

Wilmington, Delaware
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**Council
President
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WHEREAS, a *City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States* (hereinafter the "Taskforce"), was established by Resolution No. 20-080 as amended, and its timeline modified by Resolution No. 23-050; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Taskforce are responsible for making findings and recommendations to City Council regarding issues of systemic racial disparity, racist practices and procedures, and/or institutional discrimination against African Americans, resulting from the delivery or provision of City government services or the implementation or effect of City policies, and resulting from the delivery or provision of other government-provided services or widely implemented business practices or the implementation or effect of government policies or business practices; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20-080 as amended resolved that the Taskforce findings and recommendations be submitted to the Wilmington City Council "within 180 days of its [the Taskforce's] appointment," or July 2023; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 23-050 modified the Taskforce's allowable timeline for meetings to correspond with the date when the members held their first open meeting on July 10, 2023, to accommodate its transition to full compliance with the conventions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regarding public bodies established by Chapter 100, Title 29 of the Delaware State Code; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce has held public meetings to confer on this matter, to consult with experts knowledgeable about past and present racial inequities experienced by the

residents of the City of Wilmington, and to provide the public with opportunities to comment on the work of the Taskforce at each meeting session; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce has requested additional time to synthesize their findings and recommendations into a report for presentation to the Council of the City of Wilmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body approves the request of the *City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States*, or the “Taskforce,” to finalize and submit a report containing findings and recommendations no later than March 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional meetings or public forums by the Taskforce will be in furtherance of formulating recommendations for the final report.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution amends Res. 23-050 and Res. 20-080 to allow adequate time for the *City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are the Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States*, known as the Reparations Taskforce, to synthesize their findings and recommendations into a final report for presentation to the Council.