

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 12, 2011
12:00 NOON**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Darryl Moore, Pastor
Second Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members: Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, and Councilman Corey Bowie and. 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. Councilman Samuel Randolph and Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw were absent from the Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the agenda items, with the addition to add the following: (1) Waiver of Fee at the Performing Arts Center, for the Selma High School Band Parents; and (2) Variance for the Chamber of Commerce. **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 June 28, 2011 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

President Williamson stated at this particular time, we would be in the "hands" of our City Attorney to Canvass Ballots of our Special Election, and to Certify the Results of the Special Election, which was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

I. CANVASS BALLOTS

Canvassing of the Special Election was facilitated by City Attorney Jimmy Nunn and City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison. During canvassing, Mrs. Harrison stated that a total of Two (2) Provisional Ballots were submitted to the Board of Registrar's Office from the Special Election held on Tuesday, July 5th. Mrs. Harrison further stated the Two (2) Provisional Ballots were *Rejected* by the Board of Registrar's Office, due to insufficient documentation, and will not be counted on today.

II. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION - RESOLUTION #R224-10/11

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that during the Special Run-Off Election on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, Candidate Greg Bjelke received a total of 268 Votes at the Christian Outreach Alliance Facility; 91 Votes at the Dallas County Courthouse, and 169 Absentee Ballot Votes, with a total of 528 Votes Received; and

Candidate Gwen Brown received a total of 109 Votes at the Christian Outreach Alliance Facility; 78 Votes at the Dallas County Courthouse, and 63 Absentee Ballot Votes, with a total of 250 Votes Received, making a Total of 778 Votes cast, for that Election. Attorney Nunn further stated, per State Law, on today, we must convene at Twelve o'clock to Canvass the Election. Attorney Nunn stated with the Two (2) Provisional Ballots being Rejected, and not counted, the total of Votes cast in the Special Run-Off Election on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, will remain the same; Candidate Greg Bjelke at 528 Votes, and Candidate Gwen Brown at 250 Votes. Attorney Nunn further stated that they should have before them Resolution #R224-10/11, A Resolution Canvassing and Declaring the Results of the Special Municipal Run-Off Election Held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, Regarding the Election of a Council Member for Ward 3. Attorney Nunn stated that said Resolution #R224-10/11 Declares that Candidate Greg Bjelke received the majority of the Votes cast for the Office of Council Member, Ward 3, and also Declares him as duly elected to that office for the remaining term of said office that began on the first Monday in November 2008, and shall expire Four (4) years thereafter. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of Resolution #R222-10/11, Resolution Canvassing and Declaring the Results of the Special Municipal Run-Off Election Held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, Regarding the Election of Ward 3 Council Member. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve said Resolution #R224-10/11, Resolution to Certify the Results of the July 5th Special Municipal Run-Off Election, Council Member for Ward 3. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members Present.** President Williamson stated he would like to Congratulate Mr. Bjelke, and announce that he will be sworn in on tomorrow, July 13th at Noon, here in the Council Chamber, and the Public is invited. President Williamson further stated that the Mayor and Council are invited to come and make remarks.

III. ELECTION - UPDATE

Attorney Nunn stated he would like to also announce to the Public, as it relates to the Election, that an individual has 48 hours to request a Re-Count of the Election, and Five (5) days to Contest the Election.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR EVANS STATED THAT HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MR. BJELKE, AND THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM!

A. Monthly Financial Report - June, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their information a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of June, 2011, which reflects that sales taxes are less by \$794.73 in the first nine months of this year, compared to last year. Ms. Smothers further stated if they have questions, they can direct them to Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, our Finance Director. President Williamson stated that the Lodging Tax is up by \$3,011.38 for the Month of June, 2011, and that is encouraging. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that they should also have within their packets of information; namely: Bank Account Information; Restitution Payments, Overtime Reports, Financial Management Reports which include an Aging Report, Check Register, Budget-to-Actual Reports, Listing of the Line Items of the Budget, and a copy of all of the Bond Projects' Spreadsheet. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should also have a Final Budget of General Government that is also there, and, further, that this information is being provided to them for their review, and for any questions that they may have, as well. President Williamson thanked Mayor Evans for making all of this information available to them for their review.

B. Police Department Report - June, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Police Report, which reflects the incidents by Wards. Mayor Evans further stated that said Report gives the Noise Statistics. Mayor Evans stated that Chief Riley is here to answer any questions that they may have.

C. Code Enforcement Report - June, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Code Enforcement Report, which reflects all of the Citations for the Month of June, 2011. Mayor Evans further stated that the Report also reflects the overgrown lots by Wards, abandoned vehicles, dilapidated properties identified, as well as, properties that have been approved to be cut and cleared by the Public Works Department. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Darryl Moore is here to answer any questions they may have.

D. Ordinance #O110-10/11 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Pension Obligation Warrants, Series 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Ordinance #O110-10/11, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Pension Obligation Warrants, Series 2011, was discussed during the Work Session just earlier, and that most of the Council Members were there and present for the Work Session. Mayor Evans further stated that he is unsure of the direction that the Council would like to take at this time as it relates to Ordinance #O110-10/11, but that Mr. Brandon Comer and Mr. Franklin McPhillips, who will be our Agents and Representatives in the event we moved forward with this, are here for further questions by the Council. During discussion, President Williamson stated that it is through no

fault of his that he was not in on the discussions, that he just happened to be sick at the time, but he thinks 45 minutes is not enough time for him to vote on Eleven Million Dollars. President Williamson asked for a "Show of Hands" of the Council Members who are willing to go forward, and vote on said Ordinance #O110-10/11 on today. President Williamson stated that there seems to be a "Majority" who are willing to vote on Ordinance #O110-10/11 on today. President Williamson further stated that we have the Ordinance here, and that he has had it since Friday, and he is sure that it was delivered to everybody. Councilman Atchison stated that the only reason that he is in support of Ordinance #O110-10/11 is because of the presentation of Mr. McPhillips', that the debt obligation in Congress in Washington has potentially a very damaging impact, and that if they come to an agreement then interest rates are going to possibly go up, and this is his purpose of wanting to move forward on this. President Williamson asked if the Warrants will be sold before August 2nd, and Mr. Comer answered, and stated that they would be. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to suspend the rules, in order to take action on Ordinance #O110-10/11, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Pension Obligation Warrants, Series 2011, at tonight's Council Meeting. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Mayor Evans asked Mr. Comer to come forward to address the Council, as it relates to the savings that the City will receive over the 28-Period. Mr. Comer addressed the Council and stated that the savings for the City would be in the amount of Eleven Million Dollars, over a 28-year period. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to adopt and approve Ordinance #O110-10/11, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Pension Obligation Warrants, Series 2011. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and one nay vote. President Williamson cast a nay vote.**

E. National Weather Service Alabama River Gauge. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Ms. Rhonda Abbott, Director, Dallas County E.M.A., is here and he would like to ask her to come forward to address the Council. Ms. Abbott addressed the Council as it relates to the City and County proceeding in a joint effort, with regard to monitoring of the Alabama River Gauge. Ms. Abbott stated that she spoke with Mr. Rick Treece (U.S. Geological Survey) who provided her with an amount of \$6,500.00 that the Corps of Engineers could monitor the Alabama River Gauge, which could possibly be split 50% between the City and the County, or with the U.S.G.S. splitting the cost with the City and County up to 50%, leaving the City to pay \$1,625.00, and the County with \$1,625.00, which in her opinion would be the "best case scenario". Mayor Evans stated he would like the Council's consideration for approval, to place this Item within our next year's budget. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve placing the Item of monitoring of the Alabama River Gauge in our next year's budget, in a joint effort with the City and County, and with the United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.). **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

F. Tornado Shelters. Mayor Evans stated to Council that while Ms. Abbott is before them, he thinks that it is critical for our City to have additional Tornado Shelters, in light of the recent Tornado Storms and the devastation left behind within our State. Mayor Evans further stated that he would like the Council to consider for our next year's Budget, the placement of Three (3) Tornado Shelters, within our City, in the amount of approximately \$25,000.00. Ms. Abbott stated this is an Item that we can also submit a Grant Application for Funding of said Shelters, as well. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the Item of Three (3) Tornado Shelters within our City, in our next year's budget. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

G. Red Light Violation Study Data Collection Results. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Red Light Violation Study Data Collection Results. Mayor Evans further stated during this week they are in the process now of placing two (2) more red light cameras up in our City. Mayor Evans stated, if he is not mistaken, one is going up on Highway 22, and another one on Franklin Street, but that he will bring information on this at the next Council Meeting.

