14-R-3390

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A RESOLUTION BY

BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL'S CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE TO INTERACT WITH ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR REGARDING THE COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS BY EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ADOPTED BY
APR 21 2014
COUNCIL

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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Committee: City Utilities	Committee
Date: March 25 2014	Date
Chair: Natalie Archibald	Chair
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)	Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other	Other
Members: Howard Shook, Andrea Jenkins, Joyce M. Sheffield, Aaron Watson, Alex Wan	Members
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Readings
☑ Consent ☐ V Vote ☑ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED
APR 30 2014
WITHOUT SIGNATURE
BY OPERATION OF LAW

CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta operates several Water Reclamation and Pumping Facilities for the purpose of removing for drinking and cleaning its waste and storm water for deposit back into the Chattahoochee River and other tributaries; and

WHEREAS, there have been allegations by city employees of mismanagement of these facilities by the current leadership, members of whom lack the necessary qualifications and skills sets to operate the facilities in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, in the recent past the department has experienced a rash of acts of vandalism, major theft and internal corruption which indicates a lack of an effective security and loss prevention program; and

WHEREAS, there have been allegations of possible water contamination with the combining of the bureaus of drinking water and waste water and the use of the same equipment at both plants which could pose a health and safety risk to the general public; and

WHEREAS, employees are concerned that their participation in this process will result in retaliation and the possible loss of their jobs or transferred to an inappropriate assignment; and

WHEREAS, Section 114-361 (f) of the Code of Ordinances addresses the issue of retaliation and states "no employee shall be subject to intradepartmental or interdepartmental transfer in retaliation or response to engaging in a protected activity such as reporting fraud, waste or abuse in city government"; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council's City Utilities Committee has purview over the Department of Watershed Management per Section 2-135 (a)(3)of the Code of Ordinances and would like to conduct an inquiry into the allegations that are being reported; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; that the Atlanta City Council's City Utilities Committee will interact with the City Departments regarding the aforementioned allegations within the Department of Watershed Management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Departments will report to the City Utilities Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings until the Committee deems it no longer appropriate.

AND FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A true copy,

Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council APR 21, 2014
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403 APR 30, 2014

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Atlanta City Council

CONSENT I

CONSENT AGENDA SECTION I: ALL ITEMS
EXCEPT 14-R-3377, 3379,3383
ADOPT

YEAS:	11
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0
NOT VOTING:	5
EXCUSED:	0
ABSENT	0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	NV Moore	Y Bond
Y Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	NV Norwood
Y Young	NV Shook	Y Bottoms	Y Dickens
Y Winslow	Y Adrean	NV Sheperd	NV Mitchell

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