

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend George Jones, Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen and Council members Dr. Cecil Williamson, Dr. Monica Newton, Benny L. Tucker, 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 Susan Keith was absent during roll call but arrived at 5:09 p.m. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, and Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw were absent from the Council Meeting.

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 October 13, 2009 regular meeting minutes. President Allen asked that the record again reflect that their City Clerk, Ivy Harrison, has been very expedient in getting the minutes to them on time, and the City Council thanks her for doing so, "especially after having a very big job of the Election on Tuesday, October 27th". A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the minutes of October 13, 2009. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council Members present.

President Allen asked for the approval of the minutes of October 29, 2009 regular meeting minutes. President Allen again stated the minutes were done in an expedient manner by their City Clerk so that they would have them tonight, and she thanked City Clerk, Ivy Harrison for her efforts in getting the minutes of October 29th, to the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the minutes of October 29, 2009. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council Members present.

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Mrs. Deborah Spicer and Mrs. Lauraine Pettway
Re: Community Outreach Missionaries

Ms. Margaret Bolling
Re: Tri-County Sickle Cell Association

A. Proclamation - "National Farm-City Week". Mayor Evans asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and proclaiming *November 20 - 26, 2009*, as "*National Farm-City Week*", in the City of Selma, and calling upon all Citizens of Selma during Thanksgiving Week to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our productive farmers, and of our urban Residents who cooperate to create abundance, wealth and strength to our Nation.

B. Sunrise Selma - Update On Old Y.M.C.A. Building. Mayor Evans stated to the Council that Mr. Tom Bolton is present and he would like for him to come forward to address the Council with an update as it relates to the old Y.M.C.A. Building. Mr. Bolton addressed the Council and stated that he was not here tonight to ask for any action from the Council, but just for informational purposes. Mr. Bolton further stated he is actively involved in Sunrise Selma, and First Baptist Church, across the street, conveyed the old Y.M.C.A. Building to him, and their plans at that time were to develop the property and put in apartments on the top two floors, and mixed retail on the bottom floor. Mr. Bolton stated an analysis was done on the old Y.M.C.A. Building, and unfortunately it is in atrocious shape, so much so that he is deeply concerned about it falling. Mr. Bolton further stated he has a written report provided by an Engineer, Mr. Ronald Martin, and pictures which he would also like to share with the Council. Mr. Bolton stated that he provided a written report to First Baptist Church two (2) years ago when the Church considered the same opportunity which was expensive then, and has become exponentially expensive now because of the accelerated deterioration of the property. Mr. Bolton further stated he is not going to tear the Building down yet but it is a liability to him personally, and to the City and he is very concerned about the safety and well-being of the Citizens, and the people who work in the building adjacent to it, and the Church which resides behind it. Mr. Bolton stated he has been to see Mr. Buddy Swift; he has made the First Baptist Church aware of the situation, has seen the Mayor, and now he is coming to the Council, to make them aware of his circumstances because if he does not act on it, then he is negligently liable. Mr. Bolton further stated, "unfortunately, this is a classic example in Selma of demolition by neglect". Mr. Bolton thanked the Council for their time, and the Council thanked Mr. Bolton for that update.

C. Congratulations to Concordia College - U.S.C.A.A. Men's National Soccer Championship. Mayor Evans stated he had just learned this afternoon that Concordia College has captured the U.S.C.A.A. Men's National Soccer Championship today. Concordia College was "Congratulated" and applauded for their National Soccer Championship!

D. Comprehensive Development Plan - Update - Mr. Larry Watts. Mayor Evans stated he would like to ask Mr. Larry Watts of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Incorporated, to come forward and address the Council with an update as it relates to the Comprehensive Development Plan. Mr. Watts came forward and addressed the Council with an update on the Selma Comprehensive Community Master Plan. Mr. Watts stated the Planning and Development Department felt it was important to inform the Council, as to where we are on the Comprehensive Community Master Plan. Mr. Watts further stated we are at a historic time in Selma, and that it has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work with the City of Selma to develop its first, as far as they know, in modern times since the 1960's, Comprehensive Community Master Plan. Mr. Watts stated in December, 2009, there will be two (2) public hearings; one scheduled with the Planning Commission on December 1st, and one with the Council, to consider approval of the Plan. Mr. Watts further stated that each of them should have received a packet of information to review before the Council meets to adopt the Plan in December, which includes the purpose, the State Code it comes under, zoning, and sub-division regulations, and related information that the City does. Mr. Watts stated the State Code calls for the City to adopt a Comprehensive Master Plan, and he has included the State Code Sections, for their information. Mr. Watts further stated that they should also have a copy of the "draft" Comprehensive Development Plan, which is the actual document that the Planning Commission will have a hearing on, as well as, the Council. Mr. Watts stated they should also have a Summary within their packet. Mr. Watts further stated according to the State Code, the Planning Commission is the "Body" of City Government that is to approve the Comprehensive Master Plan for the City. Mr. Watts further stated that they have also recommended, as common practice, that the Council consider and approve the Comprehensive Master Plan, because the Council has some final authority in those actions as well, with regard to the Budget and looking at the expenditures of the City. Mr. Watts stated it is very important that the Plan is something that the Council agrees with, and not just the Planning Commission. Mr. Watts further stated the Comprehensive Development Master Plan's schedule is also within their packet of information, along with a "draft" resolution. President Allen asked the Council to review the information that Mr. Watts has provided to them, and E-Mail any questions that they may have to her, or to Ms. Diana Johnson, Council Secretary.

E. Battalion Chief Appointment. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he is going to appoint Captain Alton Green as the new Battalion Chief, replacing Chief Michael Stokes, who has over Sixteen (16) years of service to the City of Selma; he has served as "Captain" for seven (7) years; Driver for five (5) years, and a Firefighter for Four (4) years. Mayor Evans further stated this appointment will be effective on tomorrow, November 11, 2009.

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- F. **Monthly Financial Report - October, 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of October, 2009. Mayor Evans further stated as can be seen, the Monthly Financial Report reveals that our sales tax collection is about \$40,484.80 less than we had last year this time, lodging tax collection is about \$11,828.29 less than we had last year this time, and tobacco tax is \$517.46 less than last year this time, under the "Y-T-D" Totals.
- G. **Police Department Reports - October, 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 further stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the month of October, 2009. President Allen read all of the Incidents reported by Wards, along with the totals and percentages. President Allen stated as seen by Wards, the total of incidents that have been reported for the month are 2,463 in the various Wards, and outside of the Wards was 49%, with a total of 1,183. President Allen further stated the Loud Noise Statistics reflects, in the Loud Noise Incident report, a report of 29 Loud Music Incident Reports, and the Issuance of 5 Loud Noise Citations; 1 in Ward 2, 2 in Ward 4, 1 in Ward 5, and 1 in Ward 8. During discussion, Mayor Evans asked Chief Riley to come forward and address the Council with answers to questions that they may have had as it relates to the Police Department Report, particularly the percentage of incidents outside of the police jurisdiction.
- H. **Code Enforcement Reports - October, 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of all of the identified properties in the City, for the Month of October, 2009, total identified for the month of October, 2009, was 92.
- I. **Khafra Engineering Consultants - Settlement.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Khafra Engineering Bill. Mayor Evans further stated to Council if they recall he had given a copy of the bill to them at last Council meeting, stating he did not want the Council to take any action on it until after the passage of the Bond. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the Settlement offer to Khafra Engineering in the amount of \$18,658.44, to reconcile the billing between Khafra Engineering Consultants and the City of Selma. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the Settlement Payment of \$18,658.44 to Khafra Engineering Consultants. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- J. **Employee Health Plan.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have information within their packets as it relates to the Health Plan for our Employees. Mayor Evans further stated he had also E-Mailed a copy of this Health Care Plan to each of the Council Members this past week. Mayor Evans thanked Mr. Holland Powell for the presentation he had made to the Council during the last Council Meeting, and also stated that Mr. Powell has withdrawn his Plan from the consideration of the Council. Mayor Evans stated he had met with all of the Employees on last week, and it was a majority consensus of the Employees to accept Plan C, which is the same Plan we currently have, with modifications of a cost to each Employee in the amount of \$54.00 per month. Mayor Evans further stated this new Plan will also affect the Retirees, as well. Mayor Evans stated that he is recommending that we move forward with the Employee Health Plan, Option C. During discussion, Ms. Pauline Williams, Insurance Analyst, was asked to come forward to address the Council with answers to questions that they may have. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the Employee Health Plan, Option C. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- K. **Update - Traffic Cameras.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he supports the concept of us moving forward with the Traffic Cameras, which is only preliminary at this point, and a work-in-progress. Mayor Evans further stated more information will be brought to them during the Committee's Report later.
- L. **Update - Garbage Fees.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that our Citizens have really gotten into an "uproar" about potentially what they think is going to happen as it relates to garbage fee collections. Mayor Evans further stated the City has not made a decision about what it is going to charge in terms of outsourcing the garbage collections, and that those were proposed costs made to them from the companies who want the business. Mayor Evans further stated he basically said to the Citizens that it is a work-in-progress, and that the City is trying to explore all of our options, to come up with what is best for City Government.
- M. **Update - Landfill.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Landfill is on-going and is "operational", and is going very, very smooth at this point.
- N. **Visitor's Center - Update.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a copy of the Visitor's Center's Plans; an outline of what it will look like once completed. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward and address the Council. Ms. Griffeth thanked Ms. Cheryl Smedley of the Chamber of Commerce for working with them on this. Ms. Griffeth further stated this is a proposal that Planning and Development, as well as, the Chamber and Tourism have worked on,

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along with Ms. Karen Ware, who drew up the Plans for the interior work on the Visitor's Center. Ms. Griffeth gave the Council an "overview" of the Visitor's Center, and the design of it. Mayor Evans stated that is where we are, and hopefully will be moving from in an effort to have it ready by Thanksgiving, or soon after.

O. Resolution #R125-09/10 - Stabilization of the Selma Voting Rights Welcome and Interpretive Center. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council as it relates Resolution #R125-09/10, which authorizes the City to advertise for Bids on the Stabilization of the Selma Voting Rights Welcome and Interpretive Center. Ms. Griffeth further stated the City is the recipient of a total of \$842,000.00 in Statutory Aid Funding through National Park Service for the stabilization of the Interpretive Center located on Broad Street. Ms. Griffeth stated we wish to take those funds and use for the structural stabilization and then on to exterior work for windows and doors, and if there is any money left, we will complete the first floor of the first building, to serve as a permanent Welcome Center. Ms. Griffeth stated the initial bids will go out on November 12th, to the Selma Times-Journal, Mobile Register, Birmingham News, Montgomery Advertise, and then on November 19th and November 25th, to the Selma Times-Journal. Ms. Griffeth further stated on November 24th, we will have a Pre-Bid Meeting with the Engineers and any interested Contractors, to further explain the depth of the specifications for this particular project. Ms. Griffeth stated the bid opening will be on December 3, 2009 here in the Council Chambers, at 11:00 a.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Resolution #R125-09/10, Stabilization of the Selma Voting Rights Welcome and Interpretive Center. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

P. Public Works Department - Holiday Pick-Up Schedule. Mayor Evans stated he would like to remind everybody, including Employees, that we have a holiday on tomorrow, Veteran's Day; an important day in history in Honor of our Veterans who gave their lives, as well as, their service for our safety and peace in the United States. Mayor Evans further stated that he wanted to inform the Citizens that we would not be picking up trash on tomorrow, due to the Veteran's Day Holiday. Mayor Evans stated that tomorrow's "trash" will be picked up on Thursday, and Thursday's "trash" will be picked up on Friday, and Monday we will start back on our normal and regular routine.

Q. Thanksgiving Day "Luncheon" for Employees. Mayor Evans stated to Council that we will be having lunch on Tuesday, November 24th, for all of our Employees, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and he would like to invite all of the Employees and the Council Members. Mayor Evans asked the Council Members to please come if they can, and have a meal with the Employees, and enjoy the fellowship.

R. Census Day - April 1, 2010 - Monthly Announcement. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to remind everybody of Census Day, April 1, 2010, and that we have roughly 4 ½ months left. Mayor Evans further stated it is critical that we try and encourage all of our neighbors and friends to please be "counted" for Census Day, and support that effort for the benefit of helping our City to move forward.

S. Alabama Power Company - Gift to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated to Council that on yesterday Mr. Charles McCrary, President of Alabama Power Company, came to visit the City and had a meeting with some Citizens at the Library. Mayor Evans further stated he came by his office to talk to him, along with Ms. Alisa Summerville, Manager of Alabama Power Company. Mayor Evans stated he surprised him and gave the City a gift donation in the amount of \$10,000.00, for Downtown Revitalization, and he wanted to thank him and Alabama Power Company publicly for that. Mayor Evans, Council Members, Employees in attendance, and the audience applauded the Alabama Power Company for that Gift.

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A. Resolution #R124-09/10 - Authority to Abate and Remove Weeds Declared a Public Nuisance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R124-09/10, which identified the described properties in said Resolution as being a nuisance, and on this date of November 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., we did not have any objections as it relate to abatement of weeds on these properties. Attorney Nunn further stated certified letters were forwarded to the property owners, requesting them to abate and remove the weeds, and that the same was published in the Selma Times-Journal Newspaper, and all of the requirements have been met. Attorney Nunn further stated Resolution #R124-09/10, gives the Code Enforcement Office and the Public Works Department authority to abate the nuisance, and remove weeds from the properties, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R124-09/10, which gives the Authority to Abate and Remove Weeds Declared a Public Nuisance in the identified and described properties, a total of Forty-Nine (49). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

B. Resolution #R122-09/10 - Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement. Attorney Nunn stated Resolution #R122-09/10 represents properties which Code Enforcement have identified as properties declared to be public nuisances, and that are in violation of Ordinance #O118-

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06/07. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they should have an Attachment to said Resolution, which lists the five (5) properties that are in violation, and asked Council's consideration of Resolution #R122-09/10. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R122-09/10, to approve immediate abatement by the listed property owners. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. Resolution #R123-09/10 - Condemned Property. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R123-09/10, as it relates to condemned properties, a total of five (5), which have been identified by the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Darryl Moore, as attachment in "Exhibit A". Attorney Nunn further stated he is asking the Council's approval for the Code Enforcement Officer and the City Clerk to send Certified Letters to the property owners, giving them forty-five (45) days to respond, as it relates to any objections. Attorney Nunn stated if there are no objections, then they shall proceed to correct the property from being a nuisance. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of Resolution #R123-09/10. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Resolution #R123-09/10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. Resolution #R120-09/10 - Resolution Canvassing and Declaring the Results of the Special Municipal Election - Bond Issue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council he wanted to make some clarifications as it relate to the Canvassing that was done on last Tuesday, November 3rd, wherein the "Numbers" did change. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that if the Council Members who were in attendance during the Canvassing recalls, when they started totalling, there were three (3) provisional ballots that came in from the Christian Alliance Facility, and the votes cast were for the "Straight" ticket, and we also had one (1) provisional ballot that came in from Selma Mall on the "Straight" ticket, that changed it. Attorney Nunn stated on Proposition #7, we had a change whereby someone voted "No" on the Riverfront Amphitheater, and this one came in from the Christian Alliance Facility. Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall if someone votes a "Straight" ticket, that vote is put in each one of the Propositions 2 - 13, and we failed to do that and change the Numbers during Canvassing. Attorney Nunn further stated he had to go back and put in each one of the "Straight" tickets within Propositions 2 - 13, and the Resolution that they have tonight will reflect those revisions. Attorney Nunn further stated in making the revisions, all of the "Total" Numbers changed, and he wanted to inform the Council of those revisions to Resolution #R120-09/10.

E. Resolution #R121-09/10 - Resolution Canvassing and Declaring the Results of the Special Municipal Election - School Board. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that there were no changes as it relate to Resolution #R121-09/10, which dealt with the Canvassing of the Selma City School Board Members. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they should have a copy of said Resolution #R121-09/10, and that it remains the same with no changes made to it.

F. Ordinance #O101-09/10 - Residency of Department Heads Within Dallas County. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Ordinance #O101-09/10, which represents the Residency of Department Heads living within Dallas County. Attorney Nunn further stated this is a request that was made by Councilman Williamson to revise the existing Ordinance whereby Department Heads are required to be Residents within the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated we are expanding that whereby Department Heads will be able to reside within Dallas County. Attorney Nunn stated in the "Now, Therefore", they will see that the Department Heads are listed there in Section One of the Ordinance, and if we failed to put someone in there, the last line states, "... and all other officers and/or department heads appointed by the Mayor or the City Council shall be residents of Dallas County, Alabama". Attorney Nunn further stated Section Two states, "Appointments Made Prior to the Effective Date", and that if the Council considers this Ordinance tonight, this Ordinance does not apply retroactively, in that any Department Head and/or Officer residing outside of Dallas County as of the adoption of this Ordinance shall not be required residency within Dallas County, meaning that they will be "grandfathered" in. Attorney Nunn further stated the Ordinance also states, "...however, any and all appointed department heads and/or officers who are appointed after the adoption of this ordinance shall be required to reside within Dallas County". Attorney Nunn stated Ordinance #O101-09/10 was placed on 1st Reading during last Council Meeting and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Ordinance #O101-09/10, Residency of Department Heads within Dallas County. 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. Councilwoman Newton cast a nay vote.

G. Election - Run-Off - Update. Attorney Nunn stated to Council, and verified with the City Clerk, that Absentee Voting began on today, and will go through December 3, 2009. Attorney Nunn further stated the Run-Off Election is Tuesday, December 8, 2009, and the Election Officials will remain the same. Attorney Nunn stated the date of Canvassing the results of the Run-Off Election is Tuesday, December 15th.

H. Ordinance #O102-09/10 - Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #O114-03/04. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that if they recall this Ordinance was presented to the Council by Judge Bob Armstrong.

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Attorney Nunn further stated this Ordinance is repealing Ordinance #O114-03/04, and it has been revised, and the same was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated this is a Curfew Ordinance applying to Minors, Regulating Their Actions on the Public Street and Other Places; Defining the Duties of Parents, Guardians or Other Responsible Persons; Providing Penalties of this Provision. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the Curfew Ordinance, #O102-09/10, Repealing Ordinance #O114-03/04. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to approve Ordinance #O102-09/10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

I. Cable Television - Franchise Renewal Agreement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall we contracted with Local Government as it relates to our Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement, and he is in the process of proceeding with this on our behalf. Attorney Nunn further stated he has written several letters to the Director of Governmental Relations with Charter Communications, and at this point and time he is beginning to schedule the public meetings, as stated to you previously that he would be doing. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is the Notice that will be advertised in the Newspaper, and a letter that will go out to Mr. Skip James, the Director of Governmental Relations of Charter Communications, which will come from the Mayor. Attorney Nunn further stated that they also have a "sample" statement which, at the public hearing, we will go through. Attorney Nunn stated he is requesting a date in January, 2010, from the Council which the Council will be available to have a public hearing on the renewal of our Cable Franchise Agreement and Charter Communications. President Allen asked the Council Members to look at their calendars and E-Mail her a date that will be convenient to them to have the Public Hearing on in January, 2010. Attorney Nunn also stated he will E-Mail President Allen some dates that the Council may want to look at for the Public Hearing.

J. Solicitation - Update. Attorney Nunn stated Councilman Williamson had asked him to research information on solicitation in the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated upon researching our Ordinance Book, we do not have an Ordinance as it relates to solicitation. Attorney Nunn stated he is in the process of researching this matter in more detail, and if need be, he will proceed to continue the research and also prepare a Solicitation Ordinance for the City of Selma. Councilman Williamson stated to President Allen that he had one of his Constituents to call and complain about people coming to their house at 7:30 and 8:00 at night, soliciting money and trying to sell books. Councilman Williamson further stated we do not have a Solicitation Ordinance here in Selma, and he had asked Attorney Nunn if he would draw up an Ordinance for Solicitation for the Council to consider.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. RADIO BROADCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

President Allen stated to Council as they know it is time for them to renew, and she has a Broadcasting Renewal Agreement here tonight for \$7,000.00 for them to do all of the broadcasting of all of the Selma City Council Meetings. President Allen asked for a "show of hands" of those present who are willing to contribute to the Broadcasting, and everyone present raised their hands in support; namely, Councilman Bowie, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, President Allen, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Williamson have all raised their hands. President Allen stated some of our Council Members are in San Antonio at the National League of Cities' Convention, and she will be asking them at the next Council Meeting.

II. HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Councilwoman Keith read a letter to the Mayor and Council Members on behalf of Councilwoman Benjamin, as it relates to "Holiday Adopt-A-Family" Sponsorship. Councilwoman Keith stated the Sponsorship donations are needed by November 26th. Councilwoman Keith further stated the Sponsorships will be up to 10 people, 2 families of 5, 3 families of 3, and the Cost of Sponsorship is \$45.00. Councilwoman Keith passed the letter around to the Council Members, and also announced the same to the listening audience, as well.

III. LIQUOR LICENSE MORATORIUM

Councilwoman Keith stated the Public Safety Committee met on November 5th, to discuss the liquor tax being collected by some of the businesses. Following discussion and reviewing the Law, it was the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that that be repealed, and that the City Attorney work with our Legislative Delegation, the appropriate Alcoholic Beverage Control Personnel, and the League of Municipalities to update current legislation, to have sales taxes collected on behalf of the City of Selma, as is done in the majority of the Cities in Alabama. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to adopt the recommendation made by the Public Safety Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

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IV. CLOSING OF ROAD THROUGH BUSH HOG

Councilwoman Keith stated to Council that she, along with Mayor Evans and Councilman Tucker met with Representatives of Bush Hog today. Councilwoman Keith further stated they do not bring a recommendation, but just to say that they are in dialogue with Bush Hog, and they are very interested in the desires and well-being of the people of Selma, and she thinks that they all left with a "good feeling" today. President Allen stated she wanted the public to know that they are not left out of this, and that there will be a Public Forum on this matter.

V. DISCUSSION ON DECEMBER 8TH COUNCIL MEETING DATE

President Allen stated to Council as they know, December 8th is the date of our next Council Meeting, as well as, the date of the Run-Off Election. President Allen further stated to the Council that the October 27th date of the regularly scheduled Council Meeting was rescheduled last time due to the Special Election, and that it was "open" for discussion at this time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to reschedule our Council Meeting for Thursday, December 10, 2009, and that we would only have one (1) Council Meeting for the month of December, 2009. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

A report was made earlier by Councilwoman Keith.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

No Report.

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

Councilwoman Keith made a report. Councilwoman Keith stated that the Garbage Sub-Committee did meet, and the following recommendations were made by the Sub-Committee:

- (1) To offer Outsourcing of the Garbage Collection to Advanced Disposal under the terms that they discussed with the Council when they made their presentation; their proposal was approximately \$13.55 per household for three (3) years with their own equipment, and the possibility of some equipment purchases from the City of Selma. President Allen asked Mayor Evans if he would like to speak on this matter before they vote on this recommendation. Mayor Evans addressed the Council and stated it was his impression that it was still in a "working" stage in terms of trying to get all of the answers. Mayor Evans further stated he spoke with Mr. Roosevelt Goldsby today about this, and that we have about 185 citizens who have begun paying garbage fees since implementing this, and we are still collecting. Mayor Evans stated what he has asked Mr. Goldsby, with the help of others, to do is to see how much it would cost the City to "break-even" on this matter, even if the City went up to \$15.00 or \$16.00; what it would cost us to continue to do it and collect the monies that are outstanding as opposed to turning it over to somebody else to do it. Mayor Evans stated, that is just a "thought" he had on this matter, and the question he had was whether we had done all of our due diligence with that or, are we prepared to move forward with it. Mayor Evans further stated he would place it back with the Council to determine whether that is the process we should go with at this time. President Allen stated she would like to say that one part of this for her is that the outstanding individuals who do not pay their garbage would not be the same if we were not involved anymore, and that is one of the things that she is not sure whether or not Mr. Goldsby will be able to evaluate how successful we as a City would be since we have not been in the past very successful with getting the debt payment, whereas if this was no longer part of us, and part of a company, that now the debt would not be ours anymore. Councilman Williamson stated to President Allen that he thinks we ought to move on this tonight, and accept the Committee's recommendation. Councilman Williamson further stated the garbage fees will only go up \$1.55, and not going up to \$25.00. Councilman Williamson stated the City is losing \$200,000.00 - \$250,000.00 a year by being in the "garbage business". Councilman Williamson further stated this has been going on for 10

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years, not under Mayor Evan's administration, and that it started back under Mayor Smitherman, and has continued. During the report, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to accept the recommendation made by the Garbage Sub-Committee, to accept the proposal by Advanced Disposal to outsource the collection of garbage fees for the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

(2) Councilwoman Keith stated the Sub-Committee further recommends that the old accounts be turned over to a collection agency, to be determined by Mayor George Evans, for collection. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to accept the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

(3) Councilwoman Keith stated this should have come under the other Committee's Report, but the Public Safety Sub-Committee recommends that the Traffic Light Study which was discussed by the Mayor earlier, be implemented, and that the cameras be put up. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to accept the recommendation made by the Public Safety Sub-Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairperson

No Report.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Geraldine Allen, Chairperson

President Allen reported on the following:

City of Selma Youth Conference, \$1,600.00; Donated by President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Bowie.

CHASM Family, Resource & Volunteer Center, \$650.00; Donated by President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Bowie.

BlackBelt Community Fatherhood Initiative, \$400.00; Donated by President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Bowie.

Community Outreach Organization, \$350.00; Donated by President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Bowie.

Tri-County Sickle Cell Association, \$600.00; Donated by President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilwoman Newton, Councilman Tucker, and Councilman Bowie.

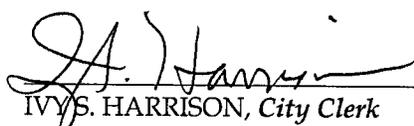
CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

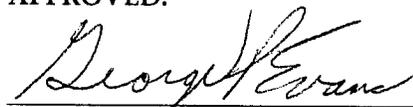
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, *Council President*

ATTEST:


IVYS. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*