

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 14, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend David Nichols, Pastor
Crosspoint Christian Church Recovery

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen and Council members Cecil Williamson, Susan Keith, Monica Newton, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie R. Crenshaw, and Corey Bowie. 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 Brenda Smothers. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:07 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting due to military leave.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Allen asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the agenda items as written. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Allen asked for the approval of the minutes of June 23, 2009 regular meeting minutes. President Allen asked that the record reflect that she thanks City Clerk, Ivy Harrison, for having the minutes to the Council Members on time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the minutes of June 23, 2009. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.**

CITIZEN'S REQUEST

Ms. Gail Coulson
Re: Riverview Neighborhood Concerns

Ms. Kimesha Alvarado and Pastor Gary Crum
Re: Circle of Love Youth Buy-Back Program - "Drug Awareness Day", featuring Mr. Curtis "Blow" in a Free Concert - Sunday, July 19, 2009

Mr. James Parker
Re: Placement of Speed Breakers on Eugene Avenue

Mrs. Cicely Curtis and Ms. Akilah Posey
Re: Think Tank/Community Builders - "Educational Excellence" Day - Monday, July 20, 2009, 12 o'clock noon - 4:00 p.m.
During the presentation, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to waive the fee for the use of the Performing Arts Center, for the "Educational Excellence" Event in the amount of \$200.00. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Summer Youth Program.** Mayor Evans stated the Summer Youth Program went very well, and that the Youth did an outstanding job. Mayor Evans further stated the closing ceremony was held this past Friday at the Performing Arts Center, and it went very well, also. Mayor Evans stated it was a very good experience for them, and that each of the Youth gave a report as to how they enjoyed working with us. Mayor Evans stated in his opinion we had some good young people who did a very good job with all of the Department Heads, and he feels that everything went well.

B. **Monthly Financial Report - June, 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of June. Mayor Evans further stated as can be seen, the Monthly Financial Report reveals the variances listed are \$87,819.42 less this year compared to last year this time, as it relates to tax revenues for the City.

C. **Over-Time Report - June, 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Over-Time Report. Mayor Evans further stated we have been monitoring overtime this year because of the fact that we had almost a million dollars in overtime spent last fiscal year. Mayor Evans stated this report shows the percentage of funds currently available for overtime for each department, and he will continue to provide them with an update until the fiscal year ends, for their review.

D. **Bank Account Balances - Report.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a copy of the Bank Account Balances, for their review.

E. **Restitution Payments - Update.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a copy of the Restitution Payment Account of monies paid back to the City by those individuals who were Court-ordered to pay on a monthly basis. Mayor Evans further stated the City has collected \$218, 292.39, to date.

F. **Final Budget - FY 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a copy of the FY 2009 Final Budget. Mayor Evans further stated the final Budget gives them the percentages, as well as, explanations of each item listed. Mayor Evans stated beginning sometime next month, we will need to start looking at our Budget for the next fiscal year.

G. **Proposals for GASB 45 (Government Accounting Standards Board) Actuarial Services.** Mayor Evans stated he and President Allen had met as it relates to the GASB Program, and only one person has replied to the request that they sent out, based upon the report that they received from the Audit. Mayor Evans stated that they are still waiting on quotes from others, as to what the cost would be for this report to be done, and that we have to have this report done, according to State Law. Mayor Evans further stated he will make a recommendation to the Council at the next Council meeting, as it relates to this report.

H. **Police Department Reports - June, 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Police Department Report, which gives all of the incident report totals by percentages for each Ward, along with a copy of the Loud Noise Statistics. Mayor Evans stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the month of June, 2009. Mayor Evans further stated as seen by Wards, the percentage of incidents that have been reported, the total for the month are 1,164 in the various Wards. Mayor Evans stated the Loud Noise Statistics reflects, in the Loud Noise Incident report, that Ward 8 has had the greatest percentage, and outside of the Wards was 36%.

