CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM
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DATE: October 5, 2018
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk
SUBJECT: ADDITION TO THE OCTOBER 8, 2018 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Since the agenda's posting on Wednesday, October 4, 2018, city staff has one additional item to include on the October 8, 2018 City Council agenda and in its packet. The item is a proclamation designating October 8, 2018 Elder Tommie Lee Mims Day, in honor of the late Tommie Mims, Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, who passed away on September 7, 2018. This item was requested by City Manager Mark Watson.

Attached is a copy of the proposed proclamation. City Council will need to consider an amendment to formally add the aforementioned items to the agenda.

Mark S. Watson, City Manager
Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney
Department Directors

Attachment:
A proclamation designating October 8, 2018 as Elder Tommie Lee Mims Day

Mary Beth Hickman
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Elder Dr. Tommie Lee Mims announced his calling to the ministry on May 12, 1974 and at the age of 25 he became licensed to preach on June 9, 1974; and

WHEREAS, he had 44 years of Christian service including serving as Elder of Lester's Chapel Baptist Church, Guthrie, Kentucky (1975-1977); Calvary Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1978-1982); Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (1982-1990); and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, TN (1982-1990); and

WHEREAS, Elder Mims met and married the love of his life, the former Evelyn Sue Jacobs, on August 30, 1969 and their unbreakable 49 year bond was blessed with four children: Venisha Scherry, Tory LaRan, Terrell LaVon and Thomas LaVior; and

WHEREAS, he was heavily involved in Missions and Evangelism through witnessing, the planning of churches and building widow houses among the Masai tribe in southern Kenya and Tanzania, the digging of wells and support for Orphanages in East Africa; and

WHEREAS, Elder Mims served as the co-founder and president of "S.A.F.E." (Scholarship, Apologetics, Fellowship, and Evangelism) Conference; and

WHEREAS, he was an instructor of Homiletics, Hymnatics, and Old Testament Theology at the Knoxville Interdenominational Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, was an adjunct professor for the Caribbean, African and U.S. Division of the North American School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge lost a valued elder, resident, leader and mentor on September 7, 2018, with the death of Elder Dr. Tommie Lee Mims; and

WHEREAS, his infectious smile and hearty laugh at his own jokes will be missed by all.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge acknowledges and appreciates the dedication and service of Elder Mims and his commitment to the betterment of the Oak Ridge community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, that October 8, 2018, be proclaimed

ELDER DR. TOMMIE LEE MIMS DAY

in the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that all citizens extend their sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oak Ridge to be affixed, this the 8th day of October in the year 2018.

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WARREN L. GOOCH
MAYOR