

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 28, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Steve Burton,
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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The Ability to Recognize Key Facts and Finalize Difficult Decisions.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated at this time, the "Chair" will entertain a motion to approve the Agenda, and asked for a "motion" from the "floor". A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve the agenda, as written. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Five (5) Items, for consideration. President Bowie further stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time if 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 Approve Resolution #R184-17/18 - Declaring Three (3) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (2) To Approve Ordinance #OI16-17/18 - Amending the City Council Rules of Procedures.
- (3) To Approve Resolution #R183-17/18 - Declaring Nineteen Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase 1, A Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement.
- (4) To Approve the Budget Process, Starting June 1st and the Passing of the Budget by September 20th.
- (5) To Approve to Keep the Old Trash Trucks as "Back-Up", and Not to be Sold.

Council President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve the Five (5) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve and adopt the Five (5) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and

one abstention. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I abstain; I was absent during the Work Session."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, Council President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, and also, the August 23, 2018 Work Session Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had a chance to peruse the Minutes. President Bowie asked that the Council "carry over" the Work Session Minutes of August 23, 2018, until the next Council Meeting. With there being no corrections, President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would "entertain" a motion to approve, the Minutes of August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve the said Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mr. Bruce L. Holmes, Sr.
Re: Street Name Change for Mrs. Sheyann Webb Christburg

Mr. Alan H. Jones, President
Jones Oil Company, Incorporated
Re: Gasoline Tax & Sales Tax

MAYOR'S REPORT (NO REPORT DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.)

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Nunn stated that he would like to "Thank" the Council for placing most of his "Items" on Consent Agenda, but that he had a few more Items to present.

- A. Ceramics Art Program - Grant Application. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a Grant Application for the Ceramics Art Program. Councilman Bowline asked if there was a "match" for this Grant? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that there is no cash match or cost for the City. Attorney Nunn stated that this Grant Application is before them for their consideration and approval. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve the Grant Application for the Ceramics Art Program. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council.
- B. City of Selma - Take Home Vehicle and City Vehicles' Policy. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that this Item was discussed during the Work Session. Attorney Nunn further stated that he has checked with the City of Montgomery, also, and that several revisions have been made to it. Attorney Nunn asked the Council to please review, and bring back at the next Work Session.
- C. To Approve the A.M.I.C. Statement in the Amount of \$19,746.54. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them the A.M.I.C. Statement in the amount of \$19,746.54, and asked Council's consideration and approval. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the A.M.I.C. Statement in the amount of \$19,746.54. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- D. To Approve a Budget Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000.00 Annually for Fund 23 Special Details in the Selma Police Department. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, as was stated, he would come back to the Council, as it relates to this Item, once he had a chance to talk with the Attorney General's Office, and the League of Municipalities. Attorney Nunn stated that we had a request from our City Treasurer, Ms. Ronita Wade, on August 9th, recommending that the Council approve an annual Budget for the City Awarded Drug Fund-Fund 23, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 annually; further, that this amount should be used solely for the purpose of drug "buys" for undercover investigation operations and purchase of equipment. Ms. Wade is also recommending that any additional requests for spending from this Fund require the majority approval of the Council. Attorney Nunn stated that he talked to the League of Municipalities, per Work Session, and if they recall, they were researching the matter, along with getting Opinions from the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney Nunn stated that he did have an opportunity to talk to the AG's Office on yesterday, as it relates to Opinion 2005-121, and they did state that the City Council nor the City Clerk have any authority over the forfeiture funds. Mr. John Porter, of the Attorney General's Office, stated that there are Two (2) parts to the AG's Opinion; the first, as it relates to State Forfeiture, that the money must be deposited into the General Fund Account, and the funds must be appropriated by the Council to the Police Department and may be used as determined by the Police Department; further, once funds are appropriated they do not have to come back before the Council for approval. Attorney Nunn stated that the second part is, if Federal Proceeds are received by the Municipal Law Enforcement, they must be deposited in a separate account maintained by the City Clerk, and spent in accordance with federal guidelines; further, if the Federal proceeds are appropriated by the City Council to the Police Department, the Police Chief is authorized to expend the funds and, if not, the City Council may approve specific expenditures on the Chief's recommendation; in the case of a disagreement, the Council has no authority other than to disapprove of the request. Attorney Nunn stated in the Opinion, you have the State and the Federal, dealing with the Opinion. Attorney Nunn further stated in talking to the League of Municipalities, they disagree with what is being stated, and state that the Council does have the authority to appropriate the funds. Attorney Nunn stated that these are "Opinions", from the League of Municipalities, and from the AG's Office. Attorney Nunn further stated that they can seek another AG's Opinion; however, specific to the City of Selma, as it relates to the "Stop Gap". Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Attorney Nunn that she would like for him to set up a "joint" meeting, with the League, the Attorney General, and with the Council, because this is important, and that they need to know. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that she thinks that they all need to get together to make sure that they have it right. Councilwoman Benjamin "Thanked" Attorney Nunn for the research, and stated that now they do have two (2) "conflicting" Opinions, but that they do need to find out what it is that they should be doing, as it relates to this. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he agrees with Councilwoman Youngblood, and that it would be his recommendation, that they set up a meeting, maybe a Conference Call, here in the Council Chamber, with President of the Council, Councilwoman Youngblood, and any of the other Council Members who would like to come, himself, with the League of Municipalities and Mr. Porter of the AG's Office, to sit down and see can we come to a reasonable Opinion as it relates to the forfeiture. Attorney Nunn further stated that he will say that Chief Collier is adamantly against the Council doing anything as it relates to these funds. Attorney Nunn stated that if we can't come to a "Meeting of the Minds", with an agreement on how to proceed on this, then his recommendation would be to seek an AG's Opinion. Attorney Nunn asked the Council if they wanted to place this Item into "Committee", and proceed from there, or would the Council want him to set up the meeting? Councilwoman Youngblood answered, and stated that she would prefer that he set up the meeting for the Council. Attorney Nunn stated that he will set up the meeting for a Conference Call, sometime this week or early part of next week.

- E. Grass Cutting Trimmings in Street. Councilman Johnson asked Attorney Nunn if we have something in place for grass cutting/trimming in the streets? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he thinks that we do have something in place, and to allow him to see if he can "pull" it for him, and bring back to our next Council Meeting.
- F. Water Works' Business. Councilman Johnson stated that there is a "vacancy" on the Water Board due to a resignation. President Bowie stated that the Council set up an Ad Hoc Committee last time, and he felt that it would be just cause to go by the same process that was put in place during our last vacancy. Attorney Nunn gave an "overview" to explain how the Members of the Water Board had been "appointed" over the years; that not all of the Members on the Water Board are "appointed" at the same time. President Bowie stated that he is going to go ahead and request that this be "Tabled" until the next Council Meeting; that it wasn't brought up during the Work Session, and it also could be a "conflict of interest" for a "Water Board Member" bringing it up for a "vote". Councilman Johnson stated it was on the Agenda, and it was in the Minutes where they had presented it before, but if he feels that it should be "Tabled", he'll let someone else bring it back up. During discussion, a motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to "Table" the matter on the Water Works' Vacancy. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council. There were six affirmative votes, two nay votes, and one abstention. Councilman Leashore and Councilman Johnson each cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Jackson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I will abstain on all matters concerning the Water Board."

Following the above discussion, Attorney Nunn stated that he wanted to bring some "clarity" to the Ceramics Art Camp Grant; that there is a "match" but it comes through from the Art Camp, not the City of Selma.

Councilman Leashore asked Attorney Nunn to check and find out how many outstanding Warrants are at the Magistrate's Office, and bring back a report to the Council, and he stated that he would do so.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY GAS TAX - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ½ CENT SALES TAX - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPOSED NEW TAXES

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she thinks her "First" Three Business Items on the Agenda can be handled together. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that after hearing from Mr. Alan Jones, Citizen who addressed the Council earlier, as it relates to Gasoline and Sales Taxes, and the lengthy Work Session that they had on Thursday, that she would like to make a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, that the Council not adopt to raise the Gas, ½ Cent Sales, and Proposed New Taxes in the 2018/2019 Budget. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council. During roll call, President Bowie stated, "No New Taxes." During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "No New Taxes." During roll call, Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "No New Taxes." During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "No New Taxes". During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "No New Taxes." During Roll Call, Councilman Randolph stated, "No New Taxes." During Roll Call, Councilman Leashore stated, "The City needs new Revenues; that they're going to have to tighten their 'Belts', as a Council. There are ways and means that they can cut back on a lot of things; discretionary, travel and training. There are some 'cuts' that they can do. So, my vote is 'No'." During Roll Call, Councilwoman Thomas stated, "No New Taxes." During Roll Call, Councilman Johnson stated, "No New Taxes". Following Roll Call, President Bowie stated, "Vote is unanimous. Also, I do have to agree with Councilman Leashore, we're going to have to be 'Good Stewards' of what we are given, and entrusted by the Citizens of Selma. We're going to have to do our due diligence. We will have a balanced Budget by September 30th."

II. PROPOSED 2018/2019 BUDGET

President Bowie stated that he would like to put a "motion" on the "floor", which was seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, that they as a Council, reject the Proposed 2018/2019 Budget that the Mayor presented to the Council. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council. During roll call, Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "Yes, and we need to begin immediately." Following roll call, President Bowie stated, "We will start the Budget Hearings on Tuesday Morning at 11:30, and I'll make sure Everybody has a copy of the notice."

III. HIRING & PROMOTION FREEZE

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she placed this Item on the Agenda after speaking with a Group of Concerned Citizens about our hiring practices, and to make sure that we don't have an influx of positions that are not currently filled, that we have to fill, as they go through the Budget Process. Councilwoman Jackson stated that this will not include Public Safety, and that she would also like to state, any positions that have been "advertised and posted", to be filled; such as the HR position, and others, such as this one. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore/Thomas, to approve the Hiring and Promotion Freeze, with the exception of Public Safety, and Positions that have been Advertised and Posted. Councilman Randolph asked if the "motion" can be made "retroactive", to the last Work Session? Attorney Nunn addressed the Council, and stated that he would like to explain that the Mayor does the hiring; that if the Council would like to defund a position, that they can do that, or if they want to make a recommendation to the Mayor, stating "Mayor, we are recommending as a governing body, since the funds are low, that there be a hiring freeze on certain positions", or if they want to go straight into "defunding" a position, that can be done, also. President Bowie stated that they can discuss this during the Budget Hearing. Councilwoman Jackson asked Attorney Nunn if he was asserting that the Hiring Freeze and/or Promotion Freeze that they are wanting to vote on tonight, because it is under the privy of the Mayor? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that the Mayor does all of the hiring and firing, unless it is statutory that they hire someone. Attorney Nunn further stated that they, as a Council, can create a position, or do away with a position, but that the hiring is under the Mayor. Attorney Nunn stated that the Council can put funding there for a position, but that the Mayor has a right to hire somebody in that position, unless it's not funded. Councilwoman Jackson asked Attorney Nunn if they are allowed to freeze funding for all new hires or promotions that are to be made? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated, that they are over the finances and the property. Councilwoman Jackson stated to Attorney Nunn that she had spoken with someone at the League and was told, because they are over the Budget and the funding, that even if they have something in the Budget, that the Council has a right for the Item to be brought back before the Council for approval. Attorney Nunn Concurred, and stated, in the Budget, they are approving for that specific amount to go to that specific entity. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to "amend" her "motion", and state that she would like to make a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, that there be a freeze on funding for hiring and

promotions for vacant positions, that have not already been advertised and posted, with the exception of Public Safety. Councilwoman Jackson stated that what she is trying to do is, as they go through the Budget Process, that they don't incur additional expenses that they are not aware of, as they're going through the process. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that she wouldn't want them to put in a request for additional Employees, if they're operating at less, and that the question should be, "do they really need the additional Employees?" Councilwoman Jackson stated if the need is not there to have the additional Employees, let's not budget for the "additional" Employees, and be realistic, as they go through this Process. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that this is the reason for this Agenda Item. Following the above discussion, President Bowie asked Councilwoman Jackson to "re-state" her "motion". Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to make a "motion", which was seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, that the Council not provide funding for any additional vacant positions, with the exception of Public Safety, and any Other Positions that have already been "Posted and Advertised". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she wanted to be clear on what Councilwoman Jackson is asking for; that we know that recently Two (2) positions have become "vacant"; namely, the "HR Director Position" has become "vacant", or is about to become "vacant"; the "Chief of Staff Position". Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that, "because of the Chief of Staff being sent down to the HR Department, that position became vacant, and is vacant, as we speak. We have a position up in Planning & Development that has not been filled by someone; the Assistant Director, that has not been filled. I would like to know if those (positions) are named in your 'motion', Councilwoman?" Councilwoman Jackson answered, and stated, "I didn't name any items, specifically; any position specifically." Councilwoman Youngblood asked about the "HR Position"? Councilwoman Youngblood answered, and stated, that her motion was to exclude positions that have already been "posted"; "HR Position and any other position that was 'posted' for hiring." Councilman Johnson stated that he would like for the Public Works Department to be excluded from this, "as those Guys really do need some help out there, and that we need more Public Works' "Workers" to help them with our Wards." Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she agrees with Councilman Johnson that we do need the help, and asked Councilwoman Jackson, if she would consider the "amendment" to her "motion", with the exception of Public Safety and Public Works Department; that she thought they had talked about that during the Work Session? Councilwoman Jackson answered, and stated her "motion", which was seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, is that the Council not provide funding for any "additional vacant positions", with the exception of Public Safety, and any Other Positions that have already been "Posted and Advertised", and that this should include any Public Works' positions that have also been "Posted". Councilwoman Benjamin asked Councilman Johnson, if he was not offering an "Amendment"? Councilman Johnson answered, and stated, "as long as Public Works is in there, I'm fine; we do need more 'Workers', and as long as we hire more 'Workers' to be back in place, I'm good". President Bowie called for "action" on the "motion" on the "floor". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

IV. BUDGET PROCESS

Approved Consent Agenda Item.

V. FINANCIAL MONITORING

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she put this on the Agenda after speaking with Citizens and Business Owners, and one of the Items discussed, was the Council's "Role" as it relates to "Finances" of the City. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that she received a Memorandum from the City Treasurer, Ms. Ronita Wade, and she's quite sure that they also received, that was kind of disturbing. Councilwoman Jackson stated that this is really why the Council needs to monitor its "Finances", to make sure that they are properly managing the funds of the City because it is their responsibility to make sure that they are being "Good Stewards" of the Citizens' monies. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she spoke with the City Treasurer, and that she would like for her to speak to them about the suggestions that she may have as it relates to this. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has read the Memorandum from the City Treasurer, and stated that she thought that they all had to turn in their receipts and any other related information to the Finance Department, and that she thought that this applied to the Mayor, Council, and Everybody. Ms. Wade addressed the Council, and stated that the normal process for Travel Reimbursement is to complete a Travel Voucher, prior to travel. Ms. Wade stated in the Travel Voucher, there is information to complete on the Hotel, Transportation, Per Diem, Mileage, and Registration. Ms. Wade further stated that once it is attached to the Travel Voucher, the Finance Department will do a check on the calculations for accuracy, and to also make sure that the proper documents are attached. Ms. Wade stated that once this is determined, they proceed with the check run processing prior to the travel date. Ms. Wade stated that for the most part, Everyone adheres to this. Ms. Wade stated that the Memorandum that was forwarded to the Council was as a result of someone coming in to her office, and demanding reimbursement without proper documentation; her Accounting Manager indicated that the documentation was

not there. Ms. Wade stated that the documentation is in place in case we have an Audit Review; just a "check and balance". Ms. Wade stated that it was a Travel Reimbursement for the Mayor, and that his Secretary was requesting reimbursement, and the proper documentation was not attached. Ms. Wade further stated that the Accounting Manager requested the documentation, and in response of her request, it was refused, and that she demanded that the check be processed immediately; that she wasn't leaving until it was done. Ms. Wade stated that this created pressure and a hostile environment for her Employees. Ms. Wade further stated that she has the Fiduciary responsibilities over the Finances, but when the Mayor's Secretary came and demanded payment without proper documentation, they felt that they did not have any options; that this was an issue. Ms. Wade stated that this is why she wanted the Council to be made aware, and that she also wanted to put the Mayor on notice, because she is not sure if he is fully aware of what transpired, as it relates to this matter. Ms. Wade further stated that it made her "question", what else has been going on when she's not there; that she was only off for a day. Ms. Wade stated that there have been times that she has operated in "good faith", when emergency-type situations did arise, and she had to wait on the proper documentation; such as, the Police Detectives who may have been working on a case, and that she does make provisions for that. Councilman Leashore stated to Ms. Wade, that she made the comment earlier, that, "for the most part, Everyone adheres to this process", which leads him to think that there have been instances where the process has not been followed, in terms of bringing the documentation. Ms. Wade stated that there was an incident, probably about a year ago, with the Chief of Staff, Mr. Ollie Davison, that she had a hard time trying to get the information. Ms. Wade stated that, as was stated, she does make provisions if the Police Department has to go and pick up a "Fugitive", but that those are the only exceptions.

VI. WATER WORKS' BUSINESS

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

VII. GRASS CUTTING TRIMMINGS IN STREET

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

VIII. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES IV

Councilman Randolph "Announced" the "Senior Citizens' Fashion Show" to be held on Friday, August 31, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carl H. Morgan Convention Center. Councilman Randolph stated that you do not have to be a "Senior Citizen" to come, and "invited" Everyone to come out, and be a part of the "Senior Citizens' Fashion Show"!

IX. UPDATE - WARD 4 WORK ORDER REQUESTS

This Item was *Continued*.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Councilman Bowline was absent at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his report, Councilman Leashore "reminded" the Citizens of "The Awakening, Pep-Rally for Jesus" Event to be held on next Saturday, September 8, 2018, at the Riverfront Amphitheater, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Councilman Leashore "invited" Everyone to come out, and be a part of this Event!)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report. (During her report, Councilwoman Youngblood stated that there will be an upcoming Ward 2 Meeting on September 27th, at the Convention Center.)/Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his closing remarks, Councilman Randolph stated, "The Mayor is out of control. Mrs. Jackson, if we get 3 votes, we're going to defund the Chief of Staff, and any other position

that we need to defund, to make our Budget work. Just because we're trying to balance our Budget, he takes it out on our Secretary; that is crazy. We as Council Persons and Citizens, should demand better. We weren't trying to defund his Administrative...Chief of Staff. I'm telling you, the Mayor is wrong.")

Following Councilman Randolph's Closing Remarks, President Bowie stated to the Council Members that he would like to go on record, and state, "I support our Administrative Assistant, and we're going to move forward, and we want her back to work on tomorrow." A motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, in support of the Administrative Assistant returning to work on tomorrow. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report. (During this Report, a motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve to waive the fee for the Artisans Fair Event at Sturdivant Hall, in November. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.)

Following the above roll call, Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to make a motion that the Council defund the positions of: Chief of Staff, Human Resource Director, Recreation Director/Professional Services. Councilwoman Jackson stated to Council that, "we don't operate that way, we're Leaders, and we don't retaliate; this is not our 'battle'." Councilwoman Jackson stated to Council that she thinks that they need to go into Prayer and think through this, and come back with clear minds. President Bowie stated that he would like to invite any Council Member to meet at Councilman Johnson's Building on tomorrow, at 8:00 a.m.; that this will be a Public Meeting. Councilman Leashore stated, as it relates to Councilman Randolph's "motion", that he thinks that they need to discuss this matter during the Work Session, and that this would be his recommendation. During discussion, Councilman Randolph stated that his mind is clear, but "withdrew" his "motion" to defund the positions of Chief of Staff, Human Resource Director, and the Recreation Director/Professional Services.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

No Report.

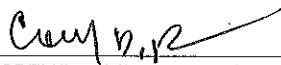
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING -SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by President Bowie, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

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CONSENT AGENDA

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration that they discussed during last Thursday's Work Session. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that they have before them a Total of Five (5) Items, for consideration.

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Approve a Request for Proposal for Roofing and Stabilization Services at the Welcome Center, Located at 14 Broad Street.
- (2) To Approve Resolution #R181-17/18 - Declaring Eight (8) Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase I - A Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement.

- (3) To Approve for 1st Reading, Ordinance #O116-17/18 - Amending the Council Rules of Procedure.
- (4) To Approve \$4,200.00 from the Special Line Item in Planning & Development for a "Labor Day Event" for the City of Selma.
- (5) To Approve a Budget Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000.00 Annually for Fund 23 Special Details in the Selma Police Department.

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve all Five (5) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would like to "Remove" Consent Agenda Item #5 from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bowline stated that he would like to "Remove" Consent Agenda Item #4 from the Consent Agenda, to be discussed during the "Business Items; #VI". A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve and adopt the above-named Three (3) 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, Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to the Council that they received their Minutes over the weekend, and that hopefully Everyone has had a chance to look over the Minutes of July 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, and asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve said Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2018. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked the Council if they had a chance to read over the Minutes of the August 9, 2018 Work Session, and asked if there was "motion" to "vote" on those Minutes? A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2018. 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 for placing all of his Items on "Consent Agenda".)

- A. Distribution Schedule of Costs, Fees and Fines in Municipal Courts. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Distribution Schedule of Fees and Fines concerning the Municipal Court, requested by Councilman Bowline. Attorney Nunn further stated that "Traffic Court Costs", listed at the top on the first page, is \$108.50, and that it also gives a "breakdown" of the Traffic Court Costs, on the first page, as well. Attorney Nunn stated that what is also shown is the "breakdown" for DUI Cases and Fines, and that the "Non-Traffic Court Costs" in Municipal Court are at the top of the second page; that this packet lists a "Schedule" of all of the Costs, Fees and Fines in Municipal Court, and that this Distribution is about Ten (10) pages long. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he did also call Ms. Joy Evans at A.O.C., in Montgomery, as it relates to, can we increase the fines and/or costs? Attorney Nunn stated that she could not help him with that "answer", and referred him to Mr. Eric Locke, who is on vacation this week. Attorney Nunn further stated that he did call Mr. Locke, and also emailed him, but did not receive back a response back. Attorney Nunn stated that he will be back in his office on Friday, and that hopefully we can have an "answer" as to whether or not this can be done. Councilwoman Youngblood asked Attorney Nunn, what is the "procedure" to follow in having an Environmental Court? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he can check and ask Mr. Locke when he calls him back; that he will check with him. Attorney Nunn stated that he will also call the City of Mobile, and ask them about the Environmental Court that they have in place there.
- B. Event Notification Letters - Alabama Beverage License Control Board - 240 Non-Profits. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have information before them from the Alabama Beverage License Control Board whereby State Legislation was passed, and the ABC Board no longer requires "240 Non-Profit Applicants" to get the local Governing Body's approval. Attorney Nunn further stated that they only have to notify the local governing authority of the "upcoming" licensed event. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have copies of Two (2) Letters from the Blackbelt Benefit Group, notifying the City of their "upcoming" Events; one on Saturday, August 25th, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for the "Play Selma Music Hall Fundraiser", and the other one on October 18, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., for the "Tale Tellin' Festival". Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they are only receiving "notification" of these Events; that the Council does not have to take a "vote" or any type of action. Attorney Nunn further stated that this Legislation is only affecting the "240 Non-Profit Applicants". Attorney Nunn stated that for Applicants who are seeking approval for "On/Off Premises, Package, and Other" Applications, they still have to come

before the Council, to be considered for approval. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he is also providing them with a copy of the Legislative Act, which is attached, that we received from the ABC Board, for their review.

