

MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

The Selma City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, February 10, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: President George P. Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Samuel Randolph, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, and Councilman James Durry. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Sequita R. Oliver, and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. Reverend David Barnes gave the invocation.

After roll call, President Evans declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda prepared for this meeting. President Evans asked that an update on the crime report be added. Councilwoman Sewell asked that Youth-In-Government and Selma Promise be added to the agenda. Councilwoman Franklin asked that (ADP) Automatic Data processing and (PAL) People Against Litter be added to the agenda. Councilman Tucker asked that the front entrance door to City Hall be added to the agenda. There being no other additions to the agenda, on motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin, the agenda was approved as amended.

President Evans asked if there were any addition or correction to the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2003 or Thursday, January 30, 2003. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to table approval of the minutes until the next Council meeting. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote of Council.

**I. PRESENTATION TO MRS. JACQUELINE SMITH, CITY CLERK/
TREASURER**

President Evans stated he wanted to present Mrs. Jacqueline Smith with a plaque, which stated the sentiment of the Council for her years of service to the City of Selma; however, Mrs. Smith could not be in attendance at this Council meeting. President Evans along with each Councilmember expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Smith for her service of (25) twenty-five years to the City of Selma and expressed their sincere congratulations on her retirement.

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A. Tax & License Position. Mayor Perkins stated to the Council that there is a need for a full-time employee in the Tax and License Department. Mayor Perkins presented Council with the job description for the position and stated that the position would replace the part-time position presently in the Tax and License Department. Mayor Perkins stated that the need for this new full-time position is due to the large volume of work associated with the city collecting its own garbage fees. Mayor Perkins stated that he is asking Council to amend the budget to include this new full-time position. After some discussion from Council members, Mayor Perkins, and Martha Jackson, Tax Collector it was decided that Mayor Perkins would review the possibility of transferring personnel from another department.

B. Planning and Development. Mayor Perkins presented to Council for approval the appropriation of \$10,000.00 from Revolving Loan Funds to stabilize the McCloud house located at 307 Dallas Avenue until the city can legally sell or the owner pays. A lien for the amount of work performed will be placed against the property. Mayor

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Perkins stated that if the owner would possibly sell the house to the city for \$5000.00, then the city would remove existing liens, and sell to an eligible purchaser at today's fair market value. After some discussion from Council members, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the appropriation of the fund for the stabilization of the McCloud house.

C. Retail Table Wine License. Mayor Perkins presented to Council a retail table wine license on behalf of Celestial Ford of Ford's Grocery located at 2600 Etheridge Avenue for approval on the recommendation of Chief Green. After some discussion concerning the location within the neighborhood. President Evans asked Councilwoman Tucker to poll the residents in the neighborhood to verify no opposition to the license. A motion was made to place the license on first reading by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. The motion carried with a majority vote of Council.

D. Resolution – Bids on Softball Uniforms. Mayor Perkins presented a resolution to Council for approval which states the City of Selma invited and accepted bids during the PERIOD of January 2, 2003 through January 15, 2003 on a bid proposal on softball uniforms (RD2003-01115). The City Clerk is hereby ordered to forward a signed copy of said resolution to Screenco, Inc. notifying the same of the City of Selma's acceptance and approval of the bid and is hereby awarded the contract of the Softball uniforms in the amount of Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300.00). A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilman Sexton to adopt the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of the Council.

E. Resolution –Bids on Softball Equipment. Mayor Perkins presented a resolution to Council for approval, which states the City of Selma invited and accepted bids during the month of January 2, 2003 through January 15, 2003 on a bid proposal on Softball Equipment (RD2003-01115). The City Clerk is hereby ordered to forward a signed copy of said resolution to Screenco, Inc., McClendon Athletic Center, and Taylor Sports and Souvenirs, Inc. notifying the same of the City of Selma's acceptance and approval of the bid and is hereby awarded the contract of the Softball Equipment in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$1,632.00) for Screenco, Inc.; in amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,594.00) for McClendon Athletic Center; and, in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Dollar and Seventy –Five Cents(\$4, 585.70) for Taylor Sports & Souvenirs, Inc., for a grand total bid amount of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$10,811.70). A motion was made by Councilman Durry and seconded by Councilman Sexton to adopt the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

F. Resolution –Bids on Baseball Equipment. Mayor Perkins presented a resolution to Council for approval, which states the City of Selma invited and accepted bids during the period of January 2, 2003 through January 15, 2003 on a bid proposal on Baseball Equipment (RD2003-01115). The City Clerk is hereby ordered to forward a signed copy of said resolution to Screenco, Inc., McClendon Athletic Center, and Taylor Sport & Souvenirs, Inc. notifying the same of the City of Selma's acceptance and approval of the bid and is hereby awarded the contract of the Baseball Equipment in amount of Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$944.30) for Screenco, Inc., Eleven Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$11,068.50) for McClendon Athletic Center and Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$25,159.90) for Taylor Sport & Souvenirs, Inc. for a grand

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total bid amount of Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$37,172.70). A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with a unanimous vote Council.

G. Resolution – Bids on Baseball Uniforms. Mayor Perkins presented a resolution to Council approval, which states the City of Selma invited and accepted bids during the period of January 2, 2003 through January 15, 2003 on a bid proposal on Baseball uniforms (RD2003-01115). The City Clerk is hereby ordered to forward a signed copy of said resolution to Screenco, Inc. and McClendon Athletic Center notifying the same of the City of Selma's acceptance and approval of the bid and is hereby awarded the contract of the Baseball Uniforms in the amount of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$9,969.00) for Screenco, Inc., in the amount Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$18,891.60) for McClendon Athletic Center, for a grand total bid amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$28, 860.00). A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with a majority vote of Council. There were (8) eight affirmative votes and (1) one negative vote. Councilman Tucker cast the negative vote.

H. W-2 Withholding. Mayor Perkins presented Council with a memo from the finance department, which states to their knowledge no one had expressed any concern regarding their W-2 withholding. After some discussion from Councilwoman Franklin and Councilwoman Sexton, Mayor Perkins stated he would discuss this issue with the Finance/Payroll Department employees.

I. Re-Surfacing Marie Foster Street. Mayor Perkins stated to Council that the estimated cost to resurface Marie Foster Street would be (\$200,000.00) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars. After some discussion from Council members and the Mayor, Councilwoman Franklin asked for balances on the Windfall, Discretionary, and Bond Fund Accounts. Council members express their concerns about the 1999 Bond money and if any could be used to resurface the streets.

J. Proclamation –Space Shuttle Columbia Recognition Month. Mayor Perkins presented Council with a Proclamation which states February would be Space Shuttle Columbia Recognition Month. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the Proclamation as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council.

K. The Birmingham Pledge. Mayor Perkins presented copies of the Birmingham pledge to Council and encourage the citizen and Council members to sign the pledge. The Birmingham Pledge is an effort of the Birmingham, Alabama community to recognize the dignity and worth of every individual no matter what race, religion, or sex. The Pledge is their way to share with the world our community's commitment to eliminate prejudice in the lives of all people. It's a personal daily commitment to remove prejudice from our own lives, as well as, the lives of others, and to treat all people with respect.

L. Recognition of Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore. Mayor Perkins recognized Mr. Amos Moore for reaching the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, which is the highest-ranking office for enlisted personnel. The induction ceremony was held on

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February 8, 2003 at Maxwell Air Force Base. Mayor Perkins along with each Council member expressed his or her gratitude to Mr. Moore for the work he has done with the Americorp Digital Divide Program. They also express the sincere congratulations for a job well done.

M. Front Entrance To City Hall. Mayor Perkins presented Council with an estimate for the repair to the front entrance door to City Hall, which would range in the amount of \$7,195.00 to \$12,358.00. Mayor Perkins stated the estimated price range is due to the type of wood, which is Mahogany. Several suggestions were made by Council members to repair the door.

III. SELMA CITY SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Mayor Perkins presented his recommendation for addressing the School Board accord issue. Mayor Perkins stated that there should be a Five (5)-member committee with the purpose of reviewing the Selma City School Board Accord and making a recommendation to City and School System. Councilwoman Franklin made a motion to place Councilwoman Crenshaw as a member of the committee ex-officio. It was seconded by Councilman Randolph. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council. After some discussion, Councilwoman Martin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Mayor, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council.

