

City of Memphis



DR. W. W. HERENTON
MAYOR

TENNESSEE

July 6, 2009

Myron Lowery, Chairman
City Council
125 North Main, Suite 514
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Chairman Lowery:

This is to inform you that I am delaying my retirement date to July 30, 2009. A retirement reception in my honor will be held in the Hall of Mayors on July 31, 2009 between 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

There remains some important city business matters that I need additional time to complete. Several Division Directors have contractual matters that need to be resolved. I have also requested Keith McGee to remain in office until July 30, 2009.

Any action on the part of the Memphis City Council at this time is premature. It is apparent to many citizens in our City that a Court of Competent Jurisdiction should rule on several important issues. The new Charter provisions are silent on some important issues.

First, is it appropriate for the Mayor Pro-tem to hold an executive and legislative position at the same time?

Should the citizens in a special election vote for a Mayor and your vacant Council Seat? We need answers? An immediate friendly lawsuit may be necessary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie W. Herenton".

Willie W. Herenton