I. **Settlement for 1996 Cadillac - Missing Vehicle.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he had mentioned to the Council before that there was a vehicle that was missing, but the individuals who had initially come and reported that the car was lost had not come back to follow-up, but they finally came back, and the individual's name is Ms. Veronica Barron. Mayor Evans further stated Chief Riley has been following through on this, and is submitting to Council a settlement offer in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the pay-off of the car that was missing. Mayor Evans stated it can not be determined whether or not the City gave the vehicle back to this individual or whether it was crushed and disposed of. Mayor Evans further stated Ms. Veronica Barron is willing to accept a settlement offer in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the car that was missing and picked up by the City's Traffic Department, and never was officially, in writing, given back to her. Mayor Evans stated he is asking Council's favorable consideration of approval of said settlement offer of \$1,200.00 to be paid via transfer of funds out of budget line item Extra Jail Day's Account (1.6100 125-0), to the Miscellaneous Expense Account (1.6100-129-0) budget line item. During discussion, Chief Riley was asked to come forward to address the Council, and answer questions for discussion. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to accept the recommendation brought by Mayor Evans for a settlement offer to Ms. Veronica Barron, the Registered Owner, in the amount of \$1,200.00 for a 1996 Cadillac that is missing from the Police Department. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote.

J. Addison Way Apartments - Resolution #R152-06/07 Committing Up To \$120,000.00 from the Gasoline Tax Account for Improving, Repairing and Resurfacing Streets. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a copy of the minutes of February 26, 2007, and referred the Council to Item "E." of those minutes, re. Addison Way Apartments' Project. During discussion, President Allen stated there is not any action needed from the Council at this time, as this was already approved during the past administration, and that the minutes of February 26, 2007 reflects said action.

K. Municipal Code Corporation Fees. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have information within their packets as it relates to fees for the Municipal Code Books. Mayor Evans further stated this is an item that was requested by Councilwoman Keith, and asked President Allen to allow Councilwoman Keith to speak on behalf of this item. Councilwoman Keith stated to Council that she would like to defer this to Attorney Nunn, in an effort for him to provide an explanation to the Council as it relates to the fees for the Municipal Code. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council and referred them to review the quotes forwarded to him from the Municipal Code Corporation on "Professional Services", Page 3, Item I, Conversion of the Code. Attorney Nunn stated the Conversion of the Code to post online is \$600.00 for the initial cost, and to maintain the Code on the internet every year after that would be a hosting fee of \$400.00. Attorney Nunn stated Item II, Page 3, quotes a cost of \$5,700.00 for the Re-Publication of the Code, at fifteen (15) copies, and that that is the cost for the hard copies (Code books). Attorney Nunn further stated there is a monthly service charge also, in the amount of \$295.00, for the supplements. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to investigate whether or not there are funds in the Budget to purchase the Municipal Code, Conversion of the Code and posting on-line, in the amount of \$600.00 initially, and \$400.00 annually thereafter, for maintenance of the Code electronically. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

L. Clarification of Funds Set Aside for Landfill Vehicle - #R198-07/08 Authorizing Emergency Vehicle Repairs in the Amount of \$27,000.00. Mayor Evans asked that this item be "Tabled" until the next Council meeting, in an effort to gather more information.

M. Resolution #R218-08/09 - Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Issue Bond Pursuant to Voter Approval. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they each should have a copy of Resolution #R218-08/09, that addresses the Bond Potential which has to be approved by the Council. Mayor Evans further stated that the amount not to exceed Fifteen Million is stated in the Resolution, but it probably will not be that amount, but an amount had to be stated for approval. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of Resolution #R218-08/09 for the Bond. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council and explained that the main intent of this Resolution is under "Section 2" of the Resolution, which is the intent to get back reimbursement to relate back sixty (60) days, to pick up any type of expenditures we may have related to capital equipment improvements wherein we have spent money out. Attorney Nunn further stated that State Law states that if you are going to do this, then you must state that you are intending to do it, and you would have to have some type of intent to have in a resolution, and an amount must go in there, not to exceed; for example, "the intent is not to exceed fifteen million". During discussion, Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution #R218-08/09, but in the amount of Eight Million Dollars. Councilwoman Benjamin amended the motion to offer the amount of Twelve Million Dollars. Councilman Williamson made a change in his motion, which was seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Resolution #R218-08/09 in the amount of Ten Million Dollars, plus the issuance of any fees as it relates to this. Following more discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to table Resolution #R218-08/09, until the next Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to table failed, for lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were three affirmative votes and five nay votes. President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Bowie each cast a nay vote. Thereafter, a roll call vote was taken on the original motion to approve Resolution #R218-08/09 in the amount of Ten Million Dollars, plus the issuance of any fees thereto related, and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.

