



**Special Called Investigative
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2025
6:30 pm**

- I. Roll Call by City Clerk, Brenda James found the following investigative committee members present:

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable James Whitmore (Teams)
City Attorney Rory Starkey

The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones
The Honorable Ulysses Smallwood

- II. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Avery.

Also present was City Clerk Brenda James.

- III. Discussion of Investigative Committee

Mayor Avery stated: We need to determine if we need to subpoena documents and/or witnesses to aid in our determination or if the video and our collective personal knowledge of the subject event is sufficient for us to determine whether the complaint sets forth sufficient allegations of fact such that the complaint should be forwarded to the Board of Ethics for a hearing to determine whether there was in fact a violation of this section. We need to review the video publicly and then go into Executive Session and deliberate whether our collective personal knowledge and video of the event is sufficient for determination. If it is, we will deliberate and decide and then return to the public and cast our votes. If it is not, then we will subpoena and then return to the public and cast our votes. We will then issue subpoenas for the public for the necessary witnesses and documents and set another date to determine the sufficiency of the complaint. At this point, we will now play the video and once the video is completed, he will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session. The video was reviewed twice by the investigative committee.

Council Member Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to deliberate. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Investigating Committee deliberated. Council Member Portis-Jones made a motion to exit Executive Session and reconvene the meeting at 7:25 pm. Council Member Davis provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Davis made a motion to dismiss the complaint 2025-01. Council Member Portis-Jones provided the second. **The motion carried** with Council Member Davis, Council Member Portis-Jones, and Mayor Avery voting yes, and Council Member Whitmore and Council Member Smallwood voting no.

V: Adjournment:

Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Council Member Smallwood provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**


Brenda James, City Clerk


Mario Avery, Mayor