

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 2017
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: President Corey D. Bowie,
Council President

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 12, 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, December 12, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison and City Attorney Jimmy Nunn. Councilwoman Jannie Thomas was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:03 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 6:18 p.m.

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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 Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, 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, that they talked about at length during their Work Session on this past Thursday; a Total of Four (4) Items, for consideration.

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

- (1) To Approve Resolution #R118-17/18 - Declaring Three (3) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (2) To Approve for 1st Reading, TKS Lounge for a Retail Liquor Class I License Application.
- (3) To Approve Ordinance #O104-17/18 - Amending Selma City Code Chapter 13 Article 1 Section 13-20 Relating to Garbage Services. Any Person, Firm or Company Violating Any Provision of this Article Shall be Guilty of a Misdemeanor and Upon Conviction Shall be Fined \$200.00.

- (4) To Approve a Fee Waiver for the Convention Center on Saturday, December 16, 2017, for Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Christmas Event, sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Council President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve all Four (4) Items on Consent Agenda. Councilman Leashore stated that, if his recollection is correct, the Council voted not to waive any fees for "Non-Profit" Organizations, and that he needs a clearer understanding of this to be made. President Bowie stated that Consent Agenda Item #4 is in conjunction with the Education Committee. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve and adopt all Four (4) 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 President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the November 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had the opportunity to peruse the said Minutes. Council President Bowie further stated to Council that they also have before them the Work Session Minutes of December 7, 2017. Council President Bowie asked the Council if there were any corrections and/or deletions to the November 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes? With there being no corrections, Council President Bowie stated that, at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to approve said Minutes of November 28, 2017, Regular Meeting, and Minutes of December 7, 2017, Work Session. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2017, and the Work Session Minutes of December 7, 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 for his Items on "Consent Agenda", and stated that he has a couple of "new" items for discussion.)

- A. CDG Service Agreement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, this Item is dealing with the Landfill, and that Mr. Larry Friday, Director of Inert Landfill, had come before the Council, during our Work Session. Attorney Nunn stated that it was a discussion regarding building Two (2) new Cells at the Landfill, at a cost of around \$16,500.00. Attorney Nunn further stated that there was an issue as it relates to where the funds would come from, and it was being proposed that the funds would come from the Council's Oil Lease Funds. Attorney Nunn stated that he did mention this matter to Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, but that he has not heard back from him as it relates to any other funding sources for the cost of the construction of the Two (2) Cells. President Bowie stated that we will wait to hear back from the Mayor's Office, in terms of where the funds will come from. Attorney Nunn stated that he talked with Ms. Sara Sightler, Project Manager, for CDG Engineering, on today, and that she stated that they probably would not start on this Project before the first or second week in January of next year. Attorney Nunn stated that this will give us the opportunity at our City Council Meeting next week, to take action on this Project. President Bowie stated that this Item will be "carried" over to the next Council Meeting on next week. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn if he would check to see what the balance is in the Gasoline Tax Fund Account, and he stated that he would. Councilwoman Benjamin also asked Attorney Nunn if he could also check to see what the Gas Tax Funds have been used for, to-date? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that this may have to be a request made by the Council; that he does not mind asking, but to go back and ask for "several" years, he is not sure that he can do that, without it being a written request from the Council. Attorney Nunn asked how many months did they want to go back, to get a report of the Gasoline Tax Funds? President Bowie answered, and stated the "Fiscal Year".
- B. Resolution #R118-17/18 - Condemned Properties. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- C. Resolution #R119-17/18 - Creation of the Position of Executive Director, to be Assigned to the Selma Redevelopment Authority. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R119-17/18, Creation of the Position of Executive Director, to be Assigned to the Selma Redevelopment Authority. Attorney Nunn asked the Council did

they also receive a copy of the Agreement and the "Job Description", that he had emailed to them? Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he has copies of the same, in the event someone needs a copy. Attorney Nunn stated that Mrs. Juanda Maxwell is here to address the Council, if the Council has questions. Attorney Nunn asked that Mrs. Maxwell come forward, and address the Council. Mrs. Maxwell addressed the Council, and stated the Board Members are here, and asked that they "stand" in order to be "recognized". Mrs. Maxwell also stated that she would like to ask that the "new" Executive Director "stand", in order to be "introduced" to the Council. Ms. Barja Wilson, of Mobile, Alabama, was "introduced" to the Council, as the new "Executive Director", for the Selma Redevelopment Authority. President Bowie and the Council offered "Warm Remarks" to Ms. Wilson, and "Welcomed" Ms. Wilson to Selma, and to her new position of Executive Director. President Bowie asked Mrs. Maxwell about the "Administrative Costs" of the Grant? Mrs. Maxwell answered, and stated that there will not be any "Administrative Costs" associated with this Grant. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve Resolution #R119-17/18, Creation of the Position of Executive Director, to be Assigned to the Selma Redevelopment Authority. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. Agreement - Selma Redevelopment Authority. Attorney Nunn asked the Council if they had already had a chance to review the Agreement, in order to take action on the City of Selma entering into an Agreement with the Selma Redevelopment Authority tonight? Attorney Nunn stated that there will be some "minor" changes, but that he would like for the Council to vote to enter into this Agreement, subject to the Attorney making some "minor" changes to the Agreement, and that the "Final Draft" will be brought back before the Council. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the City of Selma entering into an Agreement with the Selma Redevelopment Authority. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

