

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in **Special Session on Monday, December 30, 2019**, at 1:32 PM in the Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, Alabama.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
2. **INVOCATION.** Repeated the Lord's Prayer in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member-at-Large Annie M. Brown
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Shirley W. Curry

ABSENT

Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Curry to approve the agenda as circulated with the following additions: add Airport Matters, Resolution for Vester Marable, deceased and item 7A) executive session. Council Member-at-Large Brown seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** (Ulysees Roberts, Temporary Acting City Manager/Tony Haygood, Mayor)
- A. Administrative Personnel Matters.
 - B. Adjusted Budget. (Ulysees Roberts)
 - C. Skydiving Policy Recommendations.
 - D. Other Matters.

7. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2020-14. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Vester Marable, deceased.

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to approve resolution number 2020-15 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Vester Marable, deceased. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

*Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Vester Lamar Marable, deceased
(April 27, 1989 – December 28, 2019)*

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak is Vester Lamar Marable; and

WHEREAS, Vester Lamar Marable was born on April 27, 1989 to Tony and Clara (Jeanette Briggs) Marable. The second of two children, his humble, genuine and compassionate nature insured that to know him was to love him. Unselfish in his giving; unconditional with his love; always optimistic; Vester provided an exemplary blueprint on how to live; and

WHEREAS, Vester matriculated through the Macon County School System graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in May 2007. After graduation, Vester attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia for a year, but was however called back to his “true heart,” Tuskegee University where in 2012 he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. His love of learning and quest for knowledge led him to begin course work at Tuskegee University in pursuit of his PhD in Integrated Public Policy and Development; and

WHEREAS, A true servant leader, Vester began early as a Star Volunteer at the Tuskegee Airman National Historic Site in 2002. While serving as a volunteer, Vester developed the site’s first Junior Ranger program. In 2006, at the young age of 16, then President George W. Bush, presented Vester with the Presidential Volunteer Award for the hundreds of hours of volunteer service he gave to the National Park Service. Jet Magazine went on to recognize Vester for this auspicious accomplishment. Vester continued leading and serving while at BTW by creating the Tuskegee Student Betterment Council to encourage students to excel in academics and to increase civic engagement. With a motto of “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity, it is no surprise that in the summer of 2014, Vester was initiated into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. through the Gamma Sigma Chapter, Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Vester’s unyielding love for Tuskegee was contagious. He could tell the stories of Tuskegee in a way that sparked interest in the past while igniting hope and excitement for the future. From a very young age, Vester was a self-appointed ambassador for Tuskegee. This ambassadorship led to Vester being named the first Youth Mayor for the City of Tuskegee; and

WHEREAS, Vester began working for the National Park Service prior to graduating from Tuskegee University in 2010 as a volunteer preserving some of America’s cultural treasures. He went on to rise in the ranks at the Park Service as a Park Guide, Park Ranger, and lastly Administrative Officer. With a huge smile, infectious spirit and intrinsic passion for history and political science, Vester sought to educate all those around him not only on the rich heritage and legacy of the Airmen Site, the City of Tuskegee and Macon County but other historical events that helped to shape the world as we know it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee acknowledges as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Vester Lamar Marable and express our sincerest sympathy to his parents, Clara (Jeanette Briggs) Marable & Tony Lamar Marable, his sister, Nnena Enechukwu; his aunts, uncles and a host of cousins and extended family & friends.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 30th day of December, 2019.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

/s/ Lawrence “Tony” Haygood

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Fartima B. Clark

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

3:25 PM Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to enter executive session. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

3:35 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to end the executive session. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to recommend Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk to serve as designee to act in the absence of the Temporary Acting City Manager, Kevin L. Owens Manager until he reports for duty. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to approve Mr. Ulysees Roberts to be an independent consultant to assist and advise the new Temporary Acting City Manager once he reports for duty pending Mr. Roberts submit his proposed consultant contract to the council. Council Member Curry seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member-at-Large Brown to appoint a committee to work with the Airport Manager, Nataalkka "Nikki" Jordan to figure out the next steps for current pending projects at Moton Field Municipal Airport. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Haygood declared the motion carried.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member-at-Large Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 PM. Mayor Haygood declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr., Mayor

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk