

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1039

A resolution establishing a Special Committee to investigate the circumstances involving travel and other expenses, including overtime expenses, potentially related to the Mayor's admitted improprieties involving an employee of the Metropolitan Government to determine if there was any improper use of public money.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2018, the Mayor acknowledged engaging in certain improprieties involving an employee of the Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations made in media reports, including allegations acknowledged by the Mayor in interviews, of extensive travel and other expenses including overtime expenses that may be potentially related to these improprieties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Metropolitan Charter, in addition to the Metropolitan Council's legislative function, "the council is authorized by resolution passed by a three-fourths (3/4ths) majority of its entire membership and not subject to the veto power of the mayor to conduct investigations by the whole council or any of its committees; to employ and compensate personnel necessary for such purpose; and to make appropriations therefor"; and

WHEREAS, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requires that the circumstances involving the travel and other expenses including overtime expenses potentially related to the extramarital affair be investigated independent of the executive branch of government to determine if there was any improper use of public money; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. Within seven (7) days of the passage of this resolution, the Vice Mayor shall appoint a Special Committee consisting of three (3) to seven (7) members of the Council to investigate the circumstances involving the travel and other expenses including overtime expenses potentially related to the Mayor's extramarital affair to determine if there was any improper use of public money. The Special Committee shall promptly meet to select a Chair and establish rules.

Section 2. The Special Committee shall prepare a Report and Recommendations to the Council about its findings and any recommendations for further action. To accomplish the purpose of the Special Committee, the committee may at its discretion conduct its own investigation, conduct hearings, request the services of the Metropolitan Auditor, and by a resolution passed by the Council engage the services of outside legal and accounting professionals.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 18.10 of the Metropolitan Charter, the Special Committee shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and records pertinent to the investigation or any hearing, and to administer oaths to witnesses.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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