IV. APPROVAL OF JOB APPLICANTS FOR INTERVIEW

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that the Administrative Committee met and reviewed 92 applications, after reviewing the applications they decided to grant the following interviews: Finance Director, applicants- One (1), Sixteen (16), and Nineteen (19); City Treasurer, applicants- One (1), Two (2), Six (6), and Eighteen (18); City Clerk, applicants- One (1), Three (3), Four (4), and Sixteen (16). Council members, the Personnel Director, and Charlie Polmatier were invited to attend all the interviews. The interview dates were scheduled for Thursday, February 13, and Friday 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. with 30-minute intervals for each interview. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to schedule special call meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with the express purpose to appoint any and/or all positions. A work session is to be held on that same Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. prior to special call meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of Council.

V. SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

President Evans stated that the summer youth employment had been discussed in the work session and it was the consensus of the Council that he and the Mayor would jointly send a letter on behalf of the City to solicit money from corporate sponsors to fund this project. Mayor Perkins was not in agreement concerning the mailing of a letter soliciting funds. Councilman Tucker stated he had been in contact with members of the County Commission to ask for some help with the project, in an effort to include the County youth. After some discussion from Councilwoman Sewell and Councilwoman Crenshaw, the motion was made to engage Jimmy Coleman to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Council decided that President Evans would draft a letter with the Council endorsing the solicitation of funds from corporate sponsors. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded Councilwoman Crenshaw to engage Jimmy Coleman to aid President Evans with the facilitation of the project. The motion passed with a majority vote of Council.

VI. YOUTH – IN – GOVERNMENT

Councilwoman Sewell stated that she wanted to express her gratitude to Mayor Perkins and his department heads for their full support of Youth- In-Government Day. Councilwoman Sewell commended the young people for their realistic perception of city government. She also stated that the young people had been very busy working in the community. Councilwoman Sewell and Councilwoman Martin asked the Council to fund a trip to American Village on Wednesday, February 26 in Montevallo, Alabama from the Special Project Fund. Councilwoman Sewell state the amount would not exceed \$500.00 and that this trip would greatly benefit the young people. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to fund this trip. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with unanimous vote of the Council.

VII. AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilman Sexton to allow Automated Data Processing from Birmingham to facilitate a presentation. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of the Council.

VIII. PEOPLE AGAINST LITTER (PAL)

Councilwoman Franklin stated that the citywide clean up would be April 19 and April 26. The collection bag would be made available at the usual site.

IX. FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE TO CITY HALL

A motion was made by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to pay for repairs to the Front Door. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Councilwoman Franklin stated that the repair to the front door was an administrative decision and should be facilitated through the Mayor's office. After further discussion, it was suggestion that Council would yield to the authority of the Mayor regarding the entrance door.

X. LITTER CONTROL

Councilman Tucker expressed his concern about the litter through the City of Selma. The heavy targeted areas were Broad Street and Franklin Street. Councilman Tucker asked if the City had a Litter Officer and if he was enforcing the rules for litter control. President Evans stated that Broad Street and Griffin Avenues were heavy targeted areas and asked if the litter vacuums could be used. Mayor Perkins stated that General Services and Code Enforcement would facilitate the control of litter.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee Report

Councilman Durry stated that the Volleyball would start February 14 at Paul Grist YMCA for all kids', ages 11-16 years. The Recreation Department is getting ready for this year's softball and baseball team. Councilman Durry encouraged all who could to volunteer to be coaches for girls' softball, ages 5-14 years, and boys' softball, ages 5-14 years.

Administrative Committee Report

There was no report from the Administrative Committee Report.

Public Safety Committee Report

Councilwoman Franklin encouraged all council members to review the Attorney General Opinion regarding the purchase of police cars.

Community Development Committee Report

Planning & Development would hold a Press Conference and Reception on Tuesday, February 25th in the Council Chambers at 3:00 to celebrate the publishing of Selma's Early African American Pioneers Brochure in recognition of Black History Month. Councilwoman Martin invited Council and the public to attend.

Public Works and General Service Committee Report

There was no report from the Public Works and General Services Committee.

Discretionary Fund Committee Report

There was no report from the Discretionary Fund Committee.

Rev. Robert Walker

Rev. Robert Walker, Pastor of Gateway Baptist Church, came before Council to ask permission to use the Song of Selma Park in celebration of the last supper of Jesus Christ. Rev. Robert Walker states that the church would meet on Good Friday on the steps of City Hall and proceed down Dallas Avenue to Bloch Park to illustrate the walk to Calvary. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Durry to approve Reverend Walker's "Walk to Calvary" request. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote of Council.

There being no other business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.


George P. Evans, President

ATTEST:


Sequita R. Oliver, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:


James Perkins, Jr., Mayor