

CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

04-O-2256

A CHARTER AMENDMENT

By: Councilmembers C. T. Martin, Natalyn Archibong, H. Lamar Willis and Ivory Lee Young **(as substituted and amended by Finance/Executive Committee)**

A Charter Amendment to amend Section 6-302 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta so as to mandate that the Mayor and Council meet and confer on Citywide budgetary priorities, and for other purposes

WHEREAS, Section 6-302 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta sets out the procedure for the adoption the City's budget; and

WHEREAS, the governing body (City Council) is charged with the responsibility of setting policy for the City; and

WHEREAS, the success of any policy initiative depends upon adequate budgetary reinforcement; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the policymakers be involved in the budget preparation process.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows

Section 1: That Section 6-302 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta which reads as follows:

Section 6-302. Adoption of budget.

(a) The mayor shall prepare and submit the proposed annual budget ordinance to the governing body no later than the first regular meeting of the governing body in December, preceding the fiscal year.

(b) The governing body shall hold one or more public hearings on the proposed budget as required by the laws of Georgia, notice of which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least seven days prior to the date set therefor.

(c) The governing body may amend the proposed annual budget, except that the budget as finally amended must provide for all expenditures required by law or by this Charter, including but not limited to debt service, sinking fund, interest on bonded indebtedness and a general fund restricted reserve equal to five percent of the proposed general fund budget which sums shall not be diverted to any other purpose and the total appropriations from any such fund shall not exceed the estimated fund balance, reserves, and revenues constituting the fund availability of such fund.

(d) The governing body shall by ordinance adopt the annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than the second regular meeting in the second month of each fiscal year.

be amended to read:

Section 3.302. Adoption of budget.

(a) At the first Council meeting in June of each year, each Councilmember shall submit his/her Citywide budget priorities for the coming year. Such priorities shall be referred to the Committee on Council, which shall submit these priorities in the form of a resolution to be adopted by the Council no later than the second Council meeting in June. The Mayor, in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer, shall take these priorities into consideration in the preparation of the tentative budget.

(b) The mayor shall prepare and submit the proposed annual budget ordinance to the governing body no later than the first regular meeting of the governing body in December, preceding the fiscal year.

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(e) The governing body shall by ordinance adopt the annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than the second regular meeting in the second month of each fiscal year.

Section 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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AN ORDINANCE
Michael Martin
 Councilmember C. T. Martin

An Ordinance to amend Section 6-302 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta so as to mandate that the Council submit to the Mayor, no later than June 30 a list of its priorities for the coming year's budget; and for other purposes

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Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
 Other Consent
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Rachel Dunbar Johnson
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION