

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Pro Tempore (President Pro Tem) Angela Benjamin, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, and Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer. Mayor Darrio Melton and his Chief of Staff, Mr. Ollie Davison, were absent from the Council Meeting. Council President Corey D. Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Humility":
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated to Council that they have before them the Agenda for tonight's Council Meeting, and asked if there were any additions and/or deletions? Councilwoman Thomas asked to "Add", "The decision made as it relates to the Speed Bumps at McDonald Avenue and Cedar Drive," to the Agenda, which President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that it will be "Business Item #VII". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "Addition". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration that they discussed at length during the Work Session on this past Thursday. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated to Council that she will be adding for correction what was "Approved" during the last Council Meeting, "The Change of 'May 25th Council Meeting, to May 30th, for the Council Meeting"; said date of May 25th was incorrectly stated, and should have stated, "Change of 'May 23rd Council Meeting, to May 30th Council Meeting, due to the League of Municipalities Convention and Business Meeting. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time that they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

President Pro Tem Benjamin named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Approve Resolution #R108-16/17 - Declaring Seven (7) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement Phase 1, A Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement.
- (2) To Approve Resolution #R184-16/17 - Declaring Five (5) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (3) To Approve the Selma Curb Market for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine, Off Premises Only (Both).
- (4) To Approve \$1,015.00 for Legal Fees to Holtsford Gilliland Higgins Hitson & Howard, P.C.
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R185-16/17 - To Authorize Mayor Darrio Melton to Submit an Application for the 2017 Summer Food Program Through the School Food Service Section of the Alabama State Department of Education.
- (6) To approve Resolution #R186-16/17 - Authorizing Mayor Darrio Melton to Execute the CDBG Grant Drainage Project in the Amount of \$55,200.00 for Engineering Services to Hogg Engineering.
- (7) To Approve Resolution #R187-16/17 - In the Amount of \$1,544,920.00 Awarded to Insituform Technologies for the Lining of Sewer Mains and Manholes for the City of Selma.
- (8) To Approve Dividing of the Oil Lease Funds, Ten (10) Ways Among the Mayor and Council Members, with Each Individually Receiving \$17,802.00 from the \$178,019.93.
- (9) To Approve \$15,600.00 from the Fund 30 Major Project Fund Account, to Repair the Roof on the George Patrick Evans Building.
- (10) To Approve the Change of the May 23, 2017 Council Meeting, to May 30, 2017.

Councilman Randolph stated to President Pro Tem Benjamin that he would like to ask a question of Mr. Ray Hogg, City Engineer, who is present with us tonight, concerning Consent Agenda Item #7. Mr. Hogg addressed the Council, and provided the "answers" to questions that Councilman Randolph, had as it relates to the above-referenced Consent Agenda Item, #7. President Pro Tem Benjamin then asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the Ten (10) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve and adopt the above-named Ten (10) Items on Consent Agenda. 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 Tem Benjamin stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to approve said Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and stated that the majority of his Agenda Items were put on Consent Agenda.)

A. Etheridge & Etheridge, LLC d/b/a Selma Curb Market - Christopher Etheridge - Applicant - Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) - Alcoholic Beverage License Application - 115 Highway 80, East, Police Jurisdiction. Approved Consent Agenda.

B. Resolution #R183-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1). Approved Consent Agenda.

C. Resolution #R184-16/17 - Condemned Properties. Approved Consent Agenda.

D. Resolution #R185-16/17 - Summer Food Program Application. Approved Consent Agenda.

E. Resolution #R186-16/17 - CDGB - Approval of Indigent Defense. Approved Consent Agenda.

F. Resolution #R187-16/17 - Approval of Bid - Insituform Technologies - Lining of Sewer Mains and Manholes. Approved Consent Agenda.

G. Holtsford, Gilliland Higgins Hitson & Howard, P.C. Approved Consent Agenda.

H. Resolution #R188-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Code Enforcement Office wanted him to present additional pieces of properties that have been "Declared a Public Nuisance and in Need of Immediate Abatement", and that they have been listed in Resolution

#R188-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1). Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve Resolution #R188-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

I. Resolution #R189-16/17 - Condemned Properties. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them, Resolution #R189-16/17, Condemned Properties, that have also been identified by the Code Enforcement Officer, to be brought before the Council tonight for action. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R189-16/17 - Condemned Properties. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

J. Power of the Council. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, President Bowie had asked that he pass along to the Council, information as it relates to their "Authority" as a Council Member. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what he has just handed out to them is information that is "highlighted" in yellow, which gives an explanation of the "Powers and Authority" of the Council.

K. Oil Lease Funds. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he is providing information especially to the "Newly" Elected Council Members and Mayor, in terms of how Oil Lease Funds are to be used. Attorney Nunn further stated that "Capital Improvements" mean capital outlay projects that include the planning, designing, inspection, purchasing, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair or renovation of permanent buildings, docks, structures and sites, therefore, for the executive, legislative or judicial branches of government of state government. Attorney Nunn read aloud some of the Attorney General's Rulings concerning Capital Improvements; such as, "Municipal Capital Improvement Funds cannot be used to purchase telephone systems, computer systems, or computer equipment"; among other "items" mentioned. Attorney Nunn stated when spending these Funds, please keep all of this in mind, and continue to be mindful of the "restrictions" on the use of these Funds.

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Gas Tax Funds are restricted to "roads" only—servicing of roads, milling of roads; i.e., storm drainage that is affecting the road. Attorney Nunn further stated that Gas Tax Funds can buy capital equipment; such as, a truck that is going to be used to "re-surface" a road, fix a pot hole; anything that is relative to maintenance of the streets can be used with Gas Tax Funds. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that \$86,159.00 is what we have left in our Gas tax Fund Account, per Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer.

L. St. James Hotel - Update. Attorney Nunn stated that he spoke to Mr. Harry Gamble, and that hopefully within the next Ten (10) days, he is hopeful that we can bring this matter to a "close"; he stated that everything should be complete by then. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Gamble stated that the Fees far exceeded the \$8,000.00 "Cap", and that he will provide an accounting of the fees by the end of this week. Attorney Nunn further stated that he stated that if we can get this matter completed in the next Ten (10) days, to help the City, that they will donate the excess fees without charging us, to get this "important" matter concluded; however; that they cannot continue in this matter without exceeding the "capital".

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated to Attorney Nunn that during the last Council Meeting, he gave the Council a "sample" Contract Form. President Pro Tem Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn to explain to the Council, the process in which this is done, as it relates to executing a Contract from "start-to-finish". Attorney Nunn stated that we cannot donate money to an entity even if it's for a good cause and/or purpose; however, we can enter into a contract with the entity; that due to public funds involved, this is the reason why we have to do a contract. Attorney Nunn further stated that, as a "Body", the Council approves the Contract. Attorney Nunn stated after the Contract is approved, it is the Mayor who "executes" the Contract. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated to Council that they have to review all Contracts in order to approve the Contract. President Pro Tem Benjamin further stated to Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, that if a Contract comes before her that has not been approved, that she needs to make the Council aware. Councilman Leashore asked President Pro Tem Benjamin, if there were any contracts in this "status"? President Pro Tem Benjamin answered, and stated, "Yes". Councilman Leashore asked Attorney Nunn, does any of the Contracts need to be "Ratified and Approved"? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that this will need to be researched, to make this determination. Councilman Leashore asked Attorney Nunn to please do this, in order for us to be "correct" in how we are handling this type of City's business. President Pro Tem Benjamin also asked Ms. Wade to bring a "List" of those Contracts, to the Council. Councilman Johnson stated to Ms. Wade, that if this continues to occur, to please make the Council President aware, and then he can bring it before the Council, as a "Body".

President Pro Tem Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn to explain, how we can give to Schools without a Contract. Attorney Nunn stated that the Law allows us to give to Public Schools without entering into a Contract; that there is an "Opinion out there that states that we can donate, and give to Schools (Public Schools).

