

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis has initiated annexation proceedings to annex the Grays Creek Annexation area in response to legislation introduced in the General Assembly seeking to eliminate the area from the City's approved urban growth area;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council have expressed their desire to grow the City's boundaries in an orderly manner;

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of annexation by negotiation and agreement and would prefer to reach annexation agreements that are amenable to the City's objectives and the objectives of residents in the proposed annexation areas;

WHEREAS, the City resolved by agreement the Stonebridge-Hillshire annexation, the Southwind annexation and has by agreement extended the annexation dates for the Bridgewater area;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the Mayor to engage in negotiations with the Grays Creek residents with the objective of reaching agreements to defer the annexation of the area for an extended period of time in consideration of agreements from a majority of the property owners not to seek incorporation or to contest the City's annexation after the agreed deferral period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized and encouraged to engage in negotiations with the Grays Creek residents with the objective of reaching agreements to defer the annexation of the area for an extended period of time in consideration of agreements from a majority of the property owners not to seek incorporation or to contest the City's annexation after the agreed deferral period similar to the agreements reached with property owners in the Bridgewater Annexation area.