.



FUND WINNING PROJECTS

The government or institution funds and implements the winning ideas.



VOTE

Residents vote on the proposals that most serve the community's needs.

PB's Impacts

- Increased civic engagement
- Stronger and more collaborative relationships between residents, government, and community organizations
- More inclusive political participation, especially by historically marginalized communities
- New community leaders
- More equitable and effective public spending

Where PB is Happening

- New York City, where over 100,000 people decide how to spend \$40 million
- Oakland, CA, for federal community development funds
- Phoenix, AZ, in public high schools
- Vallejo, CA, for proceeds from a city sales tax
- Boston, MA, where young people decide how to spend \$1 million each year
- Over 3,000 cities around the world.



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

The Participatory Budgeting Project (PBP) empowers people to decide together how to spend public money. We create and support participatory budgeting (PB) processes that deepen democracy, build stronger communities, and make public budgets more equitable and effective.

PBP is the lead organization advancing participatory budgeting across the United States and Canada. We have empowered more than 400,000 people to directly decide how to spend \$300 million in public funds in 29 cities.

Our Work

Technical Assistance



We provide direct support to PB processes in order to grow and improve the practice of PB. This includes providing

trainings, materials, coaching, and other expertise to governments, organizations, and residents, so that they can implement high-impact civic engagement processes that advance equity and democracy.

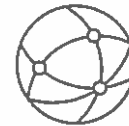
Participation Lab



We develop and test innovative strategies and design solutions that make PB easier and more effective,

and that deepen, measure, and communicate its impacts. This work includes developing civic engagement tools such as trainings, guides, videos, and technology to address common challenges.

Network Building



We build relationships with government officials and staff, organizers and researchers to increase demand and

support for PB. This work includes managing a PB Network of practitioners, holding international conferences, and introducing PB to new types of budgets.

Clients

Our clients include:

- New York City Council
- City of Oakland
- City of Seattle
- City of Boston
- City of Greensboro
- City of Cambridge
- City of Minneapolis
- City of Vallejo
- City of Toronto, ON
- City of Dieppe, NB
- Phoenix of Victoria, BC
- Phoenix Union High School District
- New York State Department of Education
- And many others

Endorsements

Our work has been recognized as a best practice in civic engagement by:

- The US Conference of Mayors
- National League of Cities
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The Obama White House
- Harvard University- Ash Center for Democratic Governance & Innovation
- 100 Resilient Cities
- The Movement for Black Lives
- The Aspen Institute
- PolicyLink
- Local Progress

Contact

PBP has offices in NYC & Oakland. Contact us to learn more about starting PB in your community.

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