N. Bond Referendum - Project List - Descriptions. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would just like to bring to the Council's attention again, that he had given to each Council Member present at the last Council Meeting, a copy of the proposed bond projects. Mayor Evans further stated that this is a revised copy, and that he is sure that there will be many revised copies. Mayor Evans stated that these are items that have come from Department Heads based upon their needs, and what he has seen as well. Mayor Evans further stated he realizes that some of the items will be removed from the list based upon priority, but that he would like to get input from the Council. Mayor Evans stated this is a "work in progress". President Allen asked Council Members to forward to her either by e-mail or letter formation, their changes and/or revisions by July 22nd, and she will prepare a spreadsheet related to the Bond Projects prior to the next Council Meeting, for their review.

O. Bond Referendum - Schedule for Town Hall Meetings. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has put together a schedule which gives them an opportunity to meet the Citizens of Selma to get their

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feedback and input. Mayor Evans further stated these dates will be advertised and posted in public places, placed on the Website, and into the newspaper. Mayor Evans stated these Town Hall Meetings will begin on next week, starting on Tuesday, July 21st, at Selma High School, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of getting feedback from the Citizens. Mayor Evans further stated tentatively, the succeeding dates for the meetings will be July 23rd, July 30th, August 3rd, August 6th, August 11th, August 13th, August 18th and August 20th, at various schools, all beginning at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and if there are any schedule amendment changes, he will forward that information to them.

P. Bond Referendum - Schedule for Investment Banker Presentations. Mayor Evans stated to Council that there are five (5) Banking Firms that he is asking the Council to meet with on Monday, July 21, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Evans further stated each Council Member should have received a copy of each Banker's Portfolio, about a week ago. Mayor Evans stated each Banker is scheduled to come before the Council for thirty minutes, to do their presentation, and then to follow-up with any questions that the Council may have. President Allen asked Council Members if at all possible to be present for the Investment Banker presentations, and also asked Council to review the Portfolios received in order to be able to ask questions of the Bankers.

Q. Resolution #R213-08/09 - Resolution Declaring a Cost of Service for Weed Abatement. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R213-08/09, Resolution Declaring a Cost of Service for Weed Abatement, at a rate of Two Cents (\$0.02) per square foot for the abatement of any overgrown grass and/or weeds on lots within the City of Selma. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve said Resolution #R213-08/09 for the Cost of Service for Abatement of Weeds at a fee of Two Cents (\$0.02) per square foot of the lot. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

R. Resolution #R214-08/09 - Resolution Authorizing Placement of the WSFA Live Skycam Weather Camera. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R214-08/09 represents Authorizing Placement of the WSFA Live Skycam, which includes live Skycams being placed in strategic locations throughout the WSFA viewing area within the City of Selma. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Resolution #R214-08/09, with the understanding that Attorney Nunn will research and update the Council as it relates to the liability on the part of the City, with regard to placement of a WSFA Live Skycam Weather Camera within the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is yes, pending Attorney Nunn's research into the liability on the part of the City. President Allen asked that the record reflect that Attorney Nunn will report back to the Council as it relates to the liability issue in Resolution #R214-08/09.

S. Resolution #R215-08/09 - Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Tyus Trucking Company - Contract for Riverfront Project Preparation. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R215-08/09 deals with amending the Contract between the City of Selma and Tyus Trucking Company, for the purpose of removing additional trees, inactive power poles and stabilizing river banks after the trees are removed in the amount of \$7,300.00, to be encumbered via the Revolving Loan Fund Account (#4.6000 401-9). Mayor Evans asked Council's favorable consideration of said Resolution #R215-08/09. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve said Resolution #R215-08/09, in the amount of \$7,300.00, via the Revolving Loan Fund Account. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Williamson and Councilwoman Keith each cast a nay vote.

T. Resolution #R216-08/09 - Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Gresham Smith and Partners Contract for Architectural Services. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R216-08/09 deals with a second amendment to the Contract between the City of Selma and Gresham Smith and Partners, for the purpose of covering the cost of preparing the Project Manual(s) and the administration of the Bidding Process for the before-mentioned amendment as it relates to the Multi-Purpose Sidewalk, Amphitheater and Boardwalk, in the amount of \$9,060.00, via the Community Reinvestment Money Market Account. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to table said Resolution #R216-08/09 until the next Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to table passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and three nay votes. Councilwoman Newton, Councilman Tucker, and Councilwoman Crenshaw each cast a nay vote. Mayor Evans stated that if the Council is going to table this item, he wanted to state that it is going to delay the project by another month, but that he understands that this is a Council decision to make. President Allen asked the Council if they heard and understood that this is going to delay the Project by another month? During discussion, Councilwoman Keith stated she is now satisfied with the explanation provided to her questions, and thereby made a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to reconsider the action taken by the Council to table Resolution #R216-08/09, and vote on said Resolution #R216-08/09. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Williamson and Councilman Bowie each cast a nay vote.

