

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 11, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Winston Williams, Pastor
Rosedale Memorial C.M.E. Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members Councilwoman Dr. Monica Newton, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, and Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw. Others present were Mayor George Evans, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant Ms. Brenda Smothers. Councilwoman Keith was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:25 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Corey Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the agenda items as written. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Williamson asked for the approval of the minutes of April 20, 2010 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2010. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** President Williamson asked for the approval of the minutes of April 27, 2010 regular meeting minutes. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, for the record, that we started the Council Meeting with a quorum, and when the discussion was made to take action on the approval of the minutes, we needed a 5th Council Person to approve the minutes, but that she had been called outside to gather some information that was important to this meeting; so she moved to get that.

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Reverend Franklin Fortier
Re: Citizens' Concerns - Organizational Development

Mr. John Jowers
Re: Ward 1 Vacant Seat

Mrs. Malika Fortier
Re: Council Appointments

Mrs. Deloise Willoughby and Ms. Tina Thomas
Re: Divine Child Care and House of Praise

Ms. Sherrette Spicer
Re: Community Review Board

During discussion, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson and the Council that she thinks this is a good idea to have in place, and perhaps would have been good to have in place already to handle matters such as what was just discussed by the previous Citizens who had just spoken. President Williamson concurred, and stated that this item will be placed on the agenda for discussion, at the next Work Session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Response to Citizens' Concerns - Mrs. Deloise Willoughby and Ms. Tina Thomas (Divine Child Care and House of Praise). Mayor Evans stated to Council that he always try to make it a habit that before he condemns somebody, that he gets both sides of the "story". Mayor Evans further stated that Ms. Willoughby called him and he was out, and he called back to the Center and spoke to someone there for approximately twenty minutes. Mayor Evans stated whomever he spoke with, explained to him what had happened, and he stated to that person that he does not agree with Police Officers cursing anybody, and that he does not go along with that, and that he would look into it. Mayor Evans further stated he asked whomever he spoke to, to give him that explanation in writing, so that he could move forward on that. Mayor Evans stated he then called Chief Riley, and explained to him what had been reported to him. Mayor Evans further stated he explained to Chief Riley that we need to get to the "bottom" of this, and that he was awaiting something in writing from them, and that he would forward a copy of the same to him. Mayor Evans stated to this date, he has not received a report from Mrs. Willoughby, nor a Representative of the Center. Mayor Evans further stated a meeting was also scheduled with them to meet with Chief Riley, but according to him, no one showed up for the meeting. Mayor Evans asked Chief Riley to come forward, and address the Council, as it relates to this matter. Chief Riley addressed the Council and stated his Secretary made an appointment to meet with Mrs. Willoughby, but no one showed up for that appointment. Chief Riley stated he made himself available, and the Internal Affairs Committee made themselves available, as well. Chief Riley further stated on May 3rd, Police Personnel witnessed an individual that was warranted; both the City and County had warrants on him. Chief Riley stated that individual went into the Day Care, and the Officers saw it and reacted upon. Chief Riley further stated this individual was a convicted sex offender, and was going into a Day Care. Chief Riley stated when the Officers got to the Day Care, they were challenged by individuals inside the Day Care, who did not let them in "rightaway". Chief Riley further stated when Lt. Harris arrived on the scene, he made sure that the children were on the outside, and they went in and at that particular time, the individual had gone up in the ceiling. Chief Riley stated he went to the scene, and he did not witness anyone cursing, and using profane language, and he does not know where that came from. Chief Riley further stated that they serve and protect, and they would be happy to sit and talk to anyone as it relates to this matter. During discussion, President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he feels the best way to resolve this, is for him to meet with Mrs. Willoughby and Ms. Thomas. Mayor Evans asked Mrs. Willoughby to contact his office, and he will set up a meeting where they can meet and discuss this matter further.

B. Proclamations. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has several Proclamations that each of them should have within their packets, that he would like to, at this time, acknowledge:

Proclamation - "School Hand Hygiene Day". Mayor Evans asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring *May 14, 2010* to be "School Hand Hygiene Day". Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim *May 14, 2010* to be "School Hand Hygiene Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and urged Students to pay attention to the information provided through their Teachers, and to share the ideas with their Friends and Family, thus helping Selma and west Central Alabama to become a healthier place to live. Mayor Evans acknowledged Mr. Barry Keel, C.E.O. of Vaughan Regional Medical Center, was in the audience, and asked him to come forward to accept the Proclamation. Mr. Keel thanked Mayor Evans and the Council for recognizing this particular Proclamation, and stated that no one knows the importance more than all of us, the importance of cleanliness, and further stated hand hygiene may sound like a "small thing" but it is a "small thing" that can make a "big" difference in the lives of our Kids and Adults here in Selma.

Proclamation - "Judge John T. Nixon Day". Mayor Evans stated that Judge John T. Nixon is going to be coming to Selma, and has chosen to celebrate his thirtieth year on the Bench in the City of Selma, with Family, Friends, Clerks and Court Staff. Mayor Evans asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring *May 16, 2010* to be "Judge John T. Nixon Day". Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim *May 16, 2010* to be "Judge John T. Nixon Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and commend Judge Nixon on his dedication to justice and commitment to democracy for all people in this Country.

Proclamation - "Nursing Home Week - May 9 - 15, 2010". Mayor Evans stated that this is *National Nursing Home Week*, and invited the Nursing Home Staff, including a couple of the Patients, to come forward to be a part in accepting the Proclamation. Mrs. Amelia Oliver, Corporate Operations Assistant with Vaughan Health Care Services, and Interim Administrator of the Lighthouse Nursing

Home, addressed the Council and thanked the Mayor, Council and Citizens of Selma and Dallas County, for their support, and for this Proclamation. Mrs. Oliver stated that she has with her today Mrs. Daisy Dudley, Activities' Director, along with two of their Residents, Ms. Fails and Ms. Tabb. Mayor Evans asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring the *May 9 - 15, 2010*, as "Nursing Home Week". Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim the *May 9 - 15, 2010*, as "Nursing Home Week" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and urge every Citizen to honor the elderly and disabled residents of nursing homes by visiting or volunteering at a local nursing home to bring good cheer to the residents, and appreciation to the Staff who care for our Community's most vulnerable Citizens on our behalf.

Proclamation - "Selma Firefighter Appreciation Month". Mayor Evans stated that this is "Selma Firefighter Appreciation Month", and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association, in recognition of the Selma Firefighters, to proclaim the *Month of May, 2010*, as "Selma Firefighter Appreciation Month" in the City of Selma, Alabama, in honor of our Firefighters for their efforts in keeping our Citizens safe, and helping to raise the awareness of neuromuscular diseases. Mayor Evans stated that young J.C. Higginbotham, representing our area for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, is also here, and asked that he come and be a part of the acceptance of the Proclamation. Mayor Evans presented the Proclamation to Fire Chief Michael Stokes and the Selma Fire Department, and commended the Firefighters for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Ms. Angie Jordan, who was also invited to be a part of the presentation, spoke and stated she wanted to come and do a "shout out" tonight to J.C., who is a recipient of the funds being raised for the Summer Camp. Ms. Jordan asked J.C. if summer camp was his favorite, and he replied, that it was. Ms. Jordan stated that the Summer Camp is scheduled for June 27, 2010, and thanked Mayor Evans, Council Members, Firefighters, and Citizens very much.

C. Monthly Financial Report - April, 2010. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of April, 2010. Mayor Evans further stated said Report reflects a "gain" this month. Mayor Evans stated sales tax collections for April, 2010, was in the amount of \$944,851.97, and in April of 2009, we only received \$863,522.77; therefore, we had a "gain" in our growth in revenue this year for the first time in several months, in the amount of \$81,329.20. Mayor Evans stated hopefully the recession is getting better.

D. Police Department Reports - April, 2010. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Police Department Report, for April, 2010, which gives all of the incident report totals by percentages for each Ward, along with a copy of the Loud Noise Statistics. Mayor Evans further stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the month of April, 2010, and that Chief Riley is present tonight if the Council has any questions for him. Mayor Evans stated the report reflects the "numbers" in terms of the Wards, based on the incidents that occurred. President Williamson stated for the benefit of the public, that there were 60 Loud Music Incident Reports, with 26 Loud Noise Citations issued, which is better. Mayor Evans stated that he thinks that the Police Officers are using good judgment in issuing Citations for Loud Noise.

E. Code Enforcement Reports - April, 2010. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of all of the identified properties in the City, for the Month of April, 2010. Mayor Evans further stated that they were going to go out and make some "rounds" this week, but that Reverend Moore, Code Enforcement Officer, has had some swelling and pain in his foot, and he is now on bed rest, per his Doctor. Mayor Evans stated he commends the Code Enforcement Department, because they are working to clean up neighborhoods, and identifying properties that are not in compliance.

F. Update on "Moment of Remembrance" - Proclamation - "National Moment of Remembrance". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to remind everybody about Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, as a "Day" for all to participate in the "National Moment of Remembrance", and designate 3 o'clock p.m., wherever you are, as a time to pause and unite in remembrance, in an effort to make this Nation, One! Mayor Evans further stated throughout the City and County, this represents a joint effort by the Mayor and Council, and the City of Selma, Probate Judge Ballard and Dallas County, Valley Grande Mayor, and its Citizens, along with the Police and Fire Chiefs, and the Sheriff of Dallas County. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Ms. Alsobrook is Chairperson, of this Committee, and hopefully will be at our next Council Meeting with an update.

G. Request from Edmundite Missions to Waive Sewage, Water and Building Permit Fees. Mayor Evans stated that the Bosco Center will be relocating on Broad Street, in the vacant lot next to Church's Chicken, and that we have received a request from the Edmundite Missions to waive sewage, water, and building permit fees, but stated that the sewage and water request must go before the Water Board for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve the request from the Edmundite Missions to waive the Building Permit Fees, in the amount of \$3,000.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. Update on Summer Youth Employment Program. Mayor Evans stated to Council that we did have a good turn-out of young people for our Summer Youth Employment Program, and that over 300 Youth applied. Mayor Evans further stated we have approximately 74 jobs that will be filled, and that we also drew for 15 Youth, to serve as alternates. Mayor Evans thanked all of the Council Members, Donors, and Citizens who made contributions to our Summer Youth Employment Program. Mayor Evans also thanked Selma City Schools, the Selma Housing Authority, Ms. Debra Howard of Selma CareerLink, and other Businesses who made this possible. Mayor Evans further stated that we will still be accepting monies until June 2nd, so there is still time if others would like to donate to this cause. Mayor Evans further stated the Program will last for six (6) weeks, at approximately four (4) hours a day.

I. Update on Audit Report. Mayor Evans stated that we had a great Audit Report on last night, during the Work Session. Mayor Evans further stated the Auditing Team, Wilson Price, gave their report to the Council and Citizens who were present on last night. Mayor Evans stated the Auditing Team gave a report of the condition of our City, and the report was very good, in terms of the fact that we had a "gain" this year. Mayor Evans further stated that we were roughly \$700,000.00 in debt the previous year, and there was approximately \$40,000.00 "to the good" this year. Mayor Evans stated the items that were put in place, in terms of reduction in salaries and hours, as well as, downsizing our Employees, afforded us the opportunity to see a "gain" this year. Mayor Evans further stated if things continue as they are, we should continue to see an improvement in our economy.

J. Update on Red Light Cameras. Mayor Evans stated to Council that there was a meeting with the Gentleman from Montgomery, who brought us a video of the individuals who chose to not stop for red traffic lights, and just went on through them. Mayor Evans further stated the report was given to the Council Members, and at some point the Council Members will make a recommendation, so that we can move forward with this process, as far as Cameras being placed in our City; approximately 10 cameras throughout our City for the purpose of deterring the idea of running traffic lights.

K. Update on Marketing Proposal. Mayor Evans stated Ms. Williams gave the Council a report on a marketing study from the standpoint of our City, the County, E.D.A., and the Chamber of Commerce, as it relates to the possibility of us joining in together, and marketing our City and County, via three (3) T.V. Stations; namely, Channel 20, 12, and 8, for a total cost of \$31,000.00. Mayor Evans further stated this item has been placed into the hands of the Administrative Committee, so that the Committee can come back with a recommendation to the Council.

L. Battalion Chief Appointment, Retiree, and Promotions.

*CAPTAIN DOUGLAS "DOUG" CLAY HORTON -
PROMOTED TO BATTALION CHIEF, REPLACING CAPTAIN ANDY DEARMAN,
WHO HAS NOW RETIRED.*

FIREFIGHTER FRANKLIN EDWARDS, DRIVER/ENGINEER- PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN.

FIREFIGHTER JAMES MURPHY, DRIVER/ENGINEER - PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN.

FIREFIGHTER TERRENCE VENTER - PROMOTED TO DRIVER/ENGINEER.

Mayor Evans, Council Members, Chief Stokes, and the Audience congratulated and applauded them for their accomplishments, and wished them well in their new positions.

A PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED IN APPRECIATION TO CAPTAIN KEVIN BROOKS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, HAVING SERVED THE SELMA FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Mayor Evans, Council Members, and Chief Stokes thanked Captain Brooks for his Twenty-Five (25) Years of dedicated service to the Selma Fire Department, and they, along with the Audience, congratulated and applauded Captain Brooks on his Retirement, and wished him "A Long and Happy Retirement"!

M. Update on Bridge Usage. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of information as it relates to Bridge Usage. Mayor Evans further stated he had met with Reverend Mark Dukes, as it relates to something consistent and fair regarding the use of Bridges. Mayor Evans stated to Mr. Dukes that he would research this matter, and perhaps contact the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for their advice with regard to the same, and Reverend Mark Dukes concurred, and said that would be the best thing to do. Mayor Evans stated he received a letter back from the Alabama Department of Transportation, dated May 6, 2010, and read it in its entirety. Mayor Evans further stated to Council, as a follow-up to this, it is his plan to meet with a select group of Citizens, maybe about 25 or 30 individuals, to serve as a "Review Committee", to try to come back with some ideas as to how to deal with issues such as these, to come up with some rationale and reasoning as to what circumstances we should consider for closing Bridges, for future purposes. Mayor Evans stated we have a ruling from the Alabama Department of Transportation, Mr. D. W. Vaughn, P.E., the Chief Engineer/Deputy Director, and anyone who would like to

follow-up on this, may do so. Mayor Evans further stated this is where we are with this until otherwise, and that he hopes to get together with the Group, to try and talk about how we can address these matters, and keep our City safe and secure, in terms of also allowing individuals the opportunity to have events that are beneficial to our City.

N. Monthly News Reports - Citizens Updates, Selma Times-Journal. Mayor Evans stated to Council that it is his intent monthly to give a report to the Citizens on a monthly basis, in terms of "where we are, where we are 'headed'", and etc. Mayor Evans further stated he has spoken with Ms. Leesha Faulkner and Mr. Dennis Palmer, of the Selma Times-Journal, and he hopes to have a report each month coming from the Mayor, to give information about the City of Selma's projects in terms of how we are doing, and to have more information available to them, for the purpose of having dialogue with the Community.

O. Update on Selma Marina. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets information, as it relates to the City Marina Proposal. Mayor Evans further stated a Couple would like to actually build the Marina, and are willing to put in over a half million dollars (\$500,000.00) in it. Mayor Evans stated that they want a 20-Year Lease Agreement, where they would operate it. Mayor Evans further stated that they will donate the structures to the City of Selma in exchange for a management lease of the proposed amenities, and that everything that is seen in said Proposal is negotiable. Mayor Evans asked President Williamson if he would place this into the hands of the Recreation Committee Chairman, to be reviewed and brought back to the Council, with a recommendation. President Williamson stated that he thinks the Recreation Department has already been reviewing this, and it would be turned over to the Committee to handle. Mayor Evans stated that the City is also working on a proposal for the City Marina, as well, and stated that Walter McKee is working on the plans. Mayor Evans further stated that by the next Council Meeting he hopes to have a Proposal, with a "lay-out" of the plans for the Council, based upon what has been allocated in the Budget for the City Marina.

