

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 25, 2010  
5:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Invocation: Reverend James Peoples, Pastor  
St. Matthews Baptist Church

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members Councilwoman Dr. Monica Newton, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw, and Councilman 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, Ms. Brenda Smothers. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:06 p.m. Councilwoman Susan Keith was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:09 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the agenda items as written. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the agenda with the following additions: (1) Fire Hydrant Pressure Checks Throughout the City of Selma; (2) Vacant Lots; (3) Quality of Life Committee Follow-Up; and (4) Request in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Jessica Lolley Scholarship Fund. 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 May 11, 2010 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**CITIZENS' REQUEST**

Attorney Faya Rose Toure'

Re: Ordinance to Propose the Right of Free Speech, and Lawful Removal of People from the Council Chambers

Mr. Brent Harris

Re: Code Violations

**PRESENTATION OF LONGEVITY CERTIFICATES AND PINS**

Mayor Evans stated he would like to present Certificates of Service and Longevity Pins in recognition of the following employees: Fireman Christopher Gates, Selma Fire Department, *Five Years of Service* to the City of Selma, and Detective Dorothy Cowan, Selma Police Department, *Twenty Years of Service* to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated he would like to thank each of them for their Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma, and they were both presented with a Longevity Pin. President Williamson stated, on behalf of the Council, that they certainly appreciate all of what they do for the City of Selma.

***RECOGNITION OF DR. TIMBRALA MARSHALL, AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE FROM THE CITY OF SELMA, WARD FOUR, CELEBRATING HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AS WELL AS, HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT ON RECEIVING HER VETERINARY MEDICINE DEGREE, ON MAY 7, 2010. SHE WAS GIVEN A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" IN RECOGNITION OF HER ACHIEVEMENTS!***

**A. Proclamation Declaring May 27, 2010, as "National Missing and Exploited Children's Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has prepared a Proclamation for the Council to approve and adopt, Proclaiming May 27, 2010, as "National Missing and Exploited Children's Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama. Mayor Evans read the Proclamation in Honor of "National Missing and Exploited Children's Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama in its entirety, and encouraged all Citizens to assist in efforts to prevent the abduction and exploitation of Children, and support "National Missing and Exploited Children's Day", as a "Special Day" to remember those Children who are missing, and give hope to their Families. Mayor Evans asked Police Chief William Riley and Detective Dorothy Cowan to come forward to be a part of this Presentation. Mayor Evans presented the Proclamation to Chief Riley, Detective Cowan, and the Selma Police Department, recognizing "National Missing and Exploited Children's Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama.

**B. Update on Memorial Stadium Lighting.** Mayor Evans stated the bids for Memorial Stadium Lighting will be going out, and sealed bid proposals will be received until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 3, 2010, for the construction of the Memorial Stadium and Bloch Park Field Lighting Replacement. Mayor Evans stated that Coach Reece is present tonight, and asked that he come forward and address the Council with an explanation and an update on the Memorial Stadium Lighting. Coach Reece stated that he met with Representatives from Krebs Architecture and Engineering Firm earlier today, to discuss the project for the lighting for Memorial Stadium and Bloch Park. Coach Reece further stated that a Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at Memorial Stadium Ram Shack. Coach Reece stated that the lighting has to be put in place in order to play our first football game which is August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Stadium. Plans, specifications, and contract documents are open to public inspection, and are located at the Mayor's Office, 222 Broad Street, City of Selma, Krebs Architecture & Engineering, Incorporated, located at 2100 River Haven Drive, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35244, AGC Plan Room, and McGraw Hill Construction-Dodge.

**C. Resolution #R223-09/10 - Authorization to Request Funds for City of Selma Marina Gas Pump.** Mayor Evans asked Coach Reece to address the Council as it relates to Resolution #R223-09/10, Authorization to Request Funds for the City of Selma Marina Gas Pump. Coach Reece addressed the Council and stated that 2 ½ years ago we were awarded a grant of the Alabama Scenic River Trail, via A.D.E.C.A., to go towards replacing the gas pump at the existing City Marina, so that individuals traveling up and down the River, could come there to get gas. Coach Reece further stated we received an estimate of around \$21,000.00 to replace the pump, but that did not include the gas, and other equipment needed. Coach Reece stated that the Marina burned in the interim, and now we are looking at the development of the Marina, and the need for the fuel. Coach Reece further stated the former Marina Owners sold the old pump and tank, and the items must be included in the price to replace the Pump. Coach Reece stated we have \$3,500.00 that the previous Council gave of their Oil Lease Monies, along with the \$17,000.00 grant received from A.D.E.C.A., which has to be used by September 30<sup>th</sup>. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R223-09/10, Authorization to Request Funds for a Gas Pump for the City of Selma Marina. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**D. Resolution #R224-09/10 - Authorization to Apply for F.E.M.A. Operation and Safety Fire Grant.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R224-09/10, Authorization for F.E.M.A. Operation and Safety Fire Grant, whereby the City of Selma desires to apply for an Operation and Safety Fire Grant, via F.E.M.A., in the amount of \$90,803.00. Mayor Evans asked Fire Chief Stokes to come forward to address the Council with an explanation of said Resolution #R224-09/10. Chief Stokes addressed the Council and stated that the grant will allow the City to purchase the needed equipment for the operation and upgrading of the Selma Fire Department, and that the estimated project cost is \$100,892.00. Chief Stokes further explained that the City desires to seek \$90,803.00 in F.E.M.A. Grant Funds, with required matching funds in the amount of \$10,089.00. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R224-09/10, Authorization to Apply for F.E.M.A. Operation and Safety Fire Grant. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

E. Resolution #R225-09/10 - Authorization to Apply for F.E.M.A. Vehicle Acquisition Fire Grant. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should also have before them Resolution #R225-09/10, Authorization to Apply for the F.E.M.A. Vehicle Acquisition Fire Grant, whereby the City of Selma desires to apply for a Vehicle Acquisition Fire Grant, via F.E.M.A., in the amount of \$198,000.00. Chief Stokes addressed the Council and stated that the funding request will allow the City to purchase a needed fire engine to upgrade the Selma Fire Department vehicles, and that the estimated project cost is \$220,000.00. Chief Stokes further stated that the City desires to request \$198,000.00 in F.E.M.A. Grant Funds and will provide \$22,000.00 in required matching funds. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R225-09/10, Authorization to Apply for F.E.M.A. Vehicle Acquisition Fire Grant, and authorize Mayor Evans to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, requesting \$198,000.00 in FEMA Grant funds, with a required match of \$22,000.00, to be obligated in the 2010-2011 Grant Match line item. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

F. Resolution #R226-09/10, Authorization to Enter Into Agreement with Davis Architects, Incorporated for Engineering and Inspection Services Related to the Riverfront Amphitheater Bond Project. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of Resolution #R226-09/10, Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Davis Architects, Incorporated for Engineering and Inspection Services related to the Riverfront Amphitheater Bond Project. Mayor Evans further stated that they have had an opportunity to travel to Alpharetta, Georgia, and to Tuscaloosa, to tour the Amphitheater in those places, and that they are awesome; simply beautiful! Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Charlotte Griffeth went along with him, and they met the Mayor of Alpharetta, and his Staff, and that they were very hospitable to them in accommodating them. Mayor Evans further stated that he is not interested in getting one like the one they have, but would like something just as nice for our City, based upon the money that is allocated for an Amphitheater; namely, \$600,000.00. Mayor Evans stated Representatives from Davis Architects are here, and further stated that they are going to give us a PowerPoint Presentation of what they have put together for our City. Mayor Evans stated this will allow us to see exactly what we are looking at, to see where we are, because the intent is to have this Amphitheater "up and running" by July 4<sup>th</sup> of next year. Mayor Evans further stated as can be seen in the information that has been provided to them, the idea is to capitalize on the warehouse that is already there, to use it as a part of the Amphitheater. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Neil Davis of Davis Architects to come forward and address the Council with an explanation, and to share some ideas for our Amphitheater. Mr. Davis stated that they see it potentially as an exciting project, and also a wonderful opportunity to help in the revitalization of downtown Selma. Mr. Davis then proceeded with the PowerPoint Presentation of what they see as an idea for an Amphitheater for the City of Selma. Following the Presentation, Mayor Evans stated to Council that, with their approval, he would like to move forward with this Project, and he, along with Mr. Davis, asked the Council if they had any questions. During discussion, Ms. Charlotte Griffeth and Mrs. Patti Sexton came forward and addressed the Council with an explanation of the "changes" that were made to the original plans for the Amphitheater, and the cost involved in moving the Amphitheater; "shifting" it to another location in order to capitalize on making the warehouse a part of the Amphitheater Plan. Following discussion, President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he believes that there are more "questions than answers", and he is going to give this to the Recreation Committee, and that they will have a Work Session before the next Council Meeting, to discuss this. President Williamson further stated that in the information received from them, there are Five (5) Exhibits that they say are attached, that are not attached, and he would like to have a copy of those, before taking any action or a vote. Mayor Evans stated that he will get that information to the Council, and thanked Mr. Davis and the Architectural Staff, for coming and being a part of the Council Meeting tonight, offering the PowerPoint Presentation to the Council.