U. Resolution #R217-08/09 - Resolution Authorizing FY 2009 Fire Station Construction Grant Application. Mayor Evans asked that this item be "Tabled" until the next Council meeting, in an effort to gather more information. Mayor Evans also asked that the Council review, and await additional information as it pertains to said Resolution #R217-08/09.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Justice Department - Special Election - October 27th, - Update. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we have not heard back from the Justice Department as it relates to our Special Election date of October 27. Attorney Nunn further stated if Council recalls, we made submission to the Justice Department on June 10th, and the Justice Department has sixty (60) days to respond to the Municipality as it relates to any objection to the proposed submission. Attorney Nunn stated he did speak to someone at the Justice Department on last Friday, and was told that the submission had been passed on to the Chief of the Voter's Right's Division to get his signature. Attorney Nunn further stated we are still pushing for the date of October 27, 2009, and should hear something within the next week. Attorney Nunn stated as soon as he hears back from the Justice Department, he will proceed and give the Council notification of the same. Attorney Nunn further stated at the next Council meeting he will be presenting several resolutions and ordinances; namely, the City Clerk performing the duties of the Special Election; setting a qualifying fee, and voting on the qualification fees for the candidates who will be running for the School Board. Attorney Nunn stated he will be preparing a draft of the notice of the Special Election which has to be published in the newspaper at least sixty (60) days before the Special Election, of which said Ordinance will have to be placed on 1st Reading prior to publishing in the newspaper. Attorney Nunn further stated to the Council and to the public that the Special Election is still set for October 27th, and we need to proceed accordingly. President Allen stated to Attorney Nunn that she would like for him to prepare the Ordinance to give notice of the Special Election for the next Council meeting, in an effort to place it on 1st Reading at that time. President Allen also asked Attorney Nunn to survey other Municipalities as it relates to the Qualifying Fees for the School Board.

B. Resolution #R210-08/09 - Resolution Abandoning a Portion of the Sewer Easement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R210-08/09 represents Abandoning a Portion of the Sewer Easement as it relates to property on Second Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated this item is being "Tabled" until the Council has had a chance to review.

C. Ordinance #O115-08/09 - Ordinance Conveying Property to Teresa Lambert - 207 Lindberg Street, Selma, Alabama. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council recalls, he and Mayor Evans presented this to Council during the last Council Meeting, as it relates to property at 207 Lindberg Street, wherein Mrs. Teresa Lambert wants to purchase the lot. Attorney Nunn further stated Ordinance #O115-08/09 represents the cost to purchase the property at \$1,800.00, and stated Ordinance #O115-08/09 was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve placing said Ordinance #O115-08/09. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

D. Ordinance #O117-08/09 - Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of All Terrain Vehicles Within the City of Selma, Alabama. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Ordinance #O117-08/09, Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of All Terrain Vehicles within the City of Selma, per the request of Councilman Bowie. Attorney Nunn further stated we have had several complaints within the City of Selma as it relates to All Terrain Vehicles, which create a nuisance within our City. Attorney Nunn stated he is of the opinion that said Ordinance #O117-08/09 needs to be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee, but it is up for Council's consideration this evening. During discussion, President Allen stated she is going to pass Ordinance #O117-08/09 on to Public Safety, and asked Councilman Bowie to report and update the Council at the next Council Meeting, as it relates to said Ordinance #O117-08/09, along with the Skateboard Ordinance, and the Graffiti Ordinance.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Councilman Williamson stated to President Allen, as they had already talked about, the Industrial Development Board pointed out that all of the members of the Industrial Board have to be residents of the City, according to the Code. Councilman Williamson further stated he felt that was a good idea for all of the Boards that the City appoints that they should be residents of the City of Selma. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to require that all individuals appointed to boards, agencies, committees, authorities and commissions by the City Council and/or Mayor, as representatives of the City of Selma, or as Members of City-authorized boards, agencies, committees, authorities and commissions be residents of the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated to Council that there

may be areas that this would be suggested, but he is curious as to why; for example, in the case of the Airport Authority, which is actually a part of Selma-Dallas County and housed at Craig Air Force Base, why would they want to limit themselves to just Board Members of the City of Selma, when the Airport Authority covers all of the City of Selma, as well as, the County of Dallas? Councilman Williamson stated the way that the Airport Authority is set up, two (2) of the members are appointed by the County Commission, and two (2) are appointed by the City of Selma, and one (1) is appointed jointly. During discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion failed, for lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were three affirmative votes and five nay votes. President Allen, Councilwoman Benjamin, Councilman Tucker, Councilwoman Crenshaw, and Councilman Bowie each cast a nay vote.

II. FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - AUGUST 6 - 8, 2009

Councilwoman Benjamin reminded the Council that the Youth Conference is scheduled to be held August 6 -8, 2009. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the projected budget is \$5,800.00, and asked that the Council give generously, along with the Mayor, as much as they can, to this Youth Conference. President Allen stated she has received a Discretionary Form from the Council as it relates to this, and so far they have collected so far, \$595.00, which includes herself, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilman Bowie. Mayor Evans stated he will give a donation, as well.

III. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Williamson asked President Allen which of the current Board Members will remain on the Board as of now? Mayor Evans stated he will provide the Council with a list of those Members who will remain. President Allen stated she has received a list of proposed candidates from Council Members via e-mail for the four (4) Industrial Development Board vacancies, and those names are Elizabeth Rutledge, Reid Cain, Al Perry, and Frank Chestnut, Jr. President Allen asked Council if there are any others they would like to add to the list she has received so far? Councilwoman Benjamin stated she would like to add Lawrence Wofford to the list. Councilman Bowie stated he would like to add Ronald Peoples. Councilman Williamson stated he would like to add Andy Stewart. Councilwoman Keith stated she would like to add Allen Reeves. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would like to add Tammy Maul. Councilman Williamson stated he would like to be remind the Council as their letter stated, that the candidates have to be residents of the City of Selma, registered voters in the City, and own property in the City; President Allen concurred. Mayor Evans stated the names of the individual Board Members who will remain on the Board are Ed McCurdy, Catesby Jones, and Scott Patterson. President Allen stated the nominees are as follow: Elizabeth Rutledge, Reid Cain, Al Perry, Frank Chestnut, Jr., Lawrence Wofford, Ronald Peoples, Andy Stewart, and Tammy Maul. President Allen asked the Council to proceed to take a vote on the nominees of their choice, by calling out the names of four (4) nominees for the City Clerk to record: **President Allen - Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, Frank Chestnut, Jr., and Lawrence Wofford; Councilman Williamson - Reid Cain, Al Perry, Frank Chestnut, Jr., and Andy Stewart; Councilwoman Keith - Reid Cain, Al Perry, Andy Stewart, and Allen Reeves; Councilwoman Newton - Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, Frank Chestnut, Jr., and Allen Reeves; Councilwoman Benjamin - Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, Frank Chestnut, Jr., and Lawrence Wofford; Councilman Tucker - Reid Cain, Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, and Frank Chestnut, Jr.; Councilwoman Crenshaw - Frank Chestnut, Jr., Lawrence Wofford, Ronald Peoples, and Tammy Maul; and Councilman Bowie - Reid Cain, Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, and Ronald Peoples.** President Allen stated that each candidate had to have a total of 5 votes; those who had a total of 5 or more votes are: **Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, and Frank Chestnut, Jr.** President Allen stated the two who have to be voted upon again are: **Reid Cain, who had a total of 4, and Lawrence Wofford, who had a total of 3.** President Allen asked the Council to proceed to take a vote again on the remaining nominee of their choice, by calling out the nominee's name for the City Clerk to record: **President Allen - Reid Cain; Councilman Williamson - Reid Cain; Councilwoman Keith - Reid Cain; Councilwoman Newton - Reid Cain; Councilwoman Benjamin - Lawrence Wofford; Councilman Tucker - Reid Cain; Councilwoman Crenshaw - Lawrence Wofford; and Councilman Bowie - Reid Cain.** President Allen stated our Elected Board Members for the Industrial Development Board are: **Elizabeth Rutledge, Al Perry, Frank Chestnut, Jr., and Reid Cain.**

IV. CLUB LICENSES

Councilman Williamson stated the Public Safety Committee will be reporting on this item, but he would like to suggest that the Council look at all of the licenses of every club in the City before renewal this year, and he thinks that this is done in September. President Allen asked Attorney Nunn to provide the Council with a listing of when the renewals are for license for the clubs within the City of Selma, and that Public Safety be prepared to give a report on this at the next Council meeting. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, for the record, "I think what's happening with club licenses is that we as Council people must do our due diligence to make sure that we talk with the people in the area and talk with the club owners because I got a call on some club licenses that we'd voted down but we came back as a Council and approved the license. Personally, with me with licenses I always let people know in the beginning, for a neighborhood, I don't do that; but, the thing is we did not notify the people and it's making it hard for the people that's trying

