

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 20, 2020

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Appointment of Ad Hoc Members to the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Last month, Mayor Joines, along with representatives from United Way, The Winston-Salem Foundation, and Forsyth County, announced the creation of the COVID-19 Response Fund for Forsyth County. Last Monday, the City Council approved a \$1 million contribution to the fund, using 2014 and 2018 voter-approved economic development bonds. In the days following the Council's approval, there were concerns expressed by some Council Members that the City's funds would not reach the local agencies that could impact those in the community with the greatest need. As a result, the Mayor proposed a separate process for the disbursement of the City's funds. At the direction of the Mayor and Council, City staff have developed a new process in which the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) would review applications submitted through the response fund's application portal and award one-time grants to local agencies that meet the Council's criteria. The Mayor and Council are looking to the CBOC to carry out this process because of the committee's oversight responsibilities for the voter-approved bonds. In addition to the committee members, the Mayor informally appointed three ad hoc grassroots members to participate in the committee's review process and provide input. The ad hoc members are James Perry, Morticia “Tee-Tee” Parmon, and Corey McCann.

Committee Action:

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Remarks:

To ensure the ad hoc members can participate fully in the review process, including voting on the award of grants, City staff have prepared the attached resolution authorizing the temporary appointment of ad hoc members to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to participate in the City's review process to distribute the City's \$1 million contribution to the COVID-19 Response Fund for Forsyth County. The ad hoc members will serve until the committee has distributed the entire \$1 million contribution.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will meet on Friday, April 24 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., via Webex virtual meeting, to review new applications and award grants to selected local non-profit organizations. The committee will not award any direct assistance to individuals.