G. Resolution #R227-09/10, Appointment of Mr. Rufus Ford to the Tourism Advisory Board. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of Resolution #R227-09/10, Appointment of Mr. Rufus Ford to the Tourism Advisory Board. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. President Williamson asked if there were any other Nominations from the "floor", and with there being none to come forth, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Resolution #R227-09/10, Appointment of Mr. Rufus Ford to the Tourism Advisory Board. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

H. Resolution #R228-09/10, Appointment of Mrs. Edie Jones to the Tourism Advisory Board. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should also have before them a copy of Resolution #R228-09/10, Appointment of Mrs. Edie Jones to the Tourism Advisory Board. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. President Williamson asked if there were any other Nominations from the "floor", and with there being none to come forth, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R228-09/10, Appointment of Mrs. Edie Jones to the Tourism Advisory Board. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. Following Roll Call, Mayor Evans stated to President Williamson that it will be necessary for the Council to appoint two (2) additional Members, Council Members only, to the Board. President Williamson stated that they will take action on this during the Work Session on Monday night.

I. **Update on Plans for Memorial Day "Moment of Remembrance"**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he wants to remind them of the "Moment of Remembrance" on Memorial Day, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., for the benefit of saying "Thank You" to the Veterans who made sacrifices for us, and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives for our Country, so that we might have freedom. Mayor Evans asked if when we hear the sirens that we would stop, for one minute, for a "Moment of Remembrance" to them who gave and made the ultimate sacrifice for us. Mayor Evans further stated on the back wall of the Council Chambers, there are two (2) banners; that the one on the right side lists the names of the Veterans who actually lost their lives in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan. Mayor Evans further stated the Banners will also be placed outside of City Hall, in recognition of "Moment of Remembrance" for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and that a Ceremony will be here on the Steps of City Hall, at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Evans stated there will also be a Ceremony at Memorial Stadium to honor the Veterans at 10:00 that morning. Mayor Evans asked all Council Members and Citizens to come out and be a part of this Ceremony to Honor and be a part of "Moment of Remembrance" on Memorial Day which is Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Leesha Faulkner, of the Selma Times-Journal, will also be placing the list of names of the Veterans in the Newspaper.

J. **Selma Police Department Compliments and Complaints Brochure**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a Selma Police Department Compliments and Complaints' Brochure, and asked that Chief Riley come forward to address the Council with an explanation of the Selma Police Department Compliments and Complaints' Brochure. Chief Riley addressed the Council and stated to Council that said Brochure serves as a tool available to the public, for Citizens to offer compliments that they may have for the Selma Police Department, as well as, steps and procedures for handling complaints that Citizens may have, also. Chief Riley further stated that the Brochure also lists contact telephone numbers for Citizens, as well as, for anyone who is visiting our City. President Williamson and the Council thanked Chief Riley for making this available for Citizens.

K. **Article in Spring 2010 Issue of Pathways Across America, the Quarterly Publication of the Partnership for the National Trails System**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets information as it relates to the Article in the Spring 2010 Issue of *Pathways Across America*, the Quarterly Publication of the Partnership for the National Trails System. Mayor Evans further stated we are featured on Page 13 of said Publication, "Re-Tracing the Selma to Montgomery Civil Rights March: Engaging Youth in Civil Rights History". Mayor Evans stated it is an interesting article about our City, and he wanted to share that with the Council. Councilwoman Newton stated at the bottom of the article is shown that Ms. Nicole Reeves, City of Selma, Office of Planning and Development, submitted the Article, and she just wanted to say "kudos" to her, and appreciates her for doing that, because anytime we can get publicity in a National magazine that goes out to people that recreate as a place to come, she thinks that is real important, and also thanked Mayor Evans for sharing this with the Council.

L. **Audit Report**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he passed out a copy of the Audit Report which he received on yesterday. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that he would like to respond to the Report during the next Work Session, in terms of things we need to correct, as well as, things that were recommended to us.

M. **Update from Dr. Ralph Ioimo, Public Safety Consultants, Incorporated**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he received an E-Mail on today from Dr. Ioimo, and he wanted them to have a copy, to give to them a current update on where he is with some projects in our City. Mayor Evans further stated that Dr. Ioimo is prepared to come to our next Council Meeting, to give us more information. President Williamson stated that he will place this item on the agenda for discussion during the next Work Session.

N. **Concerns of Mr. Brett Harris**. During discussion, Mayor Evans stated to Council that Mr. Brett Harris is advocating that the Council take over, and that he feels that is the answer to, or solution to, his problems. Mayor Evans further stated that he does recognize that there are some things that we are working on, and he wishes Mr. Darryl Moore was here tonight, but he is attending his Son's Graduation, who is, by the way, Valedictorian of his Class. Mayor Evans stated he did go and look at some of the properties Mr. Harris has referenced, and he had planned to go back to inspect one of the houses on today, but he did not get to do it, but will go prior to the next Council Meeting. Mayor Evans further stated the other house that he talked to him about, and is referencing here tonight, is owned by Mrs. Rose Sanders, and it is his understanding that it is in litigation. Mayor Evans stated the house he mentioned on Water Avenue; the first time he heard about it was at tonight's meeting, but that he wrote the address down, and does, for the benefit of Mr. Harris, plan to follow-up on it. Councilwoman Newton stated that she does feel that it is worth the attention, because it is, as he (Mr. Harris) has said, a public safety hazard; that there are kids living on that street. Councilwoman Newton further stated a half-standing building is always a "recipe for disaster". Mayor Evans stated to Council that if they recall when he became Mayor he gave each of them a Memorandum, stating that they have the right to speak to any Department Head, but all he asks Department Heads, is that before they give any information out, that they would forward it to him, and he would pass it on to the Council Member; "that's all I asked". Mayor Evans further stated that he never denied any Council Member the right to speak to a Department Head. Mayor Evans stated that it is the Law, that the Mayor is

responsible for day-to-day operations, and that the Council is responsible for making Laws, and that he tries to honor that. Mayor Evans stated he is a "Guest", and that he has no authority during these meetings, and his responsibility is to bring a report. Mayor Evans stated Mr. Harris wants the Council to take the powers from the Mayor, whereby the Council can appoint anybody they may want to, but that we must keep in mind, that the Council is not responsible for day-to-day operations, and by Law, are still within the powers of the Mayor regardless of who the Mayor is. Mayor Evans further stated personally he does not like Mr. Harris' approach with this; but, nevertheless, he has always tried to meet with him and talk with him about issues. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she thinks the most effective way that they dealt with the properties approximately 8 years ago, was that she would send registered letters to the property owners. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that she never did a contract but if the house needed to be torn down she would notify the property owner and the Mayor. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would let the Mayor know that the property needed to be demolished and they would help by finding somebody to get the property down. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated she was able to do more that way; that she feels it was the most effective way to handle matters such as these. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated they would have to sign an affidavit, giving them the authority to get it demolished, and she thinks we can move forward proceeding this way, and would really like to do it this way herself. Councilwoman Benjamin stated she would like to ask Mayor Evans a question before he moves from this discussion, and asked if the Council can have information given to them, that notifies them once the property is placed on the list, what is the timeline that the property would stay on the list until such time it is demolished? Mayor Evans replied, and stated that there is no timeline on that; that when we bid it out, we have to accept the sealed bids, and that is where we are on most of the properties that are being referenced right now. Councilwoman Benjamin asked if they could, in fact, get something to give them a status of the property once it is placed on the list? Mayor Evans replied, and stated that they can, and that he would get with Code Enforcement as it relates to said request. Councilwoman Newton stated that what Councilwoman Benjamin requested is what they have been trying to get all along. Councilwoman Newton further stated they want to see what happens with the monthly activity once it has been reported on the Monthly Report that he gives to them. Councilwoman Newton stated it is not that they do not think that they are doing anything, but they can not see the progress, and they need to see the progress. Mayor Evans stated he understands their concerns as it relates to this, and what he has done is, he has reduced the Code Enforcement Staff down to two (2) people, in terms of going out and identifying properties. Mayor Evans further stated Ms. Natalie Shelton will act as the "Secretary" mainly for the Code Enforcement Office, and that she will only be going out identifying properties when there is an emergency, and that for the most part, she will be responsible for working strictly in the office, to have a better flow of the "paper trail" on things of this nature.

O. Fire Hydrants in the City. Councilman Randolph stated to Mayor Evans, as he is aware, there was a fire on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, and the Fire Department could not get any water out of two (2) of the fire hydrants. Councilman Randolph asked Mayor Evans if he had done any research on that, to see what was the problem? Mayor Evans replied, and stated that he did check with our Fire Chief, along with the Selma Water Works. Mayor Evans further stated, it is his understanding, that years ago there was a process where our Firemen monitored and maintained those hydrants, but that something happened where the policy was changed where only the Selma Water Works does it, and that they are supposed to monitor them and make sure that they are secure and operational. Mayor Evans stated he is still awaiting a response from Mr. Robert Bridges of the Selma Water Works, as to why those two (2) fire hydrants did not have water to supply and aid in that fire on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street. Councilman Randolph stated if it had not been for Craig Volunteer Fire Department, it would have been worse. Councilman Randolph stated to President Williamson that he thinks the Council needs to send a letter to Craig Volunteer Fire Department and the Selma-Dallas County Rescue Squad, thanking them for coming to our aid, because two (2) houses burned, but it could have been the whole block. Councilman Randolph stated he truly appreciates them for assisting us. President Williamson asked Mayor Evans to please send a letter thanking the Craig Volunteer Fire Department and the Selma-Dallas County Rescue Squad on behalf of the Council, and he stated he would.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Notice of Public Hearing - Oak Street Closing. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he wanted to remind the Council that during our next Council Meeting, June 8, 2010, we have scheduled a Public Hearing here in the Council Chambers, at 4:00 p.m., to consider assent to the vacation of that portion of municipal street named Oak Street, to be closed, in Councilwoman Keith's Ward, Ward 2, where the railroad track intersects Oak Street. Attorney Nunn further stated any Citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed Vacation may submit a written objection to Ivy S. Harrison, City Clerk, 222 Broad Street, Selma, Alabama, 36701, or may attend the hearing and have the opportunity to speak "For" or "Against" the Vacationing of the Street.

B. Alcoholic Beverage License - Ali Aljahmi d/b/a A J S One Stop - 209 Medical Center Parkway. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Retail Beer for Off Premises Only, which is located at 209 Medical Center Parkway; namely, A J S One Stop. Attorney Nunn further stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was

placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading during the last Council Meeting, and is up for Council's consideration of the same tonight. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of A J S One Stop. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. President Williamson cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Newton abstained from voting.

C. Alcoholic Beverage License - Darrell Steward d/b/a River Pub at Diegos - 8-B Mulberry Road. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Lounge Retail Liquor - Class I License, which is located at 8-B Mulberry Road; namely, River Pub at Diegos. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of River Pub at Diegos, on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. Sales Tax Holiday. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is for informational purposes, with regard to the Sales Tax Holiday. Attorney Nunn further stated that we have been doing this for about 3 or 4 years now, which always falls during the 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend in August. Attorney Nunn further stated that the deadline for Municipalities to notify the State of Alabama, Revenue Department, is July 7, 2010. Attorney Nunn stated if it is the Council's desire, this item will be brought back during the next Council Meeting, June 8<sup>th</sup>, for action.

E. Election Calendar. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the next item, per President Williamson, is in reference to an Election Calendar for the Ward 1 Vacant Seat, if the Council decides to hold an Election, which is upon the sixty (60) days that the Ward 1 Seat was declared Vacant during the Council Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Nunn stated to Council, that in doing the calendar, the earliest we could have an election is September 15<sup>th</sup>. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he had checked to see if we could have the election during the General Election in November? Attorney Nunn replied, and stated that he did ask Probate Judge Ballard, who asked Mr. John Kelly to research, and he stated that it could be done, and we did receive correspondence back from Mr. Kelly, stating that he saw no problem with the City's election being scheduled on the same date as the general election in November. Councilwoman Newton asked Attorney Nunn if it would create a savings to the City if we were to have it during the general election, and Attorney Nunn replied, and stated that he would have to check into that. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he would find out something by the time of the Work Session, and he stated that he would.

F. Advice on Quorum. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets information that he received from the League of Municipalities, as it relates to a quorum during Council Meetings, which is for informational purposes only.

G. Sagging of Pants Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he is still working on the "Sagging of Pants" Ordinance, and that he should have something to present to the Council during the next Council Meeting.

H. Resolution #R222-09/10, Resolution Establishing a Procedure to Uninstall Speed Breakers on a City Street and/or Alley. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that this was passed out to the Council during the last Council Meeting. President Williamson stated it will be placed in the hands of the Public Safety Committee, Councilman Randolph, Chairperson, to be reviewed before the next Council Meeting.

I. Resolution #R229-09/10, Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R229-09/10, Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement, and that this is the initial step of the Weed Abatement Process. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Selma, has identified properties within the City, and classified them as a nuisance. Attorney Nunn stated attached is Exhibit A, which describes the properties and parcels. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R229-09/10, Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

J. Resolution #R230-09/10 - Authority to Abate and Remove Weeds Declared a Public Nuisance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R230-09/10, Resolution to Place Lien on Property for Abating Weeds. Attorney Nunn further stated this is the Authority to Abate and Remove Weeds which have been declared a public nuisance, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R230-09/10, Authority to Abate and Remove Weeds Declared a Public Nuisance. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

I. JESSICA LOLLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND REQUEST

Councilman Randolph stated that Councilwoman Crenshaw requested \$1,500.00 out of the Youth Ambassadors Fund for scholarships. President Williamson stated that he had given \$500.00, and asked if that was for the scholarship fund? During discussion, Councilman Randolph, on behalf of Councilwoman Crenshaw's request, made a motion requesting that the Council donate \$1,000.00 from the Youth Ambassadors Fund, to go towards Scholarships. **The motion failed due to lack of a second.** President Williamson stated even though the Motion failed due to lack of a second, he would get with Councilwoman Crenshaw, and work with her, on behalf of the Scholarships.

II. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

President Williamson stated that he would open the "Floor" for nominations for the election of Council President Pro Tempore. Councilman Tucker stated to President Williamson that he would like to nominate Councilman Corey Bowie for the Position of Council President Pro-Tempore. Councilman Randolph stated to President Williamson that he would like to nominate Councilwoman Angela Benjamin. President Williamson asked if there were any other nominations, and there were none brought forth. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Williamson, that she appreciates the nomination brought by Councilman Randolph, and that there are some Council Members who would like to see Councilman Bowie as Council Pro Tempore, and he will do a good job, but with her nomination, this will linger on. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated to Councilman Randolph, if it is okay with him, she would like to respectfully decline the nomination; that it is an honor and she does appreciate it very much. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to close the nominations. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Randolph abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Randolph stated, as he had stated before, he really felt that Councilwoman Crenshaw should get it, but this Council already has its mind made up, and she did not have the necessary votes to get it. Councilman Randolph further stated that "we talk about respecting one another, and doing what's right", and that she really deserved it, but he does not have anything personally against "Corey", and that he considers him a friend, but this is not about friendship, but about business. Councilman Randolph stated he is going to have to abstain on this.

A roll call vote was taken to poll the Council Members on the vote to elect Councilman Corey Bowie to the position of Council Pro Tempore: During roll call, President Williamson stated he would "pass"; and as he stated previously, he would be the "Fifth" Vote of anybody who gets Four Votes; Councilwoman Keith - yes; Councilwoman Newton - yes; Councilwoman Benjamin - yes; Councilman Randolph - abstained; Councilman Tucker - yes; and Councilman Bowie abstained from voting. President Williamson stated he would now cast a "yes" vote for Councilman Corey Bowie. There were Five Affirmative Votes for Councilman Bowie, and Two Abstentions. Councilman Randolph and Councilman Bowie both abstained from voting.

III. NOISE

President Williamson asked Mayor Evans to please continue to work with the Police Department as it relates to noise.

IV. LITTER

Councilwoman Keith stated that she would like the Council to consider a resolution to adopt a resolution, that it be mandatory that all of the municipal buildings recycle by October 1<sup>st</sup>, and that we have "medium-specific" receptacles for aluminum cans, cardboard, and paper in place. President Williamson asked Councilwoman Keith to meet with Attorney Nunn, and reduce this request to writing, and bring back to the next Council Meeting.

V. INFRASTRUCTURE

This item is continued.

VI. WARD 4 STREETS, CURBS AND GUTTERS REPORT

Councilwoman Benjamin stated she is going to start giving a "Ward 4 Streets, Curbs and Gutters Report". Councilwoman Benjamin reported the following: Dead End of Thomas Drive: Councilwoman Benjamin stated this was reported in November of last year and reported again in April of this year. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that Mayor Evans made a visit to the site, and recommends pavement in that area to rectify that situation. Lawrence Street - a Hole Dug by a Plumbing Company; Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Public Works Department has spoken with the Realty Company and the Plumbing Company, and they both promise to resolve this matter. A Walk-Through - Curb holes that are getting deeper, have been reported to get filled. Franklin Street - between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Highland Avenue - has

been reported, which is part of the Bond Issue and will be taken care of. Hole on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and St. Phillips Street, and the Vacant Lots have been reported. Vacant Lot on the corner of Martin L. King, Jr. Street, and Third Avenue have been reported; reported also to the Mayor, and he is in the process of taking care of this situation.

**VII. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - FIRST PRE-CONFERENCE**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the deadline date for the Pre-Conference is Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that registration forms are coming in, and that we are close to the "16<sup>th</sup>" count.

**VIII. REMOVAL OF MOBILE HOME ON MECHANIC STREET**

Councilman Tucker stated for eight years he had talked with Reverend Moore concerning a mobile home on Mechanic Street, and he is asking the Council to give him permission to move the mobile home from this street, which is not on City property. Mayor Evans addressed the Council, and asked if they would allow Attorney Nunn the opportunity to research this, and follow-up with an update for the Council during the next Council Meeting.