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to run the business, and the people that's saying now that they didn't know the license had been voted on again." President Allen stated, "I don't see how they didn't know because in our last meeting this came up and also was brought back by the Councilman of that area". Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, "I really want to state that, it is a problem for the people who are now getting the news of it, and then causing problems for the people who are trying to open the business - all I'm saying is, if we just do our due diligence; what I do is go door-to-door to the people so they'll know it's coming up again, and not depend so much on a sign because some people don't ever look at a sign. It was asked of me and I stated I'm more than sure that the Council person went back to notify you that the license was going to be brought back up for a vote again, and the lady said 'no', so I didn't know what she was talking about until I read the minutes. Then, I made some calls in the neighborhood to ask the people had they been told that the license was going to come back and they said they did not even know that the license was coming back up for a vote. So, I want this to be said because somebody brought me, from the Neighborhood Association, a list of names of people who said that they had no information that the license was going to be approved." President Allen asked Councilwoman Crenshaw if that was in her Ward, or in another Ward? Councilwoman Crenshaw responded that it was in another Ward, but it's not about another Ward, but about the vote. President Allen stated, "I am hopeful that as Council people that we would do our due diligence in the Ward also that our constituents will come to us, because it was a very long discussion in our last Council meeting about this and it was brought up by the Council person; I think the influence of that came through because of the Council person and their discussion of what they felt they wanted for that Ward." Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, "Yes, and what I am doing now is bringing back what was said to me as you do when someone says something to you, and that is exactly what I did, along with the names of the list of people that were given to me." President Allen thanked Councilwoman Crenshaw, and asked that she forward the list of names on to the Council, and Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would.

V. GAS PRICES IN SELMA

President Allen stated she was called by several constituents who asked if we as a Council are aware that the gas prices in Selma are higher than those in and around our area, and higher than towns as small as ours. President Allen further stated she was given a website to research as it relates to this, and asked that she also forward it on to other Council Members for their research and review; "fuelmeup.com". President Allen stated when she reviewed that Website, she did find that Selma is very high in comparison to many places. President Allen further stated her question is to ask those who have gas stations here in Selma, to please tell them as a City Council, why our gas prices are so much higher than those areas around us. President Allen stated to Council that she would like to request of them to at least allow her to forward a letter out to these individuals who have gas stations, and maybe they can give them an answer as to why our gas prices are so much higher than all of these small towns around us, with such bad economic times. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to allow President Allen to forward a letter to request from those who have gas stations and the distributors, as to why our gas prices are so much higher in comparison to surrounding cities and towns, and ours. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

VI. UPDATE ON OLD AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting With Club Business Owners of Ward 8:

President Allen stated she wanted to commend Councilman Bowie for an excellent job done on this week with the Business Owners of Clubs in Ward 8, and for the turn-out in Councilman Bowie's Ward. Councilman Bowie spoke and made a report of that meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

Councilman Randolph stated, via a call to President Allen, that he did not have a report at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman

Councilwoman Newton made a report, and stated for the record, that they were charged with looking at the Personnel Manual, and she believes the deadline for having that together is the end of July, and she is cognizant of the fact that they want to do that, but she has given repeated requests to have the Manual done in an electronic version that they can edit, but she still has not received that. President Allen asked Councilwoman Newton if she would work with Ms. Jones next week to see what can occur in an electronic version.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

Councilman Bowie made a report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairperson

No report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

There is no verbal response to the Council President.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

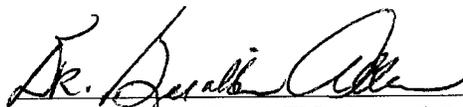
DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Geraldine Allen, Chairperson

President Allen reported for a total of \$1,470.00; Mr. Michael Goins and Ms. Christy Thomas - BOMBS Traveling Baseball Team - \$175.00; from Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, and Councilman Bowie. Mayor Evans stated he has also given a contribution towards this effort. Mrs. Nancy Sewell - R.I.F. - \$250.00; from President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, and Councilman Bowie. Safe Haven Center CDO - Mr. Michael Bowman, Rev. Gary Crum and Ms. Alvarado - \$450.00; from President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilman Bowie. Annual Youth Conference - Councilwoman Benjamin - \$595.00; from President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilman Bowie.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, *Council President*

ATTEST:


IVYS S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*