RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE FUNDING PLANS FOR KEY MUNICIPAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the critical importance of sustainable funding for public safety pensions, stormwater utility, and the streets department to ensure the safety, well-being, and quality of life of residents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to carefully assess and prioritize funding strategies that address both immediate needs and long-term financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a dedicated committee will provide an effective platform for the thorough review, vetting, and recommendation of funding plans for these essential services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bryant, Arkansas:

1. Committee Formation:
   A special committee shall be established, hereafter referred to as the "Municipal Services Funding Committee," composed of members of the City Council and residents.
2. Committee Purpose: The committee shall be tasked with:
   a. Reviewing funding proposals for public safety pensions, stormwater utility, and the streets department.
   b. Evaluating the financial, operational, and community impacts of proposed funding strategies.
   c. Developing recommendations for sustainable and equitable funding solutions.

3. Meetings and Reporting:

   a. The committee shall hold regular public meetings to ensure transparency and provide opportunities for community input.

   b. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the full City Council within 12 months of its establishment.

4. Sunset Clause: The committee shall disband upon the successful submission of its final recommendations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____day of February, 2025.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Mark Smith, City Clerk Chris Treat, Mayor

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Municipal Services Funding Committee Bylaws

Article I: Name The name of this committee shall be the "Municipal Services Funding Committee" (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee").

Article II: Purpose The Committee is established to review, evaluate, and recommend funding strategies for key municipal services, including public safety pensions, stormwater utility, and the streets department.

Article III: Membership

1. The Committee shall be composed of Council Member Lisa Meyer (Ward 1), Jon Martin (Ward 2), Butch Higginbotham (Ward 3), Jack Mosely (Ward 4) and at large Bryant residents Scott Staples, Denecia Ramsey, Phillip Partain.
2. Any vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the City Council.

Article IV: Responsibilities The Committee shall:

1. Review funding proposals for public safety pensions, stormwater utility, and the streets department.
2. Evaluate the financial, operational, and community impacts of proposed funding strategies.
3. Develop recommendations for sustainable and equitable funding solutions.

Article V: Meetings

1. The Committee shall hold regular public meetings to ensure transparency and provide opportunities for community input.
2. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the appointed members.
3. All meetings shall comply with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.
4. Meeting notices, agendas, and minutes shall be made publicly available.

Article VI: Officers

1. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its members.
2. The Chairperson shall preside over meetings and serve as the primary spokesperson.
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.
4. A Secretary shall be appointed to maintain records of all meetings and official actions.

Article VII: Reporting

1. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the full City Council within 12 months of its establishment.
2. Interim reports and recommendations may be provided as necessary to update the City Council on progress.

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Article VIII: Dissolution The Committee shall disband upon the successful submission of its final recommendations to the City Council.

Article IX: Amendments These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Committee, subject to approval by the City Council.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Chairperson

Secretary

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