

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT & RECOMMEND PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMUNITY TO BE FUNDED FROM THE CITY'S VISION ACCOUNT.

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2024, the Common Council of the City of Rapid adopted a five-year plan (the "Plan") for the allocation of funds from the City's Vision Account; and

WHEREAS, the Plan allocated funds to three primary areas: Community Projects, Economic Development, and Civic Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Plan further identified sub-categories to be funded within the three primary areas: and

WHEREAS, the Council allocated Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) be allocated to "citizen projects"; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Council to establish a citizen committee to solicit projects from the community, review those projects, and make recommendations to the Council on how the money allocated to citizen projects should be awarded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Rapid City that:

1. The Mayor shall appoint a citizen committee consisting of a chair person and eight additional members. The Mayor's appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council. The committee members shall all be citizens of Rapid City. Due consideration shall be given to ensuring that all areas of the City are represented on the committee. The committee may appoint such other officers as it deems necessary and may request the assistance of City staff to carry out its work.
2. Upon formation of the committee, the City shall publicly solicit from the community proposals for projects to be funded from the monies allocated to citizen projects from the Vision Account in the five-year plan running from 2025 to 2029. There is no limitation on who may apply for consideration so long as the proposed project is located in Rapid City. Applicants submitting proposals will have sixty (60) days from the time projects are formally solicited to submit a proposed project.
3. The committee will review and make recommendations regarding proposed projects that have been submitted pursuant to this resolution. The committee will establish the process by which proposed projects will be reviewed and ranked. In its rankings, the committee shall take into consideration the criteria established in §3.16.090(B)(2) & (3). Once the committee has completed its review of the proposed projects, it shall make written recommendations to the City Council regarding which projects, if any, should be funded and the amount of funding being recommended for each project.

4. The recommendations of the committee shall be formally presented to the City Council by the chair of the committee, or their designee, at either a regularly scheduled or special meeting that is open to the public and where public comment will be taken. After giving due consideration to the recommendations of the citizen committee, the City Council will have the final decision on which projects will receive funding and the amount of funding which will be allocated to any project.

Dated this ____ day of December, 2024.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Jason Salamun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Ainslie, Finance Director

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