H. Update on Mabry Street - Sinkhole Repairs. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of the information that he received on the Mabry Street Project. Mayor Evans further stated that the sewer was repaired before they repaired the street. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Ray Hogg, along with Mr. Josh Pierce, are both working as Project Manager, as it relates to this Project; Mr. Hogg on the "sewer" side, and Mr. Pierce on the street construction side of it. Mayor Evans stated it is in the process of the "completion" phase of it, and hopefully by the next Council Meeting he can report that it has been completed.

I. Convention Center - Air Conditioner Repairs. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of a proposal from Dallas Air Conditioning & Heating, Incorporated, with Options listed for consideration. Mayor Evans further stated that there is an existing problem with the air conditioner at the Convention Center, and he did meet with Ms. Kay Jones, Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, and Mr. Finis Harris, as it relates to this. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that he is not asking for them to take any action on this at tonight's Council Meeting, but that this will give them an opportunity to review the options that we have at this time. Mayor Evans stated he feels it is going to get hotter before September, and that he may

have to come back and ask for an emergency, for consideration to approve Option 2, in the amount of \$35,690.00. Mayor Evans further stated that this is a critical issue, and that it relates to air and heating.

J. 2012 - 2014 AHSAA Class 1A-3A State Track and Field Meet. Mayor Evans stated to Council that on yesterday he received a letter from the State Director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association in Montgomery, Mr. Steven P. Savarese, that we will have been approved and selected to host the 2012-14 AHSAA Class 1A - 3A Track and Field meet here in Selma, next May, 2012. Mayor Evans further stated that this is wonderful news, and that we are very fortunate that they have chosen Selma. Mayor Evans stated that the High School Track Teams and lots of people will be coming here, and staying in the hotels and motels in our City, for three (3) years. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he and the Council appreciate what he did to get the Track Meet back here in Selma, and that it is really great, that they are giving it to us for three (3) years. President Williamson further stated he imagines that that will generate enough revenue to pay for the Track at the Stadium, over a three (3) year period. Mayor Evans stated that he is happy about this, and the Council thanked him for a "good job" with this!

K. Reminder, and Announcements. Mayor Evans stated he would like to announce, and remind Citizens and the Council of the following:

- (1) *Library of Congress - "Gateway to Knowledge" Tour - July 12 - 13, 2011 (Parking Lot, Next to Interpretive Center) - Mayor encouraged the Citizens to go and visit!*
- (2) *Dixie Majors State Tournament - July 14 - 19, 2011 - Mayor encouraged the Citizens to go and Support our Teams!*
- (3) *Summer Youth Program Ends on Thursday, July 14th - There will be a Program on Thursday, July 14th, at the Convention Center!*

L. Ditch Areas On, Off and Behind Woodrow Avenue (First Avenue). Mayor Evans stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that she and the Council should have a report that deals with the Ward 4 Work Request: (1) Woodrow Avenue Circle completed; (2) Cut and removed debris from First Avenue, Alley; (3) Cleaned ditch on North side of Woodrow Avenue; (4) Repaired sidewalk at Magnolia Garden; and (5) Damaged guard rail will be removed and replaced no later than Friday, July 15th. Mayor Evans further stated that Mr. Tommy Smith, Public Works Director, is on vacation this week, but that he will follow-up with him upon his return, as it relates to the hole at Magnolia Gardens.

M. Marie Foster, First Avenue and Franklin Street - Lifts. Mayor Evans stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that by the next Council Meeting, the grass will be cut as it relates to these properties. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Darryl Moore to come forward and address the Council. Mr. Moore stated to Council that the properties have been approved by the Council, and are awaiting the Public Works Department to abate the weeds.

N. Community Development Updates from Mayor Evans on Ward 4 (Dated Material - February, 2011). Mayor Evans stated that he spoke with Dr. Mendedo, President of Concordia College, some months ago, and again on yesterday. Mayor Evans further stated that he has given us verbal consent, as it relates to donating or leasing the property on the corner of Green Street and First Avenue, for Community Development, and the use of it for a playground. Mayor Evans further stated that Dr. Mendedo has agreed to follow-up with written documentation of the same.

