

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS
CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON
STATE OF OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2013

Citizen Financial Review Task Force

- WHEREAS,** the City of Upper Arlington has experienced significant, long-term reductions in its revenue stream, primarily through the loss of the estate tax and reductions in the Local Government Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** these losses have negatively impacted the City by a combined reduction of more than \$3.5 million in annual operating revenues as well as eliminating a significant funding source for capital improvements; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has already taken progressive steps to address the effects of this shortfall, through several years of workforce reductions, streamlining of operations and by seeking shared service partnerships with other entities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City's good faith efforts to date have accomplished their targets for cumulative savings, however they have not fully closed the gap between revenues and expenditures, and
- WHEREAS,** projections indicate that the City is not yet on a sustainable fiscal path and its available reserves will fall below 30 percent by the end of 2016 or early 2017 and will continue to decline thereafter if no further action is taken; and
- WHEREAS,** few options remain for further reducing the City's annual operating budget without resulting in reduced services to citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the City faces a backlog of necessary infrastructure improvements that if addressed by the City through a 10-year Capital Improvements Program would cost approximately \$10 million a year; and
- WHEREAS,** City Council and the City Administration recognize that the Upper Arlington community is home to a wealth of educated and engaged citizens who have the necessary expertise to study the City's fiscal situation and help develop a set of options for keeping the City on strong financial footing; and
- WHEREAS,** on Monday, November 25, 2013, Upper Arlington City Council

appointed the following residents to serve on the Citizen Financial Review Task Force: Rich Simpson (Chair), Ted Bernert, Peggy Concilla, Kris Devine, Bill Gable, Chris Guglielmi, Jack Hershey, Michelle Hoyle, Dan McCormick, Marianne Mitchell, John Ness, Lori Trent, Ron Wigington; and

WHEREAS,

Upper Arlington City Council has issued the following charge to the Citizen Financial Review Task Force:

1. Undertake a high level review of the City's cost reduction efforts to date, compare service levels and costs to other jurisdictions, consider best practices, and identify possible near-term strategies for additional savings;
2. Determine the long-range financial impacts of revenue losses and reductions, structural changes to the overall revenue stream as a result of these reductions, and their impacts to operating and capital improvement budgets looking forward;
3. Assess the potential for strengthening long-term revenue prospects through approaches such as (but not limited to): adjusting user fees, including indirect costs in cost recovery efforts, increasing the income tax rate, reducing the income tax credit or increasing property taxes, and economic development;
4. Review near-term and long-term capital needs. Identify potential funding sources;
5. Report findings and provide viable options for City Council to consider; and

WHEREAS,

the work before the Upper Arlington Citizen Financial Review Task Force is extremely important for the City and its citizens as plans are made for the future and the City's financial challenges are addressed; and

WHEREAS,

the members of City Council and the City Administration are extremely appreciative of the Task Force members' willingness to serve their community in this significant endeavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Upper Arlington, Ohio:

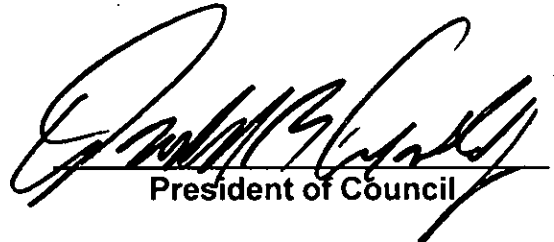
SECTION 1.

That the Upper Arlington City Council does hereby issue the Citizen

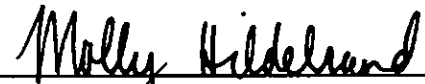
Financial Review Task Force be tasked with the above stated charge.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

ADOPTED: December 9, 2013



President of Council

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

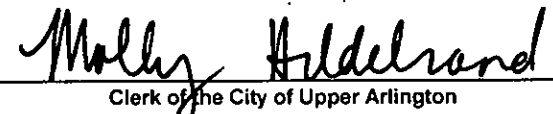
I, Molly Hildebrand, Clerk of Upper Arlington, Ohio, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy.



City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Molly Hildebrand, Clerk of the City of Upper Arlington, Ohio, do hereby certify that publication of the foregoing was made by posting a true copy of Resolution No. 13-2013 at the most public place in said corporation as determined by the Council, the Municipal Building, 3600 Tremont Road, for a period of ten (10) days commencing December 10, 2013.



Clerk of the City of Upper Arlington

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