

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2011
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Anthony Austin, Pastor
Spring Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Pro Tempore Corey Bowie and Council Members Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilwoman Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, 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. Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson was absent from the Council Meeting, due to illness.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, 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 Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the minutes of March 22, 2011 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve the minutes of March 22, 2011. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mr. James H. Hammonds, President

Re: Civil War Historic Marker

(President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he was placing this matter into the hands of the Community Development Committee, which is "Chaired" by Councilwoman Keith, along with Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Director of Community Development, and asked that they review this matter, and meet with Mr. Hammonds to work out the details.

Mrs. Brenda Sanders McCary

Re: Services Provided by the VA Clinic (Selma Outpatient Clinic, 206 Vaughan Memorial Drive, Selma, AL)

**PUBLIC HEARING - VACATIONING OF A PORTION OF AN ALLEY
(MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH)**

**RESOLUTION #R192-10/11 - RESOLUTION ASSENTING TO THE VACATIONING OF
A PORTION OF AN ALLEY WITHIN THE CITY OF SELMA.**

PETITIONED BY THE MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Attorney Nunn stated on this evening we have given Notice to the Public and to the Council that we would have a Public Hearing today, in the Council Chambers at 222 Broad Street, Selma, Alabama, on the 12th day of

April, at 5:00 p.m., to consider a Petition that was presented by the Morning Star Baptist Church to consider the Vacationing of a Portion of an Alley. Attorney Nunn further stated that during the Council Meeting on February 22, 2011, the Council approved Resolution #R180-10/11, to proceed with vacationing of an alley, from Buckeye Avenue, Morning Star Baptist Church, extending one portion of Buckeye Avenue to another portion of Buckeye Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated a Map with a Legal Description was attached to Resolution #R180-10/11. Attorney Nunn further stated that they should have before them now Resolution #R192-10/11 which also has a Map of said Legal Description attached. Attorney Nunn stated we have gone through the process of posting Notices, here at City Hall and the Dallas County Courthouse, and also published in the Selma Times-Journal Newspaper on March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, and March 29th, and have received Proof of Publication of said Notices. Attorney Nunn stated that the abutting landowners, and Utility Companies, within the surrounding areas have also been forwarded Notices. Attorney Nunn further stated we have complied with Section 23-44-20, and 23-4-2 of the Code of Alabama. Attorney Nunn stated we have before us today the Public Hearing, and that Attorney William Gamble of Gamble, Gamble & Calame, who is representing Morning Star Baptist Church will present the Petition to the Council. Attorney Gamble addressed the Council, to present the Petition, and stated that Morning Star Baptist Church has been making a lot of improvements to their Church Building, and has acquired some lots, and has made that area much better in terms of "looks" and appearance. Attorney Gamble further stated over 104 years ago, they had a Map of this Alley and recorded it in the Courthouse, but as far as he can remember, that Alley has never been used by anybody, and that is the reason that the Church is seeking that it be vacated, so that they can make use of that portion, to make improvements to the Church. Attorney Gamble stated he is here to speak in favor of Resolution #R192-10/11, and he thinks that it would be good for all of the landowners, and as far as he knows, no one has objected at this point and time. Following Attorney Gamble's presentation of the Petition to the Council, Attorney Nunn stated this is a Public Hearing, and at this time if anyone is present to speak *For* or *Against* the Vacationing of Portions of a Certain Alley Within the City of Selma, they could do so at this time. President Pro Tempore Bowie asked if there was anyone present to speak *For* or *Against* Vacating Portions of Streets and Alleys Within the City of Selma? Since no one came forward to speak, Attorney Nunn stated, at this point and time, it appears that there is no one present to speak *For* or *Against* Vacating a Portion of an Alley Within the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they should have Resolution #R192-10/11 before them, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R192-10/11, A Resolution Assenting to the Vacationing of a Portion of an Alley. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Attorney Nunn further stated at this point and time, the Public Hearing has ended. Attorney Gamble addressed the Council and stated, on behalf of Morning Star Baptist Church, he would like to thank the Council, and further stated that the Pastor, Reverend B. T. Booker, is present, along with some of the Members of the Church, and he is sure he is appreciative, on behalf of the Church. Reverend Booker and the Church Members who were present, thanked the Council.

