



Date: June 4, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Moment of Silence at the June 4, 2020 City Council Meeting

Remembering the life of George Floyd

- Let's all take a moment to remember the life of George Floyd, who died tragically and senselessly while in police custody in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. We have all seen video images of this unspeakable act of brutality; the last moments of his life will forever be 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", they have described him as a Man of Peace. His sister, Philonese Floyd said, "To know my brother is to love my brother."
- George grew up in Houston's Third Ward neighborhood and graduated from Jack Yates High School. He went on to play basketball for South Florida State College in Avon Park, Florida, where he was a student from 1993 – 1995. He was remembered as someone who was fun to be around and always owned up to his mistakes and tried to better himself.
- He moved to Minnesota for work and was known in his new community as a protector and provider who didn't have a hateful bone in his body. George Floyd was a father to two daughters and is remembered by his oldest daughter as a "great guy and good father to his girls."
- Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with George Floyd's family, friends and community. Our country is suffering his horrific loss. Let us now observe a moment of silence to honor George Floyd and reflect on the needed transformation of our collective conscience. Let us never forget how we got to this place and put all our energy into effecting fundamental and lasting change to bring an end to racism and racial injustices in our country.