P. Tree Cutting - Update. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets information received from the Alabama Power Company, which was given to him on today. Mayor Evans stated Ms. Patti Sexton is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and asked that she come forward in the event the Council had questions. Mayor Evans further stated he was given this information on today, which basically states the following:

- Alabama Power Company will be cutting tree braches from power lines throughout the City;
- Some trees must be removed to insure safe line clearance and safety for Selma's Citizens;
- Power Company Line Specialists are working in conjunction with the City of Selma's Urban Forester, to insure best pruning practices and tree removal deemed necessary, are initiated;
- Alabama Power Company will also be applying a tree growth regulator on the freshly cut trees to reduce the need for future pruning, and that this process has already been used in Montgomery, Mobile, and other Alabama Cities; and further, the procedure has been recommended by Mr. Jack Rowe, our Urban Forester, ALA-TOM RC&D;
- The City will not incur any expenses for this process and for tree removal; and also
- Alabama Power Company is removing existing stumps for the City of Selma, as they work throughout the City.

Q. Office of Planning & Development Report - List of Projects. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets an update and list of the Projects, and the status of each, in terms of the Completion Date, for the Office of Planning & Development. Mayor Evans further stated a Meeting is scheduled for next week, to look at the Amphitheater again, and he thinks that they are going to be really proud of the Amphitheater once they get a chance to look at the plans for it. Mayor Evans stated Davis Architects of Birmingham, has been working with us, on a design to bring back for the Council to see, and he hopes to have a copy to bring back to the Council at the next Council Meeting. Mayor Evans further stated in his opinion, it is going to be beautiful. Mayor Evans also stated that the First Floor of the Interpretive Center should be opened by October 1st, and the Façade is going to look beautiful.

R. Charles L. Dinkins - Exposure Legislation. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets something that he just received this evening; namely, a proposal from Mr. Charles L. Dinkins, Nephew of, he believes, Dr. Dinkins. Mayor Evans further stated that Mr. Dinkins has provided us with results of a study that he has done, and also provided us with some suggestions as it relates to young men wearing their "trousers very loose and below their buttocks, causing their buttocks and/or underwear to become visible". Mayor Evans stated that this is something for the Council Members to review, to see if there is something that we can put in an "ordinance form". Mayor Evans further stated that we do have an Indecent Exposure Ordinance in place, but we may want to incorporate this into it. Mayor Evans stated to President Williamson, that he would like for him to turn this over to a Committee for their review and study,

to bring back a report to the Council. President Williamson stated that we will place this on the Agenda to be discussed during a Work Session.

S. Color Copies. Mayor Evans stated that he is placing this matter into the hands of the Council President, as to the ability to make color copies. During discussion, President Williamson stated that they will handle it, and figure out how to pay for the color copies, but asked that they please not use the "color" copies anymore than they have to.

T. Update on Street Closing. Mayor Evans stated to Council that we have an appropriation of about \$300,000.00 towards the Street Closing Project from the State of Alabama, and he wants to thank Senator Sanders for securing this for us. Mayor Evans further stated that right now we are trying to obtain the Specifications from Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Incorporated, and that we are also awaiting to hear from ALDOT, to see whether or not they are going to cut some of the costs by \$200,000.00, for some of the things required by the railroad, that may be eliminated. Mayor Evans stated hopefully by the next Council Meeting we will have the "numbers" in terms of what it is going to cost to move forward with this Project, but it is still a "work in progress", but that we still intend to do what we said we were going to do with this Street Closing Project.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Quorum for Council Meetings. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he wanted to "back track" a little, as to the question that was asked earlier, as it relates to quorum for Council Meetings. Attorney Nunn further stated there are some Attorney General's Opinions that are cited in the Manual, and that it can go either way, but he thinks if the Council does not have a quorum, they may not transact business. Attorney Nunn stated he is going to research this, and have an opinion for the Council at the next Council Meeting.

B. Notice of Public Hearing - Oak Street Closing. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that again this is a Notice of a Public Hearing that was scheduled by the City Council, to have a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 8th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, to consider the adoption of Assent to the Vacation or to Close a Portion of Municipal Street, named Oak Street. Attorney Nunn further stated this particular street is in Councilwoman Keith's Ward, and read the Notice of Public Hearing, as it relates to said Oak Street, in its entirety.

C. City Council Rules and Procedures. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that on last evening a copy of the Council's Rules and Procedures were passed out to them, during the Council's Work Session. President Williamson asked if anyone had any questions about this, and no one did at this time.

