

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, called a Special Meeting to discuss the residency of a city councilmember in the Large Conference Room on the second floor of the City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, Goldsboro at 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2018 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem David Ham
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember Bevan Foster
Councilmember Gene Aycock

Absent: Councilmember Antonio Williams

Call to Order. Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Allen shared Councilmember Williams emailed him earlier in the week and said he would not be able to attend due to a prior engagement.

Mr. Ron Lawrence, City Attorney stated as Council is aware there was anonymous letter with various allegations against Councilmember Williams. The only one that concerned me as far from the city perspective was the claim he no longer resided in the district. As a result, I did some research of the City Charter and General Statutes. If a councilmember no longer resides in that district, they are unable to hold that office as councilmember. The statute reads the office is "ipso facto vacant." Once you no longer live in your district, you are no longer qualified to hold office. As a result of that, I felt an inquiry into the matter was necessary. I had a meeting with Councilmember Williams, he told me he lived in the district, I asked for an address and he politely declined to give me an address. I sent the mayor and each councilmember an email after the fact given the results of that discussion. At that point in time, unless the Council was going to direct me further, at that point in time, I felt like I had done what I needed to do, I had inquired as to where Councilmember Williams lived and he had said he lived in the district. Mr. Lawrence stated before meeting with Councilmember Williams, I did correspond with someone at the School of Government and got confirmation their opinion was that an inquiry was at least necessary to that degree.

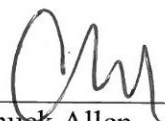
Mayor Allen stated it was reported and the Board of Elections has him living on Wilmington Avenue. The property owner has confirmed he does not live on Wilmington Avenue.

Councilmember Foster stated I have two letters here, both dated April 25, 2018, one from Councilmember Antonio Williams (Exhibit 1) and one signed by Yvonnia Moore (Exhibit 2) attesting that Councilmember Williams lives in District 1.

Council discussed. Upon motion of Mayor Allen, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council requested Councilmember Williams be notified that Council would like for him to provide two (2) legal forms of verification of where he lives, such as a water bill, power bill, cable bill, driver's license, etc. by Friday, April 27, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. to the clerk. The clerk was asked to forward any information received from Councilmember Williams to the City Council.

Council will reconvene Monday, April 30, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the information provided.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until Monday, April 30, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.



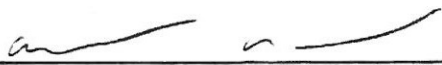
Chuck Allen
Mayor

Melissa Corser, MMC
City Clerk

April 25, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Antonio Williams, do attest that I am a resident of District 1. During my entire candidacy, and prior to being sworn in I was also residing within District 1.



Signature

4-25-18

Date



Notary



April 25, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Yvonnia Moore, do attest that Antonio Williams is a resident of District 1. He also lived in District 1 prior to running for the City Councilman position.


Signature

4/25/18
Date


Notary