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Councilman Randolph asked Attorney Nunn, "who suspends an Employee, the Mayor or the Chief of Staff?" Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that the Personnel Director makes the "recommendation", but the Mayor makes the ultimate decision, based upon the Department Head's recommendation, unless this has changed. Councilman Randolph made a Public Statement, and stated, "If anybody has been suspended by Mr. Ollie Davison, that they need to challenge it". Councilman Randolph stated that he is not trying to "run" the Mayor's Department; but that he disagrees with Mr. Davison having the "authority" to suspend an Employee; that the Mayor is in control of day-to-day operations.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PAY RAISE

Councilman Randolph stated that the Council had a Conference Call with the Classification Pay Plan Group, on this afternoon as it relates to the Council Administrative Assistant's Pay Raise, and that that they stated that it wouldn't be feasible to move forward with a Pay Raise, the Administrative Assistant, at this time. Councilman Randolph further stated that they didn't recommend giving one or two Employees a raise at this time, and not the other Employees. Councilman Randolph stated that the Classification Pay Plan Group will be coming back with a recommendation for the City as it relates to pay raises for all Employees. Councilman Randolph stated to Ms. Temekia Sykes, that he did the best he could in trying to get a raise for her. Councilman Leashore stated to Councilman Randolph, that he thinks that what he is doing is "admirable", but that he thinks that the Council should "Table" this matter, and let Auburn do their job, and come back to us with their recommendations. Councilman Randolph stated that the Classification Pay Plan Group stated that they are looking out for the City's "best interest at heart", and that he understands that. Following this discussion, a "Big Thank You", and Gift, was presented and extended to Ms. Sykes, in "Honor of Administrative Professional's Day"!

We Extend "Best Wishes" in Honor of Administrative Professional's Day", to All!!!

II. DEFUND CHIEF OF STAFF POSITION

Councilman Randolph stated that he is not trying to "run" the Mayor's Office, but asked, "How can we pay somebody a salary, such as this, that does not have any authority?" Councilman Randolph stated that he spoke with a "Council Person" on today, and he was asked by that "Council Person", to "Let Peace Be Still"! Councilman Randolph stated that, at this point, he is willing to sit down and meet with the Mayor, and Mr. Ollie Davison, Chief of Staff, on this matter. Councilman Randolph further stated that he does not want to see anybody lose their job. Councilman Randolph stated that he appreciates what Councilman Leashore has stated to him, as well; that the Council needs to meet with the Mayor, and try to build a "Team". Councilman Randolph stated that he does not dislike the Mayor, nor does he dislike Mr. Davison; that the "Citizens and God" put the Mayor here. Councilman Randolph stated to President Pro Tem Benjamin, that he hopes that she, and President Bowie, can schedule a meeting between himself, Mayor Melton, Mr. Davison, and the Council. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that she will start the process to schedule a meeting with Mayor Melton. Councilman Johnson stated to Councilman Randolph, that what he said makes sense, but "Let's get together, and try to work out these differences". Councilman Johnson further stated that our previous Mayor, Mayor Evans, requested of the Council to make their "requests" in writing as it relates to what their needs were, and asked that the Council give Mayor Melton, the same respect, as was given to Mayor Evans. President Pro Temp Benjamin requested that the Council send their Work Requests to the Mayor, and stated that she will continue to do so, as well. President Pro Tem Benjamin and the Council applauded Councilman Randolph, for requesting that the Council and Mayor, along with Mr. Davison, meet in order to bring resolution to this matter.

III. WARD 4 UPDATES

This Item was Continued.

IV. 6TH ANNUAL JAZZ ON THE GRAZZ - JUNE 17TH

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that this is an "Announcement" that the "6th Annual Jazz on the Grazz" Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th, and that if anyone needs a "T-Shirt" ordered, to please get with her, to place their order.

V. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that the "Calendar" is still being filled up with Events for the *One Hot Summer Series III*. President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that she is still waiting to hear from the Mayor and/or his Staff, as it relates to the One Hot Summer Series III.

VI. UPDATE ON ST. JAMES HOTEL

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

VII. TRASH PICK-UP

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that there is still a lot of trash out there, and asked if anyone knew whether or not there was a Truck broken down or not? It was the *Consensus* of the Council to follow-up on this matter with Mr. Sean VanDiver, Public Services Director.

VIII. WARD 4 WORK SESSION & QUARTERLY MEETING, APRIL 27TH AT 6:00 P.M., - CEDAR PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President Pro Tem Benjamin stated that this is a "Reminder" of the Ward 4 Work Session & Quarterly Meeting on this Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m.

IX. PETITION FOR SPEED BREAKERS FOR CEDAR DRIVE & McDONALD AVENUE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she received a Memo from Mr. Ollie Davison on today, as it relates to the Petition for Speed Breakers for Cedar Drive and McDonald Avenue. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that the Police and Fire Departments oppose it, and that she does not understand, "*why*". Councilman Leashore stated that he thinks that it would be wise and fair that we have the Police and Fire Departments come before the Council, and explain "*why*" they are opposing it. President Pro Tem Benjamin asked the Public Safety Committee to call a meeting to address this matter soon. Councilman Johnson, Chairperson, stated that he will do so. Councilman Leashore stated that he is on the Committee, and asked Councilwoman Thomas if she would provide copies of the correspondence received from Mr. Davison for the Committee Members, along with the Public Safety Committee "Chairperson", and she stated that she would. Councilman Randolph suggested to Councilwoman Thomas that she ask for more Officers to patrol in that area, as well, and she stated that she would.

X. UPDATE ON REMOVAL OF SPEED BUMPS NEAR 226 CEDAR DRIVE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that it is her understanding that the speed bumps have been removed as it relates to this Item.

XI. WATER LEAK UNDER THE STREET - 326 McDONALD AVENUE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that Mr. Bridges of the Water Works & Sewer Board contacted her, and assured her that this problem would be taken care of.

XII. UPDATE ON STREET STRIPING - L. L. ANDERSON AVENUE, BETWEEN BROAD STREET & LAPSLEY STREET

Councilwoman Thomas stated that this Item has been taken care of.

XIII. APPRECIATION FOR SELMA'S NIGHT OF HOPE

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she thinks that we can all claim that this was a successful night! Councilwoman Youngblood stated that Councilwoman Jackson put everything together, and that she thinks this was something positive for Selma. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that there were so many People who worked so hard to make this a success! Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she wanted to "*Thank*" everybody, and a huge "*Thank You*", most of all, to Councilwoman Jackson! President Pro Tem Benjamin and the Council *Concurred* with Councilwoman Youngblood. Councilwoman Jackson received "*Many Thanks*" from the Council and Citizens; Councilwoman Jackson "*Thanked*" Everyone for their support in making this a Successful "*Night of Hope for Selma*"!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report. ("*Reminded*" Everyone of the Rock N'Ribs Event scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at the Lions Fair Park.)/Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

Councilman Leashore "Thanked" the Council for their "Thoughts and Prayers" during his illness. We are so "Thankful" that Councilman Leashore is "Recovering", and doing much better! We Pray God's Blessings as he continues to recover from his illness!

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./ Closing Remarks.

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

Made a report. (During his report, Councilman Randolph "offered" a \$1,000.00 reward for anyone that has information that leads to an arrest for the theft of Two (2) Lawn Mowers from the City's Public Works' Department./Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Made a report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report. ("Closing Remarks" were done earlier.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

President Bowie was absent from tonight's Council Meeting. President Pro Tem Benjamin asked the Council Members to review the Document that was forwarded to them by Ms. Wade, City Treasurer.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

During her report, President Pro Tem Benjamin asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, to move forward in getting the refund check to the "Couple" who came before the Council during our last Council Meeting, as it relates to their "Wedding" at the George Patrick Evans' Building./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report. (During her report, Councilwoman Thomas stated that there will be a "video" made concerning the KaBoom Playground Project that is being planned for Ward 7. Council Members "encouraged" Councilwoman Thomas, and stated how "excited" they are about this Program for Ward 7.)/Closing Remarks.

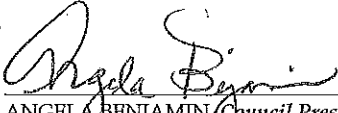
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

President Bowie was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by President Pro Tem Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.


