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RESOLUTION I.D.: 04-R-0182 PARA.(S)

Add a final "Be It Further Resolved Clause" to read "that they Mayor or her designee will discuss in detail with Council the various proposals received in answer to the RFP.

A Resolution

By: Finance/Executive Committee

04-R-0182

A RESOLUTION INCLUDING THE CREATION OF AN ATLANTA PARKS DISTRICT IN THE 2004 CITY OF ATLANTA LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta wishes to have a world-class park and greenspace system, without increasing the tax burden of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Parks Commission has extensively reviewed best practices for cites across the country related to parks and greenspace; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission has found that in model cities, park and greenspace acquisition and maintenance is best handled by an independent authority, rather than as a city department; and

WHEREAS, the independent authority will have the capacity to leverage outside funding to maximize existing tax dollars, implement the decades-old Parks Master Plan, and increase greenspace to improve the air and water quality of the City and the quality of life of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, action by the Georgia General Assembly is necessary to establish such an authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the 2004 Georgia General Assembly is urged to create an Atlanta Parks District, and such proposal is hereby incorporated into the City of Atlanta's 2004 Legislative Package.