

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



### **Title: High Point EDC Board Vacancies – City Council Appointments**

**From:** Mayor Bill Bencini

**Meeting Date:** March 21, 2016

**Public hearing:** no

**Advertising Date:** n/a

**Attachments:** n/a

**Advertised by:** n/a

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#### **PURPOSE:**

There are two vacancies on the board of the High Point Economic Development Corporation to be filled by the High Point City Council.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 3, 2016, the board of directors of the High Point EDC amended its bylaws.

- Among the changes, the High Point City Council was given seven (7) appointments to the board, rather than five (5) as had been the case.
- Terms remained at two years but were changed to a January 1 start time rather than a July 1 start date.
- Thus, two City Council-appointed board seats are now open – for partial terms ending December 31, 2016.

The City Council's five current appointees to the High Point EDC board are Sharisse Fuller of Fuller Consultants, Diana Parrish of Diana Parrish Design and Photography, Ashley Davis Williams of Davis Furniture, Tom Van Dessel of BuzzSpace, and Curtis Wilson of Graco Supply and Integrated Services.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

n/a

#### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

Mayor Bencini has recommended two High Point business leaders to serve on the High Point EDC board – for a partial term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2016.

##### 1. **Jim White**

- President of White Funding, Inc.
- current board member – Piedmont Triad Airport Authority (Guilford County Board of Commissioners appointee) and Business Advisory Council of the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance
- previous board member – High Point EDC (2003-2006)

##### 2. **Ken Cochran**

- Corporate Vice President of Strategy and Business Operations – Global Operations for Ralph Lauren Corporation / has worked for the company in High Point since 1998
- previously worked for eight years at Andersen Consulting (Accenture) and for five years for two manufacturing companies that supply the automotive, home furnishings and construction industries.