

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: One High Point Commission

From: Jeron Hollis – Managing Director

Public Hearing: N/A

Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

Advertising Date: N/A

Advertised By: N/A

Attachments:

PURPOSE:

To recommend to City Council the One High Point Selection Committee's selected candidates for consideration and appointment to the One High Point Commission.

BACKGROUND:

On May 17, 2021, James Adams, President of the High Point Branch of the NAACP, requested City Council consider an NAACP resolution regarding reparations for High Point's Black community. On that date, City Council voted to move this item to the Prosperity and Livability Committee.

On Aug. 3, 2021, the Prosperity and Livability Committee heard from Attorney James Mayes and other members of the NAACP, who asked the Prosperity and Livability Committee to endorse the NAACP Reparations Resolution and to endorse the creation of a Reparations Commission. On that date, the Prosperity and Livability Committee recommended both items to the City Council favorably.

On Sep. 20, 2021, City Council considered the recommendations from Prosperity and Livability and decided to form a One High Point Commission and created a workgroup made up of staff, City Council members and NAACP representatives to refine details and specifics on the structure and scope of the commission. The workgroup met on Oct. 12, Oct. 19 and Nov. 30. The resolution was discussed in the workgroup, reviewed by the City's legal department and endorsed by the High Point Branch of the NAACP.

On Feb. 7, 2022, City Council adopted the One High Point Commission Resolution. As established by the resolution, a Selection Committee was formed within thirty (30) days of adoption for the purpose of reviewing candidates for the Commission based on their education, training, activism and relevant experience.

After reviewing all applications, the Committee is recommending the following nine (9) High Point residents be appointed to the One High Point Commission:

- Joseph Alston
- Dawn Alston-Paige
- Lovelle McMichael
- Megan Oglesby
- Dories Patrick
- Janet Riley-Wright
- Robert Sims
- Bridgett Tolliver
- Robert Williamson

Additionally, the NAACP's High Point Branch is recommending the following two names be appointed to the One High Point Commission as their representatives:

- Courtney Alston Wilson
- Charles Hinsley

The Committee is recommending the following two (2) High Point residents be appointed as non-voting alternates to the One High Point Commission:

- Willie Davis
- Constance Reynolds

Lastly, there are two Councilmembers selected to serve on the One High Point Commission:

- Michael Holmes, Ward 6
- Tyrone Johnson, Member At Large

BUDGET IMPACT:

No specified budget impact at this time

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

On behalf of the One High Point Commission Selection Committee, staff presents recommended candidates to City Council for consideration and appointment to the One High Point Commission. Per the resolution, staff requests that the Mayor establish the time and date for the first meeting of the Commission.