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A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER ANNE FAUVER

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A WATER SEWER OVERSIGHT PANEL TO PERFORM ONGOING REVIEWS AND ANALYSES OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND RELATED FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSENT DECREES AND OTHER RELATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta, pursuant to its charter, has the responsibility of providing water and sewer service to its citizens, corporate customers and others outside the corporate boundaries of the City on both a retail and wholesale basis; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to upgrade, improve and expand the system to protect the public's health and welfare and to serve their needs; and

WHEREAS, extensive research and analysis has concluded that to maintain and upgrade the water treatment and distribution system and wastewater treatment and collection system to meet federal and state regulations and the future demands of economic growth in the City, a major program of capital improvements had to be initiated where the costs of such improvements is estimated at $3 billion over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish an independent review panel to provide updates and information to the legislative and administrative bodies and to the citizens and users of the system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That a Water Sewer Oversight Panel be created, which shall consist of seven (7) members, where three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor, one (1) member shall be appointed by the President of the City Council and three (3) members shall be appointed by the City Council by grouping district representatives with their appropriate at-large member.

SECTION 2: That the function of the Water Sewer Oversight Panel shall be to perform ongoing reviews and analyses of capital improvement projects and related financial and performance issues associated with the CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) and SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) Consent Decrees and other related construction projects. The Water Sewer Oversight Panel shall dissolve five years from the date of passage of this resolution.

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SECTION 3: That the Water Sewer Oversight Panel shall provide quarterly reports to the City Utilities Committee of the Council as to the status and results of the reviews and analyses by the panel. The Water Sewer Oversight Panel is encouraged to seek technical advice and assistance from independent and objective individuals with expertise in engineering, debt management and construction management to perform the reviews and analyses.