RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPARATIONS TASK FORCE TO MARCH 31, 2025

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARY SHEFFIELD

- WHEREAS City Council established the Detroit Reparations Task Force as a result of the overwhelming support received by the ballot initiative which garnered over 80% of the vote to help further exploration of the feasibility and ability of the City of Detroit to create processes, develop, and implement community reparations for mass historic unjust treatment of Detroit's majority Black population by making recommendations for housing and economic development programs that address historical discrimination against the Black community in Detroit; and
- WHEREAS By the terms of the 2022 City Council Resolution that created it, the Detroit Reparations Task Force is currently scheduled to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the City Council no later than the date that is eighteen (18) months from the date of the first meeting of the Reparations Task Force; and
- WHEREAS The work of the Detroit Reparations Task Force has been substantially delayed by a number of factors: the intrinsic complexity of the subject matter; the untimely death of one of its executive board members; resignations of an executive board cochair and other members of the task force; and
- WHEREAS Because of the delays experienced for these reasons, which are not uncommon for local reparations campaigns that have also encountered delays in other communities, the current Detroit Reparations Task Force membership will require more time to accomplish the ends of this historic effort;
- WHEREAS As of this date, the current Detroit Reparations Task Force membership and staff envision they can adequately complete the historic mission of the task force by no later than March 31, 2025; Now, therefore be it
- **RESOLVED** That the Detroit Reparations Task Force shall be extended until March 31, 2025, by which date the Reparations Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the City Council.