CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 4079

A RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND PROJECTS SEEKING FUNDING FROM THE TEMPORARY 5/8's cent SALES AND USE TAX, AND RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Go Forward Pine Bluff (GFBP), has worked from January 2016 until the present identifying areas of need in the City of Pine Bluff; evaluating resources available or potentially available to address these needs; marshaled community input and participation in these purposes; and engaging professional expertise to study and recommend remedial approaches; and

WHEREAS, the city and GFPB share common goals and vision for revitalization of the city, and desire to foster a close cooperative relationship in the pursuit of these objectives; and

WHEREAS, a special election was held June 13, 2017, in which Pine Bluff voters approved a temporary 5/8's cent sales and use tax for a period of seven years to fund remediation of blighted areas in the city and promote the overall quality of life in the city, as well as advancing economic development; and

WHEREAS, the sums generated by the temporary tax should be reserved for use for the purposes explained to the voters in the special election, and relied upon by them in making their decision; and

WHEREAS, significant private investment has been promised to augment the tax funds to accomplish the aforesaid purposes in partnership with the city; and

WHEREAS, the city wants to take advantage of GFPB's efforts and work, and avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that multiple proposals and/or projects will be advanced, seeking funding from the city and these private sources; and

WHEREAS, to promote transparency in planning, an evaluation committee appointed by the mayor and GFPB, hereinafter called "Private/Public Partnership" should be established to make an initial examination of projects/proposals which seek funding, and make a recommendation to the applicable council committee or the council whether the project or proposal fits in the GFPB, Inc. plan of revitalization undertaken by the city through appropriate agencies, such as the Urban Renewal Agency, the Economic and Community Development Department of the city, the Pine Bluff Housing Authority, and other involved parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Finance Department, in preparation for the 2018 annual budget, shall provide for a separate, identified, accounting for all funds collected as the 5/8's temporary sales and use tax.

Sector 2. A master renewal, redevelopment plan will be crafted for guidance, incorporating, or in conjunction with, or complimentary to, urban renewal plan(s) adopted by the urban renewal agency and approved by the city council.

Section 3. In evaluating proposals, plans, or projects, consistency with the master plan is a primary consideration for both the Private/Public Partnership (mentioned below) and the council's committees.

Section 4. The mayor and GFPB representatives will draft a declaration of working principles as an evaluation tool for proposals, plans and projects.

Section 5. The proponent of a proposal or project seeking funding in whole or part from the 5/8's cents sales tax will submit the proposal or project plan to the Private/Public Partnership. The proposal or plan should provide a statement explaining how it will advance the purposes of

blight remediation, improvement of quality of life, or economic growth. The proposal or plan should include a tentative budget, as well as other funding sources the proponent has identified which are legitimate possibilities for funds.

Section 6. The proposal or project will be evaluated by the Private/Public Partnership which will consist of three appointees by the mayor and three appointees by GFPB

Section 7. The Private/Public Partnership will evaluate the proposal or project and forward approved proposals, along the Private/Public Partnership's recommendation and observations concerning the proposal or project, to the council committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter.

Section 8. All expenditures of the 5/8's cents sales tax funds must be by appropriation of the city council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

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