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PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

**COMMEMORATIVE PEN AND FLASH DRIVE SET
PRESENTED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRITTO TO MAYOR GEORGE EVANS,
IN APPRECIATION OF HIS SERVICE. MAYOR EVANS THANKED LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRITTO,
AND PLEDGED HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT TO CONCORDIA COLLEGE - SELMA. A "ROUND OF
APPLAUSE" WAS GIVEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS HONOR!**

PROCLAMATIONS. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to present and acknowledge the following Proclamations, and that each of them should also have a copy within their packets:

Proclamation - "National Child Abuse Prevention Month". Mayor Evans asked Mrs. Lauri Cothran to come forward, so that he could present a Proclamation honoring "*National Child Abuse Prevention Month*". Mayor Evans read said Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring the *Month of April, 2011* to be "*National Child Abuse Prevention Month*" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim the *Month of April, 2011* to be "*National Child Abuse Prevention Month*" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and called upon all Citizens, Community Agencies, Faith Groups, Medical Facilities, and Businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to protect Children and support the intervention efforts provided by the Central Alabama Regional Child Advocacy Center.

Proclamation - "Sexual Assault and Rape Awareness Month". Mayor Evans asked Mrs. Nancy Travis to come forward, so that he could present a Proclamation honoring "*Sexual Assault and Rape Awareness Month*". Mayor Evans read said Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring the *Month of April, 2011* to be "*Sexual Assault and Rape Awareness Month*" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim the *Month of April, 2011* to be "*Sexual Assault and Awareness Month*" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and encouraged Individuals to seek the help of those Agencies providing services to rape victims throughout the State, and encouraged Citizens' participation in awareness-raising activities.

Proclamation - "Autism Awareness Month". Mayor Evans asked Mrs. Carolyn Bates to come forward, so that he could present a Proclamation honoring "Autism Awareness Month". Mayor Evans read said Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring the *Month of April, 2011* to be "Autism Awareness Month" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim the *Month of April, 2011* to be "Autism Awareness Month" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and encouraged all Citizens to support those affected by Autism, and to recognize the Families and Health Care Professionals who work so hard to find a cure.

Proclamation - "Save the Butterfly Day". Mayor Evans asked Mrs. Mallieve Breeding ("Madam Butterfly") to come forward, so that he could present a Proclamation honoring "Save the Butterfly Day" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans read said Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring *April 16, 2011* as "Save the Butterfly Day" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim *April 16, 2011* as "Save the Butterfly Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and encouraged all Citizens to recognize their importance and beauty, and to promote an understanding and appreciation of *Butterflies*.

A. Monthly Financial Report - March, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of March, 2011. Mayor Evans stated as can be seen on the Report, we did see some "growth" this month, in terms of revenue, but that we still need to keep in mind that our overall revenue expectation is still \$200,000.00 short for the Budget. Mayor Evans stated hopefully between now and September we will reach that margin. 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 he wanted to thank the Citizens again who made the Bond possible, and that the Bond Projects are really making a difference here in our City. Mayor Evans stated to Council that this information is being provided to them for their review, and for any questions that they may have, as well.

B. Police Department Report - March, 2011. 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 further stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the month of March, 2011, and that he is present in the event the Council has any questions. Chief Riley was asked to come forward to respond to questions from the Council.

C. Code Enforcement Report - March, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Code Enforcement Report, which they have just gotten on today. Mayor Evans asked them to review, and direct any questions that they may have, and he will try to answer himself, or find out the answers for them. Mayor Evans stated that Reverend Darryl Moore's Father is ill and has been admitted into the Hospital in Tuscaloosa, and asked that we keep Reverend Moore's Father, and his Family in our Prayers.

D. Report on Selma High School Property. Mayor Evans stated to Council that during the last Council Meeting he presented information to them as it relates to the Selma High School Property, and the construction of a new High School on the site where Selma High School is presently located. Mayor Evans further stated as can be seen on the letter he received from Superintendent Dr. Donald Jefferson, he, on behalf of the Selma City Board of Education, is requesting that the City deed the property where Selma High School is located to the Selma City Board of Education, which will allow the Board to legally construct the new High School, and to borrow money and sign notes to complete the Project. President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he is placing this Item into the hands of the Administrative Committee, and asked Councilwoman Benjamin, Chairperson, to meet and bring back a report to the Council.

E. Resolution #R193-10/11 - Authorization to Apply for FY 2011/2012 AmeriCorp Grant Through the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiative. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he thinks that they should have within their packet of information Resolution #R193-10/11, Authorization to Apply for FY 2011/2012 AmeriCorp Grant through the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiative. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Ms. Charlotte Griffeth oversees this Grant, and asked that she come forward and address the Council as it relates to questions that they may have. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council and offered an explanation as it relates to Resolution #R193-10/11. Mayor Evans stated this Item will be in next year's Budget. Mayor Evans further stated Resolution #R193-10/11 represents the authorization for the City of Selma to submit a FY 2011-2012 competitive grant application to Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS), with a total cost of the project in the amount of \$475,337.00, and the maximum Grant amount is \$266,142.00. Resolution #R193-10/11 also represents the City of Selma pledges to provide approximately \$134,404.00 in cash match and, an in-kind match in the amount of approximately \$74,792.00, to be appropriated in the FY 2011-2012 Grant Match Budget, to fund the Selma

Digital Opportunity AmeriCorp Program. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve said Resolution #R193-10/11. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Resolution #R168-10/11 – Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for Engineering Services for the Amphitheater Project". Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R168-10/11, Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for Engineering Services for the Amphitheater Project. Mayor Evans further stated that the City of Selma is the recipient of a 2010 Community Development Block Grant from the State of Alabama for the construction of an Amphitheater in the City of Selma, and that via advertising for Requests for Proposals, the Proposal submitted by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood is the most acceptable. Mayor Evans stated Resolution #R168-10/11 authorizes him, as Mayor, to execute a contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Incorporated, in the amount of \$31,274.00, for the Construction Phase, with a preliminary geotechnical investigation of \$3,500.00 during the Design Phase, and Materials Testing Services during the Construction Phase of \$4,000.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R168-10/11, Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for Engineering Services for the Amphitheater Project. 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. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.

G. Ward 4 Community Development Update. Mayor Evans reported on the Items and offered an update on the work orders placed with Public Works, Code Enforcement, and the Community Development Departments. Mayor Evans stated that we are working on Item 1.A, as it relates to the Playground on the corner of First Avenue and Green Street. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mayor Evans if he would meet with President Menedo, as it relates to Concordia College, and the donation of the land to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated that he will work on this, and try and meet with President Menedo. Mayor Evans further stated that we have not gotten a report back from KABOOM yet, but that we should be hearing something soon. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Tommy Smith is working with placing "caution lights" in the referenced area, and that Ms. Charlotte Griffeth is working with A.L.D.O.T., as to "caution lights", as well. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council and stated that we have to apply for State Funds, but that we do have some trees set aside. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mayor Evans if something could be done to fill the "holes" that are created when properties are demolished. Mayor Evans stated one of the things that Code Enforcement does is ascertain whether property can be revitalized prior to the decision being made to demolish the property. Mayor Evans stated when these properties are demolished, this is as a result of no "rehab." for the properties that have been demolished. Mayor Evans asked Councilwoman Benjamin if she would get the Beautification Committee together to meet with us, to see what they can do to assist with some of these things, because we will need their help with some of these Projects. Mayor Evans stated that we will be happy to work with them on these Projects.

H. Update on Sanitary Sewer Improvement Projects and Water Avenue Streetscape Projects. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of an update in terms of where we are overall with the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Bond Projects. Mayor Evans further stated that he has asked Mr. Ray Hogg to give him a weekly update as it relates to our Sanitary Sewer Improvement Projects, so that we can know where we are with them. Mayor Evans stated here is where we are now on the Projects, on the weekly update: 1. Behind Old Wal-Mart: This portion of the Project is complete. 2. Dallas Avenue: This portion of the Project is complete. 3. Jerome Street: The Sanitary Sewer has been completed. The Street Re-Construction was completed on April 8th. 4. Second Avenue: This portion of the Project is complete. 5. Franklin Street/Philpot Avenue: The Contractor has installed all of the Sanitary Sewer Pipe. The Street has been temporarily opened to traffic. Street repair should be complete by Friday if weather permits. 6. Highland Avenue: This portion of the Project is complete. Mayor Evans stated as it relates to the Water Avenue Streetscape Project, the Contractor has completed 95% of the demolition work (all except around the Adler Building). The underground drainage piping is 95% complete. Electrical conduit and the irrigation system for both blocks is 90% complete. Replacement of the potable water mains and valves is 100% complete on both blocks. The Contractor has installed approximately 85% of the curb and gutter in the first block, as well as, 70% of the brick pavers. In the second block approximately 60% of the curb and gutters have been installed and approximately 30% of the brick pavers have been installed. Mr. Hogg stated, as mentioned before, this has been an unusually rainy season. Mr. Hogg stated the original contract completion date was March 28, 2011; however, under A.L.D.O.T. guidelines, we will have to allow the Contractor an additional 5 days to complete the work.

I. Update on North Broad Street Drainage Improvements. Mayor Evans stated to Council that each of them should have a copy of information as it relates to an update regarding the North Broad Street Drainage Improvements. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that if they recall, one of the items stipulated as it relates to the settlement of the Lawsuit filed by Ms. Charlotte Walters was that the City replace pipes from Dawson Avenue north towards 2709 North Broad Street. Mayor Evans stated the information that he passed out to them tonight is not requesting any action tonight, but he wanted to pass this along to them for their review, and that he will ask that the Council take action as it relates to this matter during the next Council Meeting.

J. Update on Special Election Budget. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packet of information an update on the Special Election Budget. Mayor Evans further stated he asked Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, and Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, City Treasurer, to meet, and come up with the "numbers" with regard to the Special Election. Mayor Evans stated, as can be seen, attached are the "numbers" as it pertains to what it would cost us to have the Special Election for Ward 3, as well as, in the event of a Run-Off, what the anticipated costs will be. Mayor Evans further stated the last page shows the savings that we have accumulated thus far, that will allow us to do this. Mayor Evans stated we do have enough money to do this, based on the timeline that was set between January 12, 2011 through July 12, 2011, for the salaries and fringe benefits of Councilwoman Dr. Monica Newton, and Ms. Diana Johnson; that we are going to save about \$25,424.19 for those two salaries, which will give us enough money for both Elections. Mayor Evans stated based on the "numbers" we have gotten, we believe that it will be about \$20,270.37, which means we will have enough with the savings created by the salaries and fringe benefits of Councilwoman Dr. Newton and Ms. Johnson. President Pro Tempore Bowie thanked Mayor Evans for this information. Mayor Evans thanked Mrs. Harrison and Ms. Mitchell for putting this together for them.

K. Resolution #R197-10/11, Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds. Mayor Evans stated that they should have before them Resolution #R197-10/11, Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds. Mayor Evans stated that on yesterday President Pro Tempore Bowie called for a Work Session, as it relates to the possibility of saving us some money with regard to our Pension Plans. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Craig Walker of Comer Capital Group, LLC, Financial Advisor, of Chicago, as it relates to the Pension Plan is here. President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he would like to ask Mr. Walker to come forward to address the Council, and after that, he would ask for a report from Councilwoman Benjamin, as Chairperson of the Administrative Committee. Mr. Walker addressed the Council, and introduced himself to the Council, and provided a little background information about himself, and further, offered an explanation with regard to the Pension Plan Savings, and Proposals on Reductions. Councilwoman Benjamin stated this is a proposal to refinance for a lower interest rate, and Councilman Atchison concurred, and stated he wanted to clarify that this is simply a proposal to refinance to secure a lower interest rate. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R197-10/11, Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds, which authorizes the discussion and review of the Pension Plan Savings and Proposals on Reductions, and that said Resolution #R197-10/11 will be brought back to the Council for action and approval. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. Councilman Randolph abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Randolph stated he is abstaining from voting until he gets further information as it relates to the "numbers". During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is no at this time, until she gets more information.

L. Marina Project. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have some information within their packets as of today, concerning a Young Man who came to see him on today, requesting to be one of the persons considered, if possible, to build the Marina for us, along with other individuals who have expressed an interest, also. President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he will place this into the hands of the Recreation Committee, with Councilman Tucker, as Chairperson, to schedule a meeting to discuss this Item, and bring back to the Council with an update.

M. Appointment of Voting Delegate to the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention. President Pro Tempore Bowie polled the Council as it relates to who had plans of attending the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention in Huntsville, Alabama. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to appoint and approve Mayor Evans as the Voting Delegate to the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. A motion was then made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve and appoint Councilman Thomas Atchison as the Alternate Voting Delegate to the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention. 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 two abstentions. Councilman Atchison and Councilwoman Benjamin both abstained from voting.

N. Appointment of Voting Delegate to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation Annual Meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by President Pro Tempore Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to appoint and approve Mayor Evans as the Voting Delegate for the Annual Membership Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, which will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the Huntsville Embassy Suites, Big Spring A, in Huntsville, Alabama. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

O. Report on Summer Youth Employment Program. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they have sent out letters to Businesses and Individuals, requesting funding to assist in the Summer Youth Employment Program for our young people. Mayor Evans stated that a Lottery will select the Youth

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Participants, and that they must be present at the Lottery Drawing, if they wish to participate. Mayor Evans further stated \$750.00 will sponsor a Youth for six weeks, for an hourly rate of \$7.25 per hour. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Valeria Jones, Personnel Director, to come forward and address the Council with an update. Ms. Jones addressed the Council with an update, and stated that applications will be accepted from April 4, 2011 to April 25, 2011, for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Ms. Jones further stated that the Participants must be between the ages of 15 to 22, and will have to remain in the Program the full six weeks. Ms. Jones stated that the 6-weeks' Program starts on Tuesday, June 7th, and ends Thursday, July 14th.

P. Report on the Mayors of the Black Belt Charity Ball. Mayor Evans stated that we had a great turn-out for the Mayors of the Black Belt Charity Ball. Mayor Evans further stated that he has not got a report back on all of the funds raised, but all funds will be donated to the American Red Cross. Mayor Evans stated if they go on the City's WebSite, they can see people dancing and enjoying themselves. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank the Committee for all of what they did to make this happen.

Q. Report on City of Selma - Open House. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank the Department Heads for everything that they did to prepare for the City of Selma's Open House on last Thursday. Mayor Evans stated if they were not able to get there, they missed a "treat". Mayor Evans stated that the Department Heads did an outstanding job of putting everything into the Convention Center, and it was a beautiful sight! Mayor Evans further stated he just wanted to thank the Department Heads for everything that they did on behalf of their Departments, sharing with the Citizens of Selma.

R. Report on Selma City Government Newsletter. Mayor Evans stated to Council that what he has just passed them is our first Newsletter, that will come out quarterly. Mayor Evans further stated that it will be placed throughout the City in various locations, where Individuals can get a copy and read through it. Mayor Evans stated to Council if there is an article that they would like to be a part of the Newsletter, to please forward that information to him. Mayor Evans stated he would like to thank the Staff, Ms. Brenda Smothers, Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, and Ms. Valeria Jones, who helped to put that together with him. Mayor Evans further stated we did this Newsletter "in-house", and asked that they review it, and forward any changes that they would like to see made to him.

S. Report on National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference. Mayor Evans stated to Councilman Randolph that he wanted to congratulate him on receiving a Platinum Award, which they presented to him, in his absence. Mayor Evans stated Councilman Randolph was working and unable to attend, but he wanted to commend him on this achievement. Councilman Randolph was given a "round of applause" for this achievement and honor. Mayor Evans stated that he attended several workshops and presentations while he was there; one on "Exchanging America's Landscape with Green"; "New Media - - An Effective Way to Communicate Your Message, As It Relates to Facebook and Twitter". Mayor Evans stated the Young Lady who did the Presentation did an outstanding job. Mayor Evans further stated he attended a workshop on "Thinking, Planning and Acting Strategically, A Case Simulation for Local Government Agents, Trying to Bring Economics and Businesses to our City"; and the last one was on, "How Can a Small Town Be Cool and Complete in the Global Economy". Mayor Evans stated he learned a lot from these workshops and that he submitted some information to the National League, to accept our City as one of the Cities to go to meet the Chinese Government, and that they accepted and offered a Scholarship for them to go, with the exception of paying their travel. Mayor Evans stated he asked all of the members of Team Selma to be a part of this on next week; to Seattle, Washington, to meet with Five Mayors of Five Countries, to ask them to come to Selma, to try and create industry here. Mayor Evans further stated that they will go and meet with the Five Mayors, and he looks forward in going to see if they can encourage businesses to come to Selma. Mayor Evans stated he is going, along with Councilwoman Keith who is going in the place of President Williamson, and Probate Judge Ballard, to try to encourage this Delegation to come to Selma, to see what Selma has to offer that they may want to put in the form of a business here in our City, or our County.

T. Reminder, and Announcements. Mayor Evans stated he would like to announce and advise the Council of the following:

- (1) *PAL Fish Fry Fundraiser - April 16, 2011*
- (2) *Parade to Honor Ellwood Christian Academy "Eagles" - April 16, 2011*
- (3) *"Butterflies and Bridges Run" - April 16, 2011*
- (4) *Battle of Selma - April 28, 2011 - May 1, 2011*
- (5) *ArtsRevive StreetFest - May 6, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
- (6) *City-Wide Clean-Up Day - May 7, 2011*

A. **Resolution #R191-10/11 - Appointment of Election Officials for Ward 3 Special Municipal Election.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R191-10/11, Appointment of Election Officials for the Ward 3 Special Municipal Election on May 24, 2011. Attorney Nunn asked that the Council review, and if there are any questions, to please forward those to him. Attorney Nunn stated that he will be bringing said Resolution #R191-10/11 back before the Council at the next Council Meeting for action. Attorney Nunn stated that the Absentee Voting Process within the Office of the City Clerk will begin on Tuesday, April 19th, and will end on May 19th, at 5:00 p.m.

B. **Resolution #R190-10/11 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R190-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1), which consists of Eight (8) pieces of property that have been identified to have dangerous weeds, as listed herein, via the Code Enforcement Office. Attorney Nunn further stated Resolution #R190-10/11 authorizes the City Clerk, Mrs. Ivy S. Harrison, to forward Certified Letters to the Property Owners, advising them of the same. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R190-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. **Resolution #R188-10/11 - 2011 Sales Tax Holiday.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R188-10/11, Sales Tax Holiday. Attorney Nunn further stated every year we do this, and we have a deadline to notify the Alabama Department of Revenue as to whether or not we will be participating, which is July 6th. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R188-10/11, 2011 Sales Tax Holiday. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. **Resolution #R194-10/11 - Donation of Properties at 1404 Minter Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that this Item was discussed during last Council Meeting, as it relates to two (2) lots located beside each other on Minter Avenue, near Lawrence Street. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that it was advised that they go out and take a look at these two pieces of property prior to this Council Meeting, in an effort to take action on whether or not the City will accept these pieces of property as a donation. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same in the form of Resolution #R194-10/11. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R194-10/11, Acceptance of the Donation of Properties at 1404 Minter Avenue. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

E. **Resolution #R195-10/11 - Donation of Property at 1406 Minter Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R195-10/11, Donation of Property at 1501 Minter Avenue, represents the adjoining piece of property to the above-referenced piece of property located at 1404 Minter Avenue; two (2) lots right beside it. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R195-10/11, Donation of Property at 1406 Minter Avenue. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. **Resolution #R196-10/11- Donation of Property at 1501 Selma Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R196-10/11, Donation of Property at 1501 Selma Avenue, represents the piece of property on the corner of Lawrence Street and Selma Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that this was presented to Council during the last Council Meeting, and they were asked to take a look, to see whether or not the City of Selma wants to accept said Donation of Property. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R196-10/11, Donation of Property at 1501 Minter Avenue. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. **A.M.I.C. Statement.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an A.M.I.C. Statement/Invoice in the amount of \$1,169.43, for three (3) claims as listed before them. Attorney Nunn further stated that he has checked with City Treasurer, Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, as it relates to the funds being in place for the reimbursement amount of \$1,169.43, and she has confirmed that we do have funds, via the line item for Claims, for said reimbursement. Attorney Nunn asked Council's favorable consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve payment of the A.M.I.C. Statement in the amount of \$1,169.43. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. **Petition to Vacate an Alley (Highland Avenue).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he has just handed a copy of a Petition to Vacate an Alley, along with a copy of a description of the Map attached. Attorney Nunn further stated said Petition represents the Alley as it relates to restaurants; namely, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. Attorney Nunn further stated that the property owners are doing some renovations, and they would like the City of Selma to Vacate an Alley. Attorney Nunn stated that the property owners would like authority to begin the process, which would include publication in the newspaper four (4) times, at the cost of the property owner, have a public hearing, public utility companies would be notified, and

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adjoining property owners would be notified. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval to proceed with the process. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the Petition to Vacate an Alley (Highland Avenue). 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. Councilman Atchison abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Atchison stated he was going to abstain from voting, because he would like to read the Petition before he votes on it. Following roll call, and an explanation, Councilman Atchison stated he would like to change his vote in this action to an affirmative vote. Therefore, a roll call vote with this action passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

II. DELEGATE FOR ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES MEETING IN HUNTSVILLE, AL

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

III. 3RD ANNUAL CITY OF SELMA YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 27 - 30, 2011

Continued until the next Council Meeting.

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FROM MAYOR EVANS ON WARD 4

Councilwoman Benjamin stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairman

Councilwoman Benjamin made a 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

No Report.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that we have a Discretionary Fund Form for Perry Varner Educational Treatment Facility for \$350.00, and also a Discretionary Fund Form for the Mayors of the Black Belt Charity Ball for American Red Cross in the amount of \$1,700.00.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

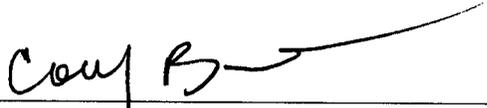
SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

Councilwoman Crenshaw was absent from the Council Meeting during this time.

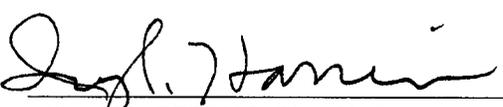
CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

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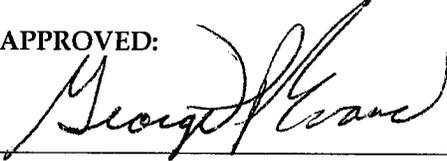
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



COREY BOWIE, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*