E. Resolution #R120-17/18 - A Resolution Authorizing Goodwyn Mills Cawood to Make Application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (A.L.D.O.T.) for the Selma Historic Western Railway Building Renovation and Riverfront Multi-Use Trail Extension. Attorney Nunn asked Mr. Henry Thompson, Office of Planning & Development, to come forward, and address the Council. Mr. Thompson addressed the Council, and stated that they should have before them Resolution #R120-17/18, A Resolution Authorizing Goodwyn Mills Cawood to Make Application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (A.L.D.O.T.) for the Selma Historic Western Railway Building Renovation and Riverfront Multi-Use Trail Extension, and that they are looking to submit an A.L.D.O.T. Application on the new property that we recently acquired. Mr. Thompson stated that the cost of the project is estimated at \$800,000.00; maximum grant amount is \$640,000.00 in Federal Funds, with the City's pledge of approximately \$160,000.90 in cash match which is the required match amount to be encumbered via the Grant Match FY 2018-2019 Budget. Mr. Thompson stated that this will provide for rest rooms, and restoration of the old Western Railway Building. Mr. Thompson further stated that the Grant Application is due on December 19th, and we should find out about mid-February, 2018, if we are approved. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Grant Application in the form of Resolution #R120-17/18, A Resolution Authorizing Goodwyn Mills Cawood to Make Application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (A.L.D.O.T.) for the Selma Historic Western Railway Building Renovation and Riverfront Multi-Use Trail Extension. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Resolution #R121-17/18 - Authorization to Award Bid on New Heavy Duty Mobile Quick Attack Vehicle Apparatus. Mr. Henry Thompson stated to Council that they should also have before them Resolution #R121-17/18, Authorization to Award Bid on New Heavy Duty Mobile Quick Attack Vehicle Apparatus, for a Fire Truck to be purchased via a Grant that we received earlier this year. Mr. Thompson stated that this Item was bid out, and that the Tabulation Sheet is on the back of the Resolution. Mr. Thompson stated that we would like to move forward on this Bid, and award Custom Trucks, who was the most responsible bidder. Mr. Thompson stated that Assistant Fire Chief Graham is here, in the event the Council has questions. Attorney Nunn stated that this Bid Item was overseen by the Office of Planning & Development Office, through the City Clerk's Office. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve Resolution #R121-17/18, Authorization to Award Bid on New Heavy Duty Mobile Quick Attack Vehicle Apparatus (Fire Truck). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following roll call, Councilman Leashore asked Mr. Thompson if he could come back before the Council in the near future, and bring an "update" on the *AmeriCorp Program*, and he stated that he would certainly do that.

Councilwoman Benjamin also asked Mr. Thompson for an "update" on the Environmental Protection Agency's Testing that is supposed to occur during this month; the month of December. Mr. Thompson stated that they have come and did "testing" but that we have not received any information back as to the results of the "testing", as of yet.

- G. Ordinance #O104-17/18 - Increase in Penalty to \$200.00 for Garbage Violators. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- H. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - TKS Lounge - Lounge Liquor - Class I - 1st Reading Only. Approved Consent Agenda Item. (Attorney Nunn "passed" out an "attachment" that goes with the Alcoholic Beverage License Application; that this is an "insert" that goes with the information received from the Selma Police Department.)
- I. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - BlackBelt Benefit Group - Selma Family Christmas, 2017 - Special Event - December 22, 2017. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have an Alcoholic Beverage License Application before them from the BlackBelt Benefit Group, on behalf of "Selma Family Christmas, 2017", License for Special Event to be held at 1122 Water Avenue, on Friday, December 22, 2017. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of BlackBelt Benefit Group, *Selma Family Christmas, 2017*. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. ONE-HALF (½) CENT SALES TAX FUNDING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES' ONE-TIME RAISE

President Bowie stated that he was at a "Business" this past weekend, and that he was told by this particular "Business" that they had not been paid, and that we were behind "2 Months" in paying them. President Bowie stated, at this point and time, we are in "limbo" as it relates to our Finances, and that he is going to put a "motion" on the "floor" that we do not move forward with any expenses, until we find out basically where we are with our Finances. President Bowie further stated that the One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax was "earmarked" 3 or 4 years ago, for the "One-Time Raise and Capital Improvements". President Bowie stated that this increase was to go into the General Fund, with the funding being set aside for the "One-Time Raise". Councilwoman Benjamin asked if there was someone that could come before the Council, and provide a report of the finances? President Bowie answered, and stated that he had done a Memorandum, asking for a status report, but as of today, he has not received back a response. Councilwoman Youngblood asked President Bowie if the process has started for the Forensics Audit yet, and if the Audit has not begun, if he could call the State Auditor, for recommendations on that? Councilman Leashore stated that he thinks that the Council needs to respectfully ask the Mayor to come and give the Council an "update" and share with the Council; that the Council had voted and approved a Forensic Audit. President Bowie rescinded his "motion", and stated that he will definitely follow-up, and talk with the Mayor about this.