**IX. BROWN Y.M.C.A. WORK DAY**

Councilwoman Newton stated that they really had a great time at the Brown Y.M.C.A., and that everybody here participated, and they all know that it was a real success. Councilwoman Newton further stated that she really appreciated Mayor Evans coming and participating, and that it "warmed" her heart to see Mayor Evans and President Williamson, up on ladders and painting. Councilwoman Newton stated this Council, along with Citizens from the Wards, young people and old people, Black and White people, were on their knees, scrubbing and working together. Councilwoman Newton stated she wanted to thank all of them for coming out and supporting the Brown "Y" and she knows that they did because they think it is for a good cause, and it is. Councilwoman Newton further stated she knows that there are some businesses who were involved; for example, Fuller Building Supply, Carpet Plus; Citizens who gave donations and their time, there were even some Visitors from out-of-town who gave, and who will be coming back to do more work, and she really does appreciate that, and knows that the Brown Y.M.C.A. does, too. President Williamson stated to Councilwoman Newton that he and the Council appreciate her for putting the Project together, and he would think that they can do something like this once a quarter, as a "Mayor-Council Project". Councilwoman Benjamin stated she would like to also thank Councilwoman Newton for taking the time out to coordinate this project, and she wanted to also thank the "A Team", along with all of the others who participated, as well.

**X. WAIVER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS USAGE FEE**

Councilman Tucker asked President Williamson to defer this item to the Administrative Committee.

**XI. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BE READY VOLUNTEER DRIVE - JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Councilwoman Newton stated she would like to announce to the public, and remind the Council that if they have not already gotten some training in Disaster Preparedness, if anyone needs it, there will be a County-Wide Volunteer Drive, which will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Church Street United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Councilwoman Newton further stated Registration will start at 9:00 a.m., and that the first 50 people to arrive will get a free Volunteer T-Shirt. Councilwoman Newton stated that the Program begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end at twelve o'clock Noon. Councilwoman Newton invited everyone to please come!

**XII. VACANT LOTS**

Councilman Randolph asked if it is legal to place Weed Killer to the vacant lots once they have been torn down, to deter grass growing back upon the vacant lot. Mayor Evans addressed the Council, and asked if Councilman Randolph could identify those vacant lots, he would research to see what could be done about the grass growing back upon them.

**XIII. QUALITY OF LIFE**

Councilwoman Newton stated that she had been requested to bring back the structure of what the "Quality of Life" Task Force would be, and that the purpose would be to improve the "Quality of Life" for all Citizens of Selma. Councilwoman Newton further stated that the minimum that the Task Force would address and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council would be about issues related to health, safety, culture and education, and anything that they felt were important issues, related to quality of life. Councilwoman Newton stated that the Task Force would meet monthly until such time as the recommendations are formulated, and presented to the Mayor and the Council. Councilwoman Newton stated that she would like to have Mayor Evans, and three Council Members appointed by the Council

President, to make up the Quality of Life Committee, and One (1) person from each Ward appointed by each Council Member, and the Committee Co-Chairman appointed by the Mayor. Councilwoman Newton further stated that she would like Lt. Weber appointed to the Committee, since he has been in charge of "Community Policing", and that she thinks he is doing a good job with that. Councilwoman Newton stated she would also like to have a Facilitator, and that she has asked Ms. Callie Nelson to serve, who she feels is trained for that and would be an asset to the City, who has agreed to serve. Councilwoman Newton further stated that the Council's role in this mainly is to listen, and to provide guidance about what can, and what can not be done, as it relates to Citizens' requests. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to appoint a "Quality of Life" Task Force Committee. 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

Councilwoman Newton made a report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

Councilman Randolph made a report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw, Chairman

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

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

No report.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

No report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairperson

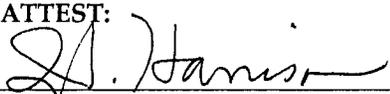
Councilman Bowie made a report. During reporting, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve a budget amendment from the Selma Youth Ambassadors to the Council Special Projects in the amount of \$4,625.00; to encompass \$3,000.00 for the City of Selma Summer Youth Program, \$1,000.00 to the Brown Y.M.C.A., \$625.00 to the Selma School of Arts Classical Summer Camp, and the remaining amount of \$1,575.00 earmarked for any upcoming Ambassadors Project which includes \$1,200.00 for the Summer Youth Camp in June, 2010. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

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 7:53 p.m.

  
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DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, Council President

ATTEST:  
  
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IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:  
  
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GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, Mayor