O. Park Area on Woodrow Avenue, Adjacent to Cedar Park Elementary School. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the property does belong to the City of Selma, and the question is, what do we want to do with the property? Mayor Evans stated it could perhaps be a Walking Trail, Gazebo or Park, and the other side, a Playground on Green Street. President Williamson asked Mayor Evans and Councilwoman Benjamin to meet to discuss this in more detail.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Distance Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Reverend Coley Chestnut is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and at this point and time, he would like to present the Distance Ordinance to them. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that the Distance Ordinance was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting, but if they recall, we requested some further research to be done by Rev. Chestnut's Committee, and for them to bring back a Report to the Council. Rev. Chestnut was asked to come forward to address the Council with that Report. Rev. Chestnut addressed the Council and stated, that they did go back and measure the schools within the City limits, and with the exception of one (1), they did not find an establishment that had compromised the distance, but that would not impact the Ordinance that they brought before the Council. Rev. Chestnut stated of all the existing schools that they measured, there were no businesses that would be impacted, other than the one (1) that Attorney Nunn will be speaking to the Council about. Rev. Chestnut stated that they are glad to make this Report before the Council, and that they

appreciate the Council's consideration in passage of the Ordinance. President Williamson thanked Rev. Chestnut for making this Report to the Council. Attorney Nunn stated to the Council that he spoke with Agent Jeremy Peterson, of the ABC Board, concerning this Ordinance, and one of the things he discussed with him was for us to look into the Police Jurisdiction area, and that when he spoke with Rev. Chestnut concerning the Police Jurisdiction, he stated that he was not aware of any schools that would be affected in the Police Jurisdiction. Attorney Nunn further stated that Agent Peterson and he discussed the definition of schools, and that we may just want to limit this Ordinance, to Elementary, Middle and High Schools, or similar institutions, private or public. Attorney Nunn stated he revised the Ordinance some, and took out Day Cares and Nurseries, and that revision was made. Attorney Nunn further stated that the 200 feet from any Church is still in the Ordinance, for On-Premise, and what is being proposed in this Ordinance is 500 feet, for On and Off-Premise, from a School, and this revision has been made in this Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated that the question was brought up by Councilwoman Keith that the Store that is near Ellwood Christian Academy, is more than 500 feet. Attorney Nunn stated he wanted to also mention that you can not "grandfather" in an existing establishment, and this was mentioned during the last Council Meeting, and that it is before the Council for consideration tonight. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Ordinance #O108-10/11, Ordinance Amending Section 4-59 of Ordinance No. 139, Governing Alcoholic Beverages Near Churches or Schools (Distance Ordinance). **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** President Williamson and the Council thanked Rev. Chestnut and his Committee for working so hard on this, and being persistent about getting this done. Rev. Chestnut thanked the Council for allowing them to come before them, and for passage of this Ordinance.

B. ABC License Application for Vasser's Mini Mart - 1900 W. Dallas Avenue - Retail Beer (Off Premises Only). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License as it relates to an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Vasser's Mini Mart, for a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) License, located at 1900 W. Dallas Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that this License Application for Vasser's Mini Mart was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting and is up for consideration tonight. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Vasser's Mini Mart, Retail Beer for Off Premises Only. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and one abstention. President Williamson abstained from voting.**

C. Resolution #R222-10/11 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R222-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1), which consists of Twenty-Five (25) pieces of property that have been identified to have dangerous weeds, as listed herein, via the Code Enforcement Office. Attorney Nunn further stated Resolution #R222-10/11 authorizes the City Clerk, Mrs. Ivy S. Harrison, to forward Certified Letters to the Property Owners, as it relates to weeds that have been declared a public nuisance via the Code Enforcement Officer, advising them of the same. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Letters request the Property Owners to abate the weeds that have declared a nuisance, and if they shall not do the same, then the City of Selma will abate the weeds, and place a Lien on said property. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R222-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1). **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

D. Resolution #R223-10/11 - Condemned Property. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R223-10/11, Condemned Property. Attorney Nunn further stated Resolution #R223-10/11 deals with dilapidated houses; a total of Four (4) properties that have been declared and classified as "dangerous buildings" and/or a "nuisance" under the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated this is the initial stage, which gives the City Clerk, the authority to proceed with forwarding notices, via certified mail, notifying each property owner, and further advising that said property owner has forty-five (45) days in which to rectify the condition of said property, and also ten (10) days to appeal the decision of the City Council. Attorney Nunn asked for approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R223-10/11, Condemned Property. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