D. Resolution #R222-09/10 - Jail Contract. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R222-09/10, the Jail Contract, which was brought before the Council during its last Council Meeting, and turned over to the Committee of Councilman Samuel Randolph, for review and a recommendation. Attorney Nunn stated it is the desire of the County to Refund their Warrants, but they need the permission of the City of Selma because we have a SubLease with Dallas County. Attorney Nunn further stated the Committee met and a recommendation was brought back by the Committee. Attorney Nunn stated we also spoke with Probate Judge Ballard, and asked Chief Riley to come forward with an explanation for the Council, as it relates to that meeting. Chief Riley addressed the Council and stated that the language as it relates to the medical costs will be revised, and taken out of the new Contract, which was our biggest concern, and that they are going to expand at least seventy-five (75) beds in the new Facility. Chief Riley further stated we will work with them if we should need any additional space, just as we are working with them now. Chief Riley stated it is his recommendation that we move forward with the new Jail Contract. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the new Jail Contract. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

E. Alcoholic Beverage License - Walgreen Company d/b/a - Walgreens Store 10524 - 1111 Highland Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Retail Beer and Table Wine License for Off Premises Only, to be located at 1111 Highland Avenue; namely, Walgreens Store 10524. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting, and is up tonight for the Council's consideration of the same. Attorney Nunn further stated the Manager and Community Leader, from the Walgreens Store, are present tonight if the Council has any questions of them. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Walgreens Store 10524. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were four affirmative votes and one abstention. President Williamson abstained from voting.** Mr. Christopher Rudolph, Store Manager, of Walgreens, addressed the Council and thanked them for their approval.

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F. Alcoholic Beverage License - Kavita A. Patel- Shivam, LLC (Harolds Grocery - 1601 Old Montgomery Highway). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Retail Beer and Table Wine for Off Premises Only, which is located at 1601 Old Montgomery Highway, within the Police Jurisdiction; namely, Shivam, LLC. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting, and is up tonight for the Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Shivam, LLC. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present.

G. Alcoholic Beverage License - Ali Aljahmi d/b/a A J S One Stop - 209 Medical Center Parkway. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Retail Beer for Off Premises Only, which is located at 209 Medical Center Parkway; namely, A J S One Stop. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of A J S One Stop, on 1st Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. Weed Abatement Procedure. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Weed Abatement Procedure was forwarded to the Council, via U.S. Mail, and discussed during the Work Session on last night. Attorney Nunn stated this is for informational purposes.

I. Resolution #R219-09/10 - Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R219-09/10, Resolution Declaring Public and Immediate Abatement. Attorney Nunn further stated the action tonight would be Step Two of the Weed Abatement Procedures, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R219-09/10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

J. Resolution #R220-09/10 - Resolution to Place Lien on Property for Abating Weeds. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R220-09/10, Resolution to Place Lien on Property for Abating Weeds. Attorney Nunn further stated we have gone through the process; we have cut the grass on said property listed in said Resolution #R220-09/10, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R220-09/10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

K. Resolution #R221-09/10 - Resolution Establishing a Procedure to Un-Install Speed Breakers on a City Street or Alley. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R221-09/10, Resolution Establishing a Procedure to Un-Install Speed Breakers on a City Street or Alley, which was requested by the Council during its last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn further stated this is a "draft" to be reviewed by the Council, and unless there is an urgency to adopt it tonight, it can be brought back up for adoption at the next Council Meeting. President Williamson stated it will be reviewed and discussed during the next Council Meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated the Noise Ordinance has been discussed, as well as, the enforcement of it, and that we have had more citations issued during this last month.

II. LITTER

This item is continued.

III. INFRASTRUCTURE

This item is continued.

IV. WARD 4 QUARTERLY MEETING

Councilwoman Benjamin reminded everyone of the Ward 4 Quarterly Meeting, and stated that it is scheduled for May 20th, at 6:00 p.m., and that the location will be announced at a later date.

V. WARD 4 COMMUNITY GARDEN

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Ward 4 Community Garden is planted, in the same spot as last year, and that we are in our 2nd year of it.

VI. 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - FIRST PRE-CONFERENCE

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that our 2nd Annual Youth Conference this year is scheduled for Thursday, July 29th through Saturday, July 31st. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that we have worked with the 4-H Center to add a Pre-Conference, for leadership training and for the young people to get to know each other, which will be held at the 4-H Center, on Wednesday, July 28th, and is optional. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Mayor Evans, Councilwoman Crenshaw and Councilman Bowie, that she would love to see the Mayor's Council there, along with the Future Leader, and the Youth Ambassadors, and all of the young people there, and that we are aiming for 100 Participants.

