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## **EEOC Complaint Against City Staff and Councilmember Dismissed**

**HINESVILLE, Ga. (Sept. 24, 2020)** – On Thursday, September 24 the City of Hinesville announced that a complaint filed by a former employee with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has been dismissed.

At a press conference inside City Hall, the Mayor, City Attorney, Councilmember and City Manager made short statements.

“I am happy to report that after investigation by the EEOC, this complaint has been dismissed,” stated Mayor Allen Brown.

Following remarks by Mayor Brown, the City Attorney, Linnie Darden, gave a brief overview of the complaint and subsequent investigation by the EEOC – which was comprised of documentation by the investigating organization and interviews with the former employee, accused City Staff members and City councilmembers.

Darden said, “Upon investigation, the EEOC has determined that this case has no factual basis and it has been dismissed with exoneration on the part of the City of Hinesville.”

Councilwoman Vicky Nelson stated that she was happy that the outcome of the case was positive, and now the City can move forward.

Following remarks by the Mayor, City Attorney and Councilwoman Nelson, Hinesville City Manager Kenneth Howard had this to say in closing:

“...I would like to thank our Mayor and Council for their unwavering support during this process. We stated in the beginning that we would be exonerated and now we have been. I also have to thank our City of Hinesville team. They have not missed a beat this entire time and we have still managed to move the City forward.”

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### **ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:**

The [City of Hinesville](http://www.cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](http://www.cityofhinesville.org).