E. Resolution #R225-10/11 - #R248-10/11 - Special Assessments for Condemned Properties. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R225-10/11 - #R248-10/11, Special Assessments for Condemned Properties. Attorney Nunn further stated after the Council has declared properties as a public nuisance, then the City's Code Enforcement Director proceeds to direct the City Clerk to send out the Certified Letters to the property owners, requesting that they remedy the properties that have been declared a public nuisance, and/or dangerous buildings, and if they do not, then the City of Selma rectify the condition of the property, and if necessary, proceeds to demolish the property and/or structure, and thereafter, assess a lien to the property. Attorney Nunn stated that said Resolution #R225-10/11 - #R248-10/11 represent properties that have been declared condemned, and demolished by the City of Selma. President Williamson asked the Council if there was any objection in considering Resolution #R225-10/11 -

#R248-10/11 as One (1) Item, and it was the consensus of the Council to consider said Resolutions as One (1) Item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R225-10/11 - #R248-10/11, Special Assessments for Condemned Properties. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Contracts. President Williamson stated to Attorney Nunn that he had asked him to try to give him a copy of the City's contracts on the Sewer and Paving on the Mabry Street Project, because it took so long to get that done. President Williamson further stated that he wanted to know whether in our contracts, we have a time period in which the work has to be done, and do we have a penalty if it is not done within that time frame. Attorney Nunn stated that when it came to the paving part of the project, Wiregrass Company, Contractor for the Project, did a Change Order, and that has a time of completion in there, but when the cave-in happened, they came back and did a Change Order, but he will have to go back and see, President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn to check and see, because it seems to him, that it should be the City's policy that every contract we enter into, that it should have a time period, in which the work should be completed, along with a penalty clause. Attorney Nunn further stated that Mayor Evans has requested of us that that language is included in the Contracts. Councilman Tucker asked Attorney Nunn what kind of contract does the City have with Alabama Power Company, and why would we have to pay Forty Dollars (\$40.00) to get a light installed. Attorney Nunn replied and answered that he does not have the answer to that, but will have to do some research into it. President Williamson stated that we pay them \$300,000.00 a year, and Councilman Tucker is trying to get a light put it, and he has been told that it costs Forty Dollars (\$40.00). President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he would look at the contract to see if they guarantee us so many lights for that \$300,000.00, and whatever else we use their services for. Mayor Evans addressed the Council, and stated that it does not cost Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for every type of light, but it depends on what type of light that you put in, and he thinks that is the maximum cost. Mayor Evans further stated that they had a meeting concerning the Citizen who had inquired about the placement of the light, and it is his understanding that this has been resolved.

G. Redistricting. President Williamson stated to Attorney Nunn that we are going to have to Re-District before the next Election, and asked him if he has any suggestions about how we should approach this. Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he has been keeping in touch with Re-Districting Office in Montgomery, with a young lady by the name of "Cynthia". Attorney Nunn further stated that he had attempted to call last Thursday or Friday, and she was out, but that he spoke with another young lady by the name of "Donna", who stated that they are working on it, and if he is correct, they are working on Selma, in-putting information into the system as we were speaking on last week. Attorney Nunn stated that he is to follow-up with a call to them this week. Attorney Nunn stated that about 6 months ago, they went over the process about how the Council would probably like to come back up and going over the process and see. Attorney Nunn further stated that by it only being a change of about 250 people, at that point and time she did not know for sure whether or not it was going to make that much of a difference, but when they put it into the system, then they will be able to let us know because there is a certain variance that it can be, that it would not be out of alignment. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he could have us a date on when we will have a preliminary plan on this by the next Council Meeting, so that we can get started on working on this, and Attorney Nunn stated he would have an update for us by the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Tucker asked Attorney Nunn about when was the last time he had talked with the Railroad Company concerning the railroad signals and whistles for the new Etheridge Avenue Street Project. Attorney Nunn stated Mayor Evans had had some contact with the Railroad Company, and would possibly have a report on it. Mayor Evans addressed the Council and stated he has been communicating with the Railroad Company, and that he has been speaking with a Gentleman by the name of Mr. Barringer who has been working with him on this. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Barringer has assured him that they are going to move forward on finalizing this, and he should have a report for the Council by the next Council Meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated we still have a Noise Ordinance in place.

II. CONTRACTS

This Item was covered during the City Attorney's Report.

III. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

President Williamson stated he would like to ask the Public Safety Committee to take a tour of the Public Safety Building; he sees that there are ceiling tiles coming out of the "Briefing" Room over there. President Williamson further stated that that is one of the things that the Council is charged with, the Public

Buildings, as well as, the Finance of the City. President Williamson asked the Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee to tour the Building, and bring back a Report to the Council, by the next Council Meeting, and advise them of what they need to do to get it in, "Tip-Top Shape". President Williamson also asked that the Public Safety Committee tour the Jail, and bring back a Report to the Council, as to the needs there, as well.

IV. MARIE FOSTER, FIRST AVENUE AND FRANKLIN STREET - LIFTS

This Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

V. DITCH AREAS ON, OFF AND BEHIND WOODROW AVENUE

This Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FROM MAYOR EVANS ON WARD 4

This Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

VII. WAIVER OF FEE - CONVENTION CENTER - SABRA SANCTUARY

Councilwoman Keith stated that the Sabra Sanctuary is having a Symposium at the Convention Center on Thursday, October 13, 2011, and they are asking for a Waiver of the Fee for that date. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve waiving the fee for the Sabra Sanctuary for the Symposium to be held at the Convention Center on Thursday, October 13, 2011. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

VIII. COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE RIVERFRONT - AUGUST 25, 2011 - 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Bowie stated that there will be a Community Meeting on *The Riverfront*, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with the Ribbon Cutting, which will be officially done by Mayor Evans and each Council Member on that date. Councilman Bowie asked assistance from Councilwoman Keith and Councilwoman Benjamin, to work with him on this Committee, along with the Selma Times-Journal. Councilman Bowie stated that he would like for the Citizens to bring their Children, because they will have something to engage the Children during the Meeting. Councilman Bowie further stated that this is an opportunity for the Citizens to come and engage the Council Members with their concerns, along with the Mayor, and we can come back with a strategic plan to address their problems. Councilman Bowie invited everyone to come out and engage, and "let's have a good time"! President Williamson stated to Councilman Bowie that this is very good, and he would like for him to be "Chairperson" of this Community Meeting. Mayor Evans addressed the Council and stated that he thinks that this will be a great opportunity for us to have the "First Walk" along *The Riverfront*, and asked that Councilman Tucker "lead" the Walk for us. President Williamson concurred with Mayor Evans, and stated that he thinks that is a great idea to ask Councilman Tucker to "lead" the "First Walk" there, that he certainly deserves it. Mayor Evans also invited Citizens to come and be a part of this Celebration! Mayor Evans and Councilman Bowie both stated that Citizens can also bring their lawn chairs if they like. Mayor Evans, President Williamson, and the Council invited everyone to come and be a part of this!

IX. REDISTRICTING

This Item was covered during the City Attorney's Report.

X. ABSENTEE VOTING FRAUD LETTER

President Williamson stated on last Thursday, he placed two (2) letters down in Mrs. Harrison's office, on the Counter, if anybody is interested in signing. President Williamson further stated that they have been there since last Thursday, and he will leave them through Friday of this week.

XI. FEE WAIVER - SELMA HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

President Williamson stated that Councilman Randolph brought this Item to his attention; Fee Waiver at the Performing Arts Center, for the Selma High School Band Parents. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Waiving the Fee at the Performing Arts Center on tomorrow, for the Selma High School Band Parents. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

XII. VARIANCE FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - TOURS AT THE CEMETERY

President Williamson stated the Chamber of Commerce is requesting a Variance so that they can have "Tours" in the Cemetery. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman

Bowie, to approve the variance for the Chamber of Commerce, for Tours in the Cemetery. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

Councilman Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Williamson stated that there are no discretionary fund requests.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

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

Councilman Crenshaw was absent at this time.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

PUBLIC HEARING - REVOCATION

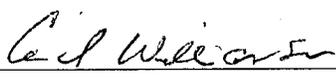
President Williamson requested a motion to recess into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to recess this meeting into Executive Session to discuss this matter. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to reconvene the meeting into regular session at 3:05 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to revoke the License of The Loft (Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Owners). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to adjourn this meeting, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, Council President

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, Mayor