

RESOLUTION NO. R17-850

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPACT STUDY FROM THE CARL VINSON INSTITUTE FOR THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(b)(3) of the City Charter provides that the City may make appropriations for the support of the government of the City; authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized by the Charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia; and provide for the payment of expenses of the City;

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(b)(7) of the City Charter provides that the City may enter into contracts and agreements with other governments and entities and with private persons, firms, and corporations;

WHEREAS, the City is interested in retaining the services of the Carl Vinson Institute to provide an impact of the proposed City of Eagles Landing for the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a resolution authorizing the study is necessary and beneficial to its citizens and to the proper use of City funds.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. **Authorization of Impact Study.** – The retention of the Carl Vinson Institute to provide an impact of the proposed City of Eagles Landing for the City is hereby authorized.

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of Stockbridge. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the 14th day of August 2017.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA



JUDY NEAL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA HOLIDAY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY



**Carl Vinson
Institute of Government
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

**CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE
DE-ANNEXATION FISCAL IMPACT STUDY**

August 14, 2017

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

This proposal is responsive to the City of Stockbridge's request for a financial impact analysis of the potential de-annexation of land located within the current boundaries of the City. More specifically, the fiscal impact analysis would entail estimating potential revenues that will be lost by Stockbridge and the resulting impact on the ability to provide services as a result of the de-annexation. The study will incorporate methodologies historically used by the Institute of Government in conducting fiscal impact analysis.

SCOPE OF WORK:

This scope of work covers analyzing one study area only. Any changes to the boundaries of the study area will need a separate contract. Institute of Government faculty will utilize several research methods to assess the financial impact of the proposed de-annexation. The following summarizes the tasks to be undertaken:

1. Collect all data needed to perform the analysis such as existing revenue sources and applicable tax rates and fees in the City of Stockbridge, tax digest information, population, etc. within the area under consideration for de-annexation, and any legal documentation necessary for the analysis.
2. Interview department directors from the City of Stockbridge for information about how the de-annexation would likely affect their department's service costs in order to make appropriate estimates.
3. Interview City officials for information on the city's revenues in order to make appropriate estimates.

4. Analyze data, calculate the estimated total lost revenues, total personnel loss, and net financial impact of the de-annexation, and write a report.

The scope of work proposed here will derive information from data sources provided by the City of Stockbridge, the Henry County Tax Commissioner, and other government agencies as needed.

DELIVERABLES:

Data collected will be analyzed and a written .pdf report will be produced.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

The Institute of Government foresees this project beginning shortly after a final agreement has been reached and a contract signed by all parties. Dependent upon data provision and availability, the estimated completion time is four months after the contract is signed.

PROPOSED FEE:

The Institute of Government proposes to complete the project for a flat fee of \$20,700.

CAPABILITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT:

The mission of the Institute of Government is to improve governance and the lives of people in Georgia. In carrying out this mission, the Institute can call on the wide-ranging knowledge base of the University of Georgia as well as on 90 years of direct service experience in providing technical assistance, training, research, and policy analysis to local and state governments in Georgia. The Institute of Government is among the most highly-rated university-based organizations designed specifically to span the gap between best practices research and the existing practice of government. The proposed lead researcher for this project is:

Kris Sikes, Ph.D. J.D. Kris is a local government specialist in such areas as fiscal analysis, service delivery, program evaluation, organizational structure, and operational efficiency. Kris came to the Institute of Government with a wealth of both public and private sector experience. She worked for five years as an economist for BellSouth Telecommunications developing forecast models, preparing business plans, and working to ensure that cost filings complied with federal law. Kris earned her Ph.D. in Economics from Clemson University and her J.D. from the University of Georgia.