VII. WARD 4 STREETS, CURBS AND GUTTERS REPORT

This item is continued.

VIII. NATIONAL MATH BEE - CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they did go to Indianapolis, Indiana, but the Math Bee was cancelled regrettably. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the Server went down, then it came back up, but it went back down, and never came back up. Councilwoman Benjamin stated "kudos" to Clark Elementary School for making it to the "National Level" in a Math Bee! Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they had competed on the Local level, State level, and they went all the way to Indianapolis, at the National level, and had a wonderful time, but just did not get the opportunity to compete. President Williamson and the Council congratulated Clark Elementary School!

IX. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Newton stated she wanted to bring the issue of a "Quality of Life Committee" concept to the Council's attention. Councilwoman Newton further stated after observing this in the City of Montgomery, and moving about in her own Ward, she has seen that there are different issues that people face in living in Selma, that affect their "quality of life", and they are not all the same. Councilwoman Newton further stated before she did not have a problem with "litter", and it seems now that people are "littering" in her yard all of the time, and it is "little" things such as "litter" that can affect the "quality of life" of a person, and she, as a Physician and a Council Member, is really sensitive to that, and she would like to see a Committee such as this formed, to serve as maybe a "task force" to see what input can be gotten from Citizens. Councilwoman Newton stated she would like permission from the Council President to move forward with establishing a temporary Committee/Task Force where a couple of Citizens from the Council Member's Ward, can serve on this Committee, and maybe a couple of Council Members can sit and listen to their concerns, and help the Community "shape" what we, as a Council, are trying to do. President Williamson asked Councilwoman Newton to give the Council the structure that she has in mind for said "Quality of Life Committee", and they will act on it at the next Council Meeting, and Councilwoman Newton stated she would.

X. SPEED BREAKERS ON L. L. ANDERSON AVENUE

Councilman Tucker stated to the Council that they are still working on this matter, and will bring back a report during the next Council Meeting.

XI. BROWN Y.M.C.A. WORK DAY

Councilwoman Newton stated that she is real excited about this, that they made a commitment, at least she feels like they did, as a Council, to help the Brown Y.M.C.A., with a "Work Day". Councilwoman Newton further stated that the Brown Y.M.C.A. has been an integral part of the Community, but has been neglected, and we need to do our part to help make it a great place for our young people. Councilwoman Newton stated we have chosen the date of Saturday Morning, May 22nd, not just as a Council's "Work Day", but as a "Community Work Day". Councilwoman Newton further stated she would be passing around a Sign-In Sheet for Council Members who plan to participate, along with anyone in their Wards who would like to help, and can sign up. Councilwoman Newton further stated that, from her discussion with Ms.

McKinney, Y.M.C.A. Director, she is also passing around a Project List, which lists what Ms. McKinney needs from us. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she, too, feels that the Brown Y.M.C.A. has been neglected, and she is still trying to understand how the money is disbursed between the two (2) Y.M.C.A.'s, and when people give money, where does it go, if they want to give it specifically to the Brown Y.M.C.A. During discussion of this Project, Ms. Yasmine McKinney, Director of the Y.M.C.A., was asked, with the Council's consent, to come forward to address the Council, to give an explanation as to how the monies are being disbursed for the Y.M.C.A., which includes both the Brown Y.M.C.A., as well as, the Walker-Johnson Y.M.C.A., and also what the needs are for the "Community Work Day" Project, to be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Councilwoman Newton stated she appreciates everyone's help and commitment.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

Councilman Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

No Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Bennie Crenshaw, Chairperson

Councilwoman Crenshaw made a report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairperson

Councilwoman Keith was absent from the Council Meeting during this discussion.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Williamson stated that the Discretionary form is still being circulated around to the Council Members.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairperson

Councilman Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

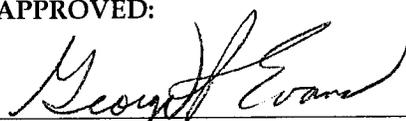
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, Council President

ATTEST:


IVYS. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, Mayor