Following the above discussion, and upon his arrival to the Council Meeting due to a delay in getting from work, Councilman Randolph asked where does the City stand with the Employees' One Time Raise? Councilman Randolph asked the Council if they were aware of how many of our Employees are suffering, and are making just above minimum wage? Councilman Randolph stated that he is frustrated. Councilman Johnson stated that they need to look into expenses that are being paid out, in terms of the City's obligations. Councilman Johnson further stated that the Council voted unanimously to give the Employees the One Time Raise, if the funds were available. Councilman Johnson stated, as was mentioned earlier, he has received roughly Five (5) calls from Businesses who have stated that the City has not paid their bills. Councilman Johnson stated to President Bowie that the Council needs to have a meeting with Mayor Melton, along with Ms. Ronita Wade, and talk about this finance situation; that we need to look into the money that is being "taken in", as well as, the money that is "going out". President Bowie stated during the next Council Meeting on next week, that we are going to have Ms. Wade here, and the Mayor, to get an understanding of our financial situation. President Bowie further stated that he does support the efforts made to give the Employees the One Time Raise, but that the Council needs to find out where they are, and where we stand with our finances.

II. DETAILED PRINT-OUT OF ONE-HALF (½) CENT SALES TAX ACCOUNT, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 - PRESENT

Please see above discussion, as it relates to this "Item".

III. DETAILED PRINT-OUT OF ALL LAST 20 BANK DEPOSITS

Councilman Randolph stated to Council that he asked for a report of our last 20 Bank Statement Deposits, and that he feels that the Mayor has had enough time to present that report to the Council. Councilman Randolph further stated that he is aware that he is not the only Council Member who is concerned about this matter, but that he is frustrated about not getting information from the Mayor that has been requested.

IV. CODE ENFORCEMENT - RESOLUTION #R122-17/18 - RESOLUTION OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CREATION OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION, AND ELIMINATING TWO (2) PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITIONS

Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that during the Work Session he explained in detail why he feels that we should have a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer, who would have the authority to write citations. Councilman Leashore stated that he would like for the City to move forward in getting a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer in the FY 2018, Budget. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve moving forward with a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer, in the form of Resolution #R122-17/18. A roll call was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

V. WARD 4 END-OF-YEAR REPORTING, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & AWARDS - DECEMBER 18TH -PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that at the end of each year, Ward 4 has an "End-of-Year" Report, and that they are all invited, along with the Public to this Event. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that this is also the time that they "acknowledge" the Citizens of Ward 4 who go above and beyond in the Community to make their job, as Council Persons, a little easier. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that an "Outstanding Citizen" will be awarded the "Butterfly Award", along with other "Certificate of Service" Awards in "Appreciation for Services".

VI. HOSPITAL ADOPT-A-FLOOR

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they will be "adopting" the Children's Floor at the Hospital this year, for the "Hospital Adopt-A-Floor" Project. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that this Project has been going on for approximately Nine (9) years, and it is in place for the Children who will be admitted into the Hospital on Christmas Day. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that there will be "Boxes" on the 1st Floor and the 2nd Floor, for donations, for assistance to Parents and Families who will have a Child in the Hospital during the Holidays. Councilwoman Benjamin gave a "Shout-Out" to Mrs. Sylvia Smith of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, who comes every year, and brings "Coffee and Pepsi Products"; sets up the area at the Hospital for the entire week. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council Members that she is inviting them to participate in this effort, as well, and stated that she would also appreciate their financial assistance with this Project, as they have done in the past.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report. (During his report, Councilman Bowline recognized the following City Employees who have Retired; Roosevelt Walker, 26 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma; Alfred Morelock, 26 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma, and Johnny Jemison, 30 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma; They all received a "Round of Applause" and Best Wishes!)/Made Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Johnson offered Condolences to the Family of Mr. Terry Jackson of the City Recreation Department in the Loss of His Sister, and His Brother, and asked that we keep the Family in our Prayers! Our Prayers are with the Family!)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Please See "Business Agenda Item #I - III" above.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017 - 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 6:31 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 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, December 19, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison and City Attorney Jimmy Nunn. Councilwoman Jannie Thomas was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:03 p.m. Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:10 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 6:18 p.m.

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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". Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that he would like to "add" an Item to the Business Items of the Agenda; namely, "Revising Resolution #R122-17/18". Attorney Nunn stated that he would also like to ask the Council to go into Executive Session, prior to the Mayor's Report, in order to discuss the sale and/or lease of the St. James Hotel. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the agenda, as amended. 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 President Bowie stated to the Council that the Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, will "carry over" until our next Council Meeting, which will be January, 2018.

INTRODUCTION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SELMA CITY SCHOOLS,
DR. AVIS WILLIAMS

"SPECIAL PRESENTATION"

DR. WILLIAMS "THANKED" THE COUNCIL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AND SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL, AND STATED THAT SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL, AS WE MOVE FORWARD!

"A WARM WELCOME", AND COMMENTS WERE EXTENDED TO

DR. WILLIAMS BY THE COUