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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
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A COMMUNICATION BY  
 COUNCILMEMBERS AARON WATSON,  
 POST 2 AT-LARGE; NATALYN  
 ARCHIBONG, DISTRICT 5; ALEX WAN,  
 DISTRICT 6; HOWARD SHOOK,  
 DISTRICT 7 AND YOLANDA ADREAN,  
 DISTRICT 8:

APPOINTING MR. WINSTON L. MINOR  
 TO THE COMMISSION HONORING  
 ATLANTA'S FIRST AFRICAN-  
 AMERICAN FIRE FIGHTERS AND FIRE  
 STATION #16.

CONFIRMED BY

OCT 1 5 2012

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- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1<sup>ST</sup> ADOPT 2<sup>ND</sup> READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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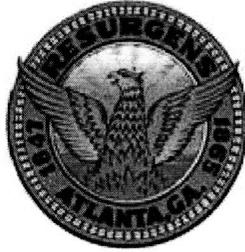
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NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
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EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Bond
Y Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	Y Watson
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Bottoms	Y Willis
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OCT 15 2012

**COUNCIL**

September 14, 2012

TO: Ceasar C. Mitchell  
President  
Atlanta City Council

FROM: Aaron Watson

My City Council Colleagues and I want to recommend Mr. Winston L. Minor for our joint appointment to the Commission honoring Atlanta's first African-American Fire Fighters and Fire Station #16. As a retired fire chief, Mr. Winston is eager to share his knowledge, expertise and experience with the Commission.

Attached please find Mr. Minor's biography for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Natalyn Archibong  
Councilmember, District 5

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Councilmember, District 7

Alex Wan  
Councilmember, District 6

Yolanda Adrean  
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## **Winston L. Minor**

*Retired Fire Chief, Atlanta Fire Department*

Fire Chief Winston L. Minor served as a leader in the City of Atlanta Fire Department for more than 7 years, culminating a 30 year career in the fire service. During his command, he led one of the busiest fire and emergency organizations in the nation, as noted by *Firehouse Magazine*.

One of Chief Minor's greatest visions was the designation of accreditation status for the department. He made that a vision a reality when the Atlanta Fire Department was awarded "International Accredited Agency" status in March 2002 by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International making the Atlanta Fire Department the 54<sup>th</sup> fire department in the world to achieve this honor.

Another significant accomplishment in Chief Minor's career was the development and implementation of the 1996 Centennial Olympics Fire Service Plan, which provided fire protection for athletes from all over the world at the Olympic Village and visitors at several Olympic venues throughout the city of Atlanta.

Former Mayor Bill Campbell appointed Chief Minor as Fire Chief on October 4, 1995. He was unanimously re-confirmed for a second term on October 5, 1998.

During his tenure, Chief Minor managed an annual budget of approximately \$60 million and continued the same high standard of service in subsequent years with considerably fewer resources. He commanded over 900 employees and 35 fire stations throughout the 133-mile service area, including protection for the Hartsfield International Airport, "*The World's Busiest Airport*"

As a visionary with a purpose, Chief Minor's dedication to fire safety and fire education within the City of Atlanta lowered the city's fire death rate. In 1999 a record low fire death rate of eight was recorded, which was a 62% decrease over the previous four years.

In 2003, Chief Minor established Minor & Associates, LLC a Homeland Security and Safety Consulting Company specializing in Executive and Business Training, Consulting/Auditing, Communication Special Services and Emergency Response Supplies and Equipment.

Fire Chief Minor acquired international recognition for emergency response command and was invited to lecture in Johannesburg, South Africa, Queenstown, New Zealand, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and various other cities within the United States. His topics have included the Olympics, terrorism, first responders, fire prevention, and public education. He also

established the Atlanta Fire Department's Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago Foreign Exchange Program.

Throughout his career, Chief Minor made many changes in the century old organizations including the establishment of the Fire Cadet Program, the Citizens Fire Academy, the Breakaway Burglar Bars and 10-year lithium battery operated Smoke Detector programs. A native of Atlanta, Fire Chief Minor attended Atlanta Public Schools. Prompted by a fellow high school classmate to apply with the City of Atlanta Fire Department, he joined the fire services in 1973. He was assigned to Fire Station No. 7 in the West End area of the city, where he gained his initial firefighting experience.