

**City Council Recessed Session  
October 12, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City called their previously recessed meeting back to order on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in Council Chambers, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 306 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor E. Kirk Rivers  
Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence  
Councilman Johnson Biggs  
Councilman Joe Peel  
Councilman Jarvis Gibbs  
Councilwoman Rose Whitehurst (*Arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)  
Councilwoman Katherine Felton  
Councilwoman Barbara Baxter  
Councilman Johnnie Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk April Onley  
Interim Director of Human Resources Monica Cole  
IT Director Matthew Simpson

The City Council's recessed session was called back to order by Mayor Kirk Rivers at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Rivers announced this was a continuation of the meeting from Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**1. Closed Session – As Allowed by NCGS 143-318-11(a)(6) Discussion of Personnel:**

Mayor Rivers asked for a motion to enter closed session.

**Motion was made to enter closed session by Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence, seconded by Councilwoman Katherine Felton. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Biggs, Peel, Gibbs, Spence, Felton, Baxter and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.**

The Council returned to open session at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor Rivers asked for a motion and vote on the hiring of Montre' Freeman as city manager.

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence to offer a contract to hire Montre' Freeman as city manager. The motion was seconded by Katherine Felton. A roll call vote followed. Those in favor: Walton, Felton, Gibbs and Spence. Against: Baxter, Whitehurst, Peel and Biggs. 4-4 tie. Mayor Rivers broke the tie in favor of hiring Freeman.**

**2. Adjournment:**

**Motion made by Councilman Johnson Biggs, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence to adjourn the meeting. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Biggs, Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Spence, Felton, Baxter and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.**

Having no other business to discuss, Mayor Rivers declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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E. Kirk Rivers  
Mayor

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April Onley, NCCMC  
City Clerk