- C. To Approve a Budget Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000.00 Annually for Fund 23 Special Details in the Selma Police Department. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Attorney Nunn and the Council, as it relates to this Consent Agenda Item that she had asked to be *Removed* from Consent Agenda, that she would like to ask that it be *"Tabled"* because there may have been a little bit of confusion; that she is not sure. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that she would like for this matter to be researched some more, and make sure that that they all have the same "understanding". Attorney Nunn stated that he did find in the State Law that stated; (1) Proceeds from the forfeiture is awarded to the Law Enforcement Agency, (2) Proceeds must be deposited into the General Municipal Fund Account, and (3) The Chief can request the funds through the requisition process, and the funds shall be made available to that department requesting the funds; that the proceeds must be as determined by the Police Department. Attorney Nunn further stated that he did not see anything that is subject to Council's approval, and this is what he respectfully "disagrees" with. Attorney Nunn stated that there is some conflict there, as it relates to what the League has stated, and his understanding from the AG's Opinion, and what he has read regarding the State Law; that he is kind of disagreeing with that. Attorney Nunn stated that he needs to check with the League, and get clarification; that the AG has an Opinion, and the League is saying something different. Attorney Nunn further stated that he needs to talk with the League and the AG's Office (Mr. Porter), to see exactly how they are "basing" their "opinion". Attorney Nunn stated, "unofficially", he just needs some clarification. Councilwoman Youngblood *Concurred*, and stated that they need to check with the League and make sure before moving forward on this. Attorney Nunn stated that he will check with the League, as well as, the AG's Office, and bring back to the Council what he has found out on this matter. Attorney Nunn stated that he has not spoken directly with anyone at the AG's Office, but that he has pulled some "Opinions", and that the "Opinions" are a little different from what the League is saying. Attorney Nunn stated that he's not saying that the League is wrong, but that we've got to get with them to see how they came up with their "Opinion"; that we just want to get some clarification. Attorney Nunn stated that once he has spoken with both the League, and the AG's Office, he will bring back a report to the Council; that we want to be able to come to an agreement that this is the "Law", and the present it to the Council.
- D. Resolution #R181-17/18 - Weed Abatement (Phase I). *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- E. To Approve for 1st Reading, Ordinance #O116-17/18 - Amending the Council Rules of Procedure. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. WARD 7 STREET LIGHT INSTALLATIONS

Councilwoman Thomas stated that they have been having some lighting issues in Ward 7, and that she has been discussing these problems for several months. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that there are Six (6) locations in Ward 7, that she is requesting the installation of lights in her area, and that the reason that she is asking for this is because they have had a murder, robbery, and ongoing crime. Councilwoman Thomas stated that the Citizens have been calling her about this, and that she has been placing this Item on the Agenda; that it is getting frustrating because she has not gotten back a response. Councilwoman Thomas further stated, as was discussed during last Thursday's Work Session, she would like to put a "motion" on the "floor" so that the Citizens can know if they're going to get lighting in those locations or not. Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to Councilwoman Thomas, that when she learned of her wanting to place this Item as one of her Business Items on tonight's Council Meeting's Agenda, she called her, and advised her to go down and speak with Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, and she is aware that she did go and speak with Ms. Wade. Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Ms. Wade, what was the result after speaking with Councilwoman Thomas, as it relates to where will the funding come from for this Lighting, if it makes it from the "floor"? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that it can't be determined if it's any savings or not, but that it won't be any additional costs; that the Lighting Project was paid via the Utility Bill for Lights. Councilman Leashore stated that the Mayor made it very clear during our Work Session, that if there were going to be additional lights, we would have to pay for them, and that he thinks how we were going to pay for them was the "issue". Councilman Leashore further stated that he was under the impression at our last Work Session, that they would ask Mr. Aubrey Carter, of Alabama Power Company, to discuss how all of them can get more lighting in their Wards. Councilman Leashore further stated if it's going to require additional funds from the General Fund, that he thinks it should benefit all of the Wards. Councilman Johnson stated that he talked to Mr. Sean VanDiver the day after the Work Session, and that Mr. Carter was with him at the time. Councilman Johnson further stated that it would be his suggestion that they wait on Mr. Carter for at least another day or two, because they did do a "drive-through" of the Wards. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas, and

seconded by Pro Tempore Benjamin, to approve installation of Street Lights in Ward 7. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote. There were two affirmative votes, four nay votes, and one abstention. Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "I prefer to wait; No." During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "I prefer to wait to hear from Alabama Power's Manager, as to how we could proceed with this need that we have; knowing that each and every one of us has similar needs. This is not to 'down-play or minimize' the needs of my Colleagues; it's just that I think that there is a way that we can get this done. I think that we need to wait; my vote is 'no'". During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I totally agree; I think that we do need the lighting. But, I'm going to have to abstain, to wait on Mr. Carter who is in the process of giving us some answers. Hopefully, in the next day or so we can hear from him. I know where you are on this, Councilwoman Thomas, and I feel the same for the Citizens in Ward 8. I think we owe this to Mr. Carter, the opportunity to at least come and explain to us, the process. But until then, I think we're going to have to wait until we can hear from him. So, my 'vote' is to abstain at this time."

Following said roll call, Pro Tempore Benjamin "Thanked" the Council for allowing Councilwoman Thomas to bring this Item up, to have a "vote" on it, where it could be "voted up, or down", and also "Thanked" Councilwoman Thomas. Pro Tempore Benjamin suggested that they, as a Council, come up with a Council Lighting Project, to identify the lighting problems in their areas, and to see how much it will cost to place the Lighting Project in the Budget. Pro Tempore Benjamin stated, that Mr. Carter was invited to be here, and he's not here today, but hopefully he will come to our Work Session, and talk to us concerning this. Pro Tempore Benjamin further stated that we're still waiting on Mr. Carter's Assessment that was supposed to have been done, also.

II. COMPRISING A CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET POLICY

Councilwoman Thomas stated, as it relates to motor vehicles, that the Committee would like to put a Policy in place, in terms of how the vehicles are being used, and how they're being kept up. Councilwoman Thomas further stated during the Work Session the Mayor presented to the Council, the "City of Selma Motor Vehicle Operation Policy", but this is more or less, the Mayor's Policy for the use of the vehicle. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has been dealing with Capital Equipment, and that she would like to put a policy in place, that determines how a vehicle is taken home, the use of the vehicle, the mileage, whether vehicles can be taken home and/or out of the jurisdiction, and the maintenance repairs of the vehicle, for all of the Departments. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she went and talked to Attorney Nunn, and she did receive some information, and that she would like to give it to her Colleagues, and they discuss it in Work Session, and come back during the next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she also spoke with Mr. Sean VanDiver, and that he stated that he would make sure that all of the Council Members get a copy of the Policy that the Mayor has done, for Employees who use City Vehicles; that it should be in the Council's mailboxes downstairs in the City Clerk's Office. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she did find a "Policy" that has been approved by the State of Alabama Ethics' Law, and that she thinks that a "Policy" such as this will help us save on gas costs. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she will also work with the City Attorney, on putting together a "Policy" such as this, for the City of Selma.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BUDGET PROCESS

Councilwoman Jackson stated to Council Pro Tempore Benjamin, that she is not calling for a "vote" on tonight; that she had spoken with Council Members, and also Ms. Wade, about a Training to use as a "Guideline", on the "Budgeting Process". Councilwoman Jackson further stated that, as Councilwoman Thomas had alluded to before, the both of them were privy to a League of Municipalities' Training on the "Budgeting Process". Councilwoman Jackson stated that during part of the Training, they said that Budget Hearings should start no later than the 1st of August, and here it is already August 14th, and we haven't had our "first" Hearing. Councilwoman Jackson stated that we need to make sure that we have "Guidelines" and "deadlines" in place, to make sure that we are on "task" with our Budget. Councilwoman Jackson stated to Council that she would like for them to look over the "recommendations" that were brought to them by our Treasurer, Ms. Ronita Wade, and to please bring any suggestions to their next Work Session. Pro Tempore Benjamin asked the Council Members to please look over this information, which will be discussed at the Work Session; that Councilwoman Jackson wants it to be voted "up or down" at the next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Jackson Concurred with what Pro Tempore Benjamin has just stated.

"BIBLE BOWL" PRESENTATION

YOUTH CONFERENCE HELD ON JULY 25 - 27, 2018

PRO TEMPORE ANGELA BENJAMIN AND COUNCILMAN SAMUEL RANDOLPH
ASKED MS. LETHA DILLARD, "BIBLE BOWL" COORDINATOR, TO COME FORWARD, AND
ADDRESS THE COUNCIL, SO THAT THEY CAN
PRESENT AND "AWARD" THE

"BIBLE BOWL CHAMPION",
JAMERIUS RIVERS,

("SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED HIS CHAMPIONSHIP")
RECEIVED A 2018 TROPHY AND BOOK BAG, WITH A "PRIZE",
IN HONOR OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

"CONGRATULATIONS"
AND A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE"
WAS EXTENDED TO JAMERIUS RIVERS, SELMA HIGH SCHOOL "SENIOR",
ON BEHALF OF THIS HONOR!!!

"WARM THANKS AND APPRECIATION"
AND A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE"
WAS ALSO EXTENDED TO MS. DILLARD FOR ALL THAT
SHE DOES WITH THE "YOUNG PEOPLE"!

PRO TEMPORE BENJAMIN ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED "LITTLE MISS TREASURE" WHO WAS ALSO
IN THE AUDIENCE ON TONIGHT; "3RD RUNNER UP" IN THE "BIBLE BOWL COMPETITION"
SHE ALSO RECEIVED A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE"!

IV. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES IV

V. UPDATE - WARD 4 WORK ORDER REQUESTS

VI. TO APPROVE \$4,200.00 FROM THE SPECIAL LINE ITEM IN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
FOR A LABOR DAY EVENT FOR THE CITY OF SELMA.

Councilman Bowline stated that he was wondering where the idea came from to spend \$4,200.00 for the Event; that he would like to see us do something for the "Labor Day Holiday", but that we are "taxed" for money. Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to Councilwoman Youngblood, that she is aware that she is part of the "Labor Day Festivities" along with President Bowie, and asked that she give the Council some "insight" on what is happening that day, along with the cost. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that we have a Fireworks Display that is planned, at a much reduced price which was offered by Rev. Crum. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that there will be a Car Show, also. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that this is really all that she knows about the Event; that she made the "contact" with Rev. Crum about the "Fireworks Show". Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Councilwoman Youngblood, if she knew the Line Item that this is coming from? Councilwoman Youngblood answered, and stated that it is coming from the Special Projects (Tourism) Budget within the Planning & Development Office, she thinks. Councilman Bowline asked can we "Table" this Item until we can get some clarity on it? Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like for them to look at where they can save the money, and roll it over into the next Budget Year, rather than spending. Councilman Bowline asked Ms. Wade if she could get him a balance of what is in his Discretionary Fund and Travel Accounts, so that he could turn over those funds to the Fire Department and the Police Department, to help with some of the things that they are in need of. Councilman Johnson stated that he does not have a problem with donating a "few dollars" towards this cause. Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that this is a good suggestion, and extended the request to the "listening" audience to help us with raising the funds for this Event. Councilwoman Youngblood stated, in all fairness to the Council President, she is of the opinion that we should "Table" this Item. Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that this Item has been "Tabled". It was the *Consensus* of the Council to extend the "request" to the Community, asking that they be "charitable", and help us "meet" this need.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report. (During his report, Councilman Johnson extended "Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery" for Fireman Favor who was injured during a Fire recently, and also Fireman Chad Mitchell, who was electrocuted during a Fire recently. Councilman Johnson also "announced" that there will be a Public Safety Meeting on this Thursday, at 5:00 p.m., within the Council Chamber, and that President Bowie has also scheduled our "first" Budget Hearing for next Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m., at the Evans Building, to discuss Public Safety. Councilman Johnson also "announced" that he will be having a Ward Meeting on Wednesday, August 22nd, at Sophia P. Kingston School, at 6:00 p.m.)/Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report. (During her report, Councilwoman Youngblood "announced" that there will be a Community Development Committee Meeting on this Friday, at 1:00 p.m., within the Council Chamber.)/Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to bring a suggestion to the Council, that we waive the Tipping Fee assessed to the Citizens of Selma for trash, not household garbage, but limbs and debris, at the Water Avenue Landfill, for Thirty (30) days, until we get our Trucks in. Councilman Randolph stated to Council that if they agree to do this, that he would like to make a "motion". Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that this was also mentioned at their Ward 4 Meeting; that the Citizens would go and pick up the trash, not household garbage, if the City would "waive" the fee. Councilwoman Youngblood asked the Council if we could "Table" this this action until after they have the Community Development Committee Meeting. Councilman Randolph agreed to "Remove" his suggestion/motion off of the "floor" for action, until after the Community Development Committee Meeting, and will bring it back to the Work Session for discussion. Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Councilman Randolph if he would work with Councilwoman Youngblood on the Environmental Court Project. Councilman Randolph also "announced" that we are having a "Senior Citizens' Fashion Show" on Friday, August 31st, at the Convention Center, at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Randolph stated that any Citizen who would like to participate, to please call Ms. Temekia Sykes, Council's Administrative Assistant, at 874-1234. Councilman Randolph stated that Ward 5 will be having a "Ward Meeting" at Trinity Lutheran Church, but that he will have to get the "time and date", and once that's done, he will notify Everyone.)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Jackson stated to the Citizens of Ward 3, that she would like to have a meeting to discuss the "Upcoming Budget Hearings" to hear their concerns, and asked that they be "listening out".)

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

President Bowie is absent from tonight's Council Meeting. (Pro Tempore Benjamin reported, and stated that for Sales Tax, July, 2017, we were at \$786,833.00, and this year we are at \$800,161.93, up by \$13,328.80; Lodging Tax in July of last year we were at 24,963.00, and this year we are at \$25,621.00, up by \$657.62; Tobacco Tax in July of last year we were at \$25,618.00, and this year we are at \$20,453.00, down by \$5,164.85; Lodging Tax Surcharge, 2017, we were at \$5,249.00, and this year we are at \$5,648.00; One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax, \$98,354.14, July of last year, and \$100,020.00, July this year, up by \$1,666.00. Pro Tempore Benjamin stated these are the "numbers" for July; that we don't have all of the August "numbers" for 2018, and that's why she didn't give a report on those. Pro Tempore Benjamin "announced" that there will be a Public Hearing on the Budget on next Tuesday, August 21st, at the Evans Building, at 4:00 p.m., and "invited" Everyone to come.)

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that she would like to "remind" Everyone that they will be having their "Summer Annual Ward 4, East, Clean-Up" on this coming Saturday, August 18th; that they did Ward 4, West, last time in the "Spring". Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Everyone to please come out, bring their "trucks", and their "Neighbor".)

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson


Made a report. (During her report, Councilwoman Thomas "announced" that as of today, we received our "first" brand new Trash Truck; that we are Thankful for it because we really do need it.)/Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


ANGELA BENJAMIN, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*