



**Date:** May 25, 2021

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

**Subject:** Moment of Silence at the May 25, 2021 City Council Meeting

Remembering the life of George Floyd

- Before we begin today's meeting, I would like to take a moment to remember the life of George Floyd, who was murdered one year ago today by former Police Officer Derek Chauvin. We have all seen video images of this unspeakable act of brutality; the last moments of George Floyd's life will be forever etched in our consciousness.
- On May 25, 2020, the world lost a kind and beautiful soul. George Floyd touched the lives of all who knew him. Known by his friends and "Big Floyd", his brother, Philonese Floyd said, "To know my brother is to love my brother."
- When the verdict in George Floyd's murder trial was announced, the country - and indeed - the world, saw a glimmer of hope in the fight against racial injustice. This is not the end, but the beginning. Accountability is the first step.
- Let us now observe a moment of silence to honor George Floyd and focus on the continued need for the transformation of our collective conscience. We will never forget the life of George Floyd and must put all our energy into effecting the fundamental and lasting change that brings an end to racism and racial injustice in our country.