ANGELA BENJAMIN/Council President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bowie further stated to Council that they have before them the Agenda for tonight's Council Meeting, and asked if there were any additions and/or deletions? Councilman Randolph asked to "Add" "One Hot Summer Series, Public Buildings and Public Streets" to the Agenda, which will be "Business Item #XII". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "Additions". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration, that they discussed at length during the Work Session on Thursday. President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them a Total of Eleven (11) Items, for consideration, and that he would like to "add" an additional Consent Agenda Item; that of a "Change of May 25, 2017 Council Meeting, to May 30, 2017", for our Council Meeting, due to the League of Municipalities Convention and Business Meeting. President Bowie further stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time that they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

President Bowie named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Consider a Reimbursement in the Amount of \$725.00 Due to an Unforeseen Situation at One of the City's Public Buildings.
- (2) To Approve to Go On "Record" to "First Shop Selma"!
- (3) To Approve the 2017, "Walk-to-Calvary".
- (4) To Approve to Desist in Renting Any Public Buildings That are Not Up to Standards.
- (5) To Approve the Pre-Founders Day Banquet at Selma University, as a Public Purpose.
- (6) To approve the Extension of the Security Contract, an Additional Six-Months, Ending September 30, 2017.
- (7) To Approve an Alcoholic Beverage License Lounge Retail Liquor-class 1- License for Ford Grocery, #2.]
- (8) To Approve Ordinance #O106-16/17 for a System of Indigent Defense.
- (9) To Approve Resolution #R178-16/17 - Weed Abatement, Phase 1 - Declaring Two (2) Pieces of Properties a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Weed Abatement.
- (10) To Approve Resolution #R179-16/17 - Declaring One (1) Piece of Property as an Unsafe Structure.
- (11) To Approve Resolution #R180-16/17 - For Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Roadway Lighting at the Intersection of U. S. Highway 80, and Plant Street.
- (12) May 30th Council Meeting for the last Council Meeting in May, 2017.

Councilman Randolph stated to President Bowie that he would like to Remove Consent Agenda Item #6, for further discussion. President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the remaining Eleven (11) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve and adopt the above-named Eleven (11) Items on Consent Agenda. 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 Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the March 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. President Bowie asked the Council if there were any corrections? With there being no corrections, President Bowie stated that at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to approve said Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017. 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 abstention. Councilwoman Jackson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I abstain, due to my absence from the Council Meeting".

MAYOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and stated that the majority of his Agenda Items were put on Consent Agenda.)

A. Security Contract - Extension - Superior Security Services, LLC. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Contract with Superior Security Services has expired, and that it was only for 90 - 120 days. Attorney Nunn further stated that he has been in communication with the Attorney General, as well as, the League of Municipalities, and that they both stated that we "open up" City Hall for weapons, etc. without security; that it would behoove us to have some type of security in place. Attorney Nunn stated that he has also researched the Law, and has advised the Mayor as it relates to this Item being Exempt from the Bid Law. Attorney Nunn further stated that we do not have to bid this Item due to it being covered under the "Contract Services" not required to be bid; Alabama Code Section 41-16-151A-15. Attorney Nunn stated that he also confirmed this with the League of Municipalities, and that it does not have to be bid. Attorney Nunn stated that it would be his recommendation to the Council extend the Contract with Superior Security Services, until this Fiscal Year ends, to allow a Budget Hearing on this Item. Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to see whether or not the Police Department can assist us in securing City Hall because it is his understanding that the Security that we have with Superior Security Services, does not have "arresting powers". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to extend the Contract with Superior Security Services, LLC, for Three (3) Months, to allow time to speak with the Police Chief, as it relates to availability of Police Officers to assist with securing City Hall, and placing this Item into Committee, for further discussion, and a recommendation from the Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, President Bowie stated that this Item will be placed into Committee, with Councilman

Michael Johnson, as Chairperson, and that he is asking that he meet with Mayor Melton and Police Chief Collier.

B. Etheridge & Etheridge, LLC d/b/a Selma Curb Market - Christopher Etheridge - Applicant - Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) - Alcoholic Beverage License Application - 115 Highway 80, East - 1st Reading Only. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Etheridge & Etheridge, LLC, Selma Curb Market, Police Jurisdiction, for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine License, Off Premises Only, Attorney Nunn further stated that he is asking that the Council place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application on *1st Reading Only*, tonight. A motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve to place on *1st Reading Only*, the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Etheridge & Etheridge, LLC, d/b/a Selma Curb Market, Police Jurisdiction, for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine License, Off Premises Only. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Lounge Retail Liquor - Class I - Ford Grocery #2 - 2600 Etheridge Avenue - Celestine Ford-Walker Applicant. Approved Consent Agenda.

D. Resolution #R178-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1). Approved Consent Agenda.

E. Resolution #R179-16/17 - Condemned Properties. Approved Consent Agenda.

F. Resolution #R180-16/17 - Alabama Department of Transportation Installation and/or Operation and/or Maintenance of Roadway Lighting at the Intersection of U. S. Highway 80, at Plant Street, in the City of Selma. Approved Consent Agenda.

G. Ordinance #O106-16/17 - Indigent Defense. Approved Consent Agenda.

H. Resolution #R181-16/17 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Selma Establishing Naming and Renaming Public Facilities, Properties and Park Policy. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a "draft" of the Policy and Procedures for Naming and/or Renaming Public Facilities and Properties. Attorney Nunn further stated that "Naming Procedures" can be found on Page 3 of said Policies and Procedures. Attorney Nunn stated that the Application must contain a few things; such as, the "Proposed Name", etc. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Resolution is about 80% complete, but that it is still in its "draft" form. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they can place said Item into Committee, if they choose to do so, for review of the same.

I. AG's Report - Firearms in City Hall. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the AG's "Response" to us, as it relates to Firearms. Attorney Nunn stated that we are in compliance as it relates to the Metal Detectors, Security at City Hall, and the /sign.

J. Contract "Contract for Services" Form. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what he has just handed out to them is a simple "contract" form. Attorney Nunn explained the "scope" of the "Contract for Services" form, and stated that he had also emailed a copy to the Council's Secretary, Ms. Temekia Sykes, in case the Council wants him to revise it.

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he will be getting with A.T.A.P., as it relates to the Lease Agreement, in order to proceed with making the amendments, in preparation of the Contract.

Attorney Nunn further stated to Councilwoman Benjamin, and the Council that he checked over on LaDayne Avenue today, and that the tree is still there. Attorney Nunn stated that he will follow-up with the Real Estate Agent on this matter.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PAY RAISE

President Bowie asked for a "day" that the Council can go up and meet with the Classification Pay Plan Group. President Bowie stated that he will be checking with the "Group" to see what time they will be available for next Tuesday, and that he will let Councilman Randolph and the Council know by Thursday of this week.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

II. SELMA'S NIGHT OF HOPE - APRIL 13, 2017

Councilwoman Jackson stated that Selma's Night of Hope is scheduled for this Thursday, April 13th at Bloch Park. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she is asking that the Community come out and support this Event, and that she is hoping that it brings the "hope" back to our City. Councilwoman Jackson stated that Mr. Sherman Williams is scheduled to be here to speak! Councilwoman Jackson "Thanked" the Council and Businesses, who have worked so diligently in making this a reality! Councilwoman Jackson "Invited" Everyone to come out and support!

III. PETITION FOR SPEED BREAKERS ON CEDAR DRIVE & MCDONALD AVENUE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has turned in the Petition for Speed Breakers to be installed on Cedar Drive and McDonald Avenue, and that she is waiting on the "response" from the Mayor Office, as it relates to a status of the request.

IV. UPDATE ON REMOVAL OF SPEED BUMPS NEAR 226 CEDAR DRIVE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that Ms. Mary Show had a speed bump installed on or near 226 Cedar Drive, prior to this Administration and that she requested to have it removed, but it has not. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that Ms. Shaw is asking her, for a report on the status of this. President Bowie suggested to Councilwoman Thomas that she put this in writing to the Mayor's Office, and do a follow-up with the Mayor's Office to see where they are on it.

V. ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT MEETING

President Bowie stated to Council that he will be getting with Mayor Melton and Attorney Nunn, as it relates to "Safety Tips and a Security Plan" for Club Owners. President Bowie further stated at some point they will be getting together with Club Owners, as well.

VI. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS SITUATION

President Bowie stated that it was mentioned during Work Session that we need to do whatever it takes to make sure that the "Public" is notified of hazardous situations in our City, either by using the PEG Channel, any Social Media that the City has, in term of notifications of hazardous conditions and situations in our City.

VII. WARD 4 UPDATES

This Item was *Continued*.

VIII. 6TH ANNUAL "JAZZ ON THE GRAZZ"

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that this is just a "Reminder" that the "Jazz on the Grazz" Event is always the 3rd Saturday in June, and that it will be on Saturday, June 17, 2017, this year. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she will be taking orders on tonight from the Council, for their T-Shirts, and that she will check with Mayor Melton on tomorrow, regarding his T-Shirt.

IX. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilman Randolph asked Councilwoman Benjamin, how long have we been doing the "One Hot Summer Series"? Councilwoman Benjamin answered, and stated that "One Hot Summer Series" is in its "3rd Year". Councilman Randolph stated that he wanted to state that this is more than just for "socializing"; that a lot of things are going on, such as, "Gospel Programs, Unity in the Community, Senior Citizen's Prom, and many other "Events", and he would like for the Council to "go on record" in support of the "One Hot Summer Series, III"; that "it is not costing the City any money". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to "go on record", in support of the "One Hot Summer Series, III". 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 nay vote. Councilman Bowline cast a nay vote. Following roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin "Thanked" the Council for supporting this, and stated, "One Hot Summer" is a "series" of quality of life events for the Citizens of the City of Selma.

X. SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the HR Director, Ms. Valeria Jones, is working on this Item; the Summer Youth Program.

XI. UPDATE ON ST. JAMES HOTEL

This Item was *Continued*.

XII. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC STREETS

Councilman Randolph stated that he had a "FundRaiser" this past weekend, and that he wanted to "block" off streets, but that there appeared to have been some confusion as to whether or not he could have the street "blocked" off, or not. Councilman Randolph further stated that the Council is in control of Public Buildings, Public Streets and Finances. Councilman Randolph stated that he wanted to "Thank" Councilwoman Benjamin and Councilman Thomas, for coming by, and seeing that this was not a "Party", as had been said by "some". Councilman Randolph asked City Attorney, Jimmy Nunn, does the Council have control over Public Buildings, Public Streets, and Finances of the City? Councilman Randolph stated that he just wanted Attorney Nunn to state this; that he had already spoken with the League of Municipalities, and was told that the Council has control of the Streets, Public Buildings, and the Finances. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council, and stated to Councilman Randolph that what he just stated is correct; that the Council has control of Public Buildings, Public Property, which would include Streets, and Finance. Councilwoman Youngblood Concurred, and stated that she did not foresee a problem with him wanted to block off the street for safety reasons. Councilman Bowline stated that he thought that it was a good idea; that closing the street may have been imperative in light of "safety reasons", and trying to protect Citizens, and that he was sorry that had happened to him. Councilman Johnson suggested to Councilman Randolph, that he check, and make sure that it was not the Police Department, that handled the matter in the manner in which they did.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

Councilman Leashore is absent from tonight's Council Meeting, due to illness.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

No Report. (Will be scheduling a meeting soon.)/ Closing Remarks.

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

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Made a report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report./ (During his report, President Bowie stated to Council that he will be calling a Committee Meeting, to discuss the Memorandum that the Council received during our last Council Meeting, from Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, along with other Revenue Streams.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH COUNCILMAN JOHNNIE M. LEASHORE,
AND HIS FAMILY, FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY!!!

Councilman Johnson stated that he just received a "Text" from Mr. Sean VanDiver, stating that he recently had surgery, and trying to recover from it. Councilman Johnson further stated that Mr. VanDiver asked that we be patient with the "grass situation"; that as soon as he recovers from surgery, he, along with Mr. Ernest Shears of the Public Works Department and Staff, will be addressing the issue with the grass.

Councilman Johnson asked that we keep Mr. VanDiver and his Family in our Prayers!

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH MR. SEAN VANDIVER, AND HIS FAMILY,
FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY, AS HE RECOVERS FROM SURGERY!!!

PRESIDENT BOWIE ASKED THAT WE KEEP COACH ANDREW A. SEWELL'S FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THIS PAST SATURDAY - COACH SEWELL WAS A "PILLAR" IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY ARE WITH HIS FAMILY!

PRESIDENT BOWIE ALSO ASKED THAT WE KEEP MR. BEN McCARY'S FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS, AS WELL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON LAST THURSDAY! BEN WAS A FORMER CITY OF SELMA EMPLOYEE, WITHIN THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT!
OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY ARE WTH HIS FAMILY!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVYS S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*