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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Greensboro Police Department Officer Travis B. Cole arrested Dejuan Yourse on June 17, 2016, and his actions were found to have violated Greensboro Police Department directives DD 1.5.13 (A) Use of Force, DD 1.5.1 (A1) Courtesy Towards the Public, DD 1.5.34 (A) Arrest, Search, and Seizure, and DD 1.5.4 (B) Compliance to Laws and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, all charges filed against Mr. Yourse related to the incident were dismissed by the District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2016, Officer Cole was placed on Administrative Leave with Pay pending the outcome of both an internal and criminal investigation of the Use of Force involving Mr. Yourse and Officer Cole subsequently resigned from the Department on August 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the criminal investigative file regarding this matter was presented to the Guilford County District Attorney, who rendered the opinion that criminal charges would not be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2016, City Council viewed footage of the incident in closed session, and the City Manager with concurrence of City Council determined that release of all body worn camera recordings depicting former Officer Cole's interaction with Dejuan Yourse on June 17, 2016, and all disciplinary actions and personnel actions related to GPD's interaction with Dejuan Yourse, is essential to maintain public confidence; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Wayne Scott was directed to prepare and disseminate on Monday, September 26, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., a press briefing to disclose the body worn camera recordings, and related necessary information, of former Officer Cole's interaction with Dejuan Yourse on June 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Body Worn Camera Policy of the City of Greensboro, Dejuan Yourse and his mother reviewed the same footage viewed by City Council on September 20th and which was presented today; and

WHEREAS, City Council is deeply concerned about the prosecutorial opinion rendered in this case; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that the law enforcement certification of former Officer Cole should be revoked;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the Manager prepare a letter of complaint against former Officer Cole and this complaint shall be delivered to the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission with a request for a hearing before the Criminal Justice Standards Division to

seek a ruling suspending indefinitely the certification of Travis B. Cole so that he will not be eligible to serve as a law enforcement officer in the future.

2. That the Greensboro Police Department request the Guilford County District Attorney review this incident again to ensure the entire investigative file is duly considered.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GREENSBORO ON THE 26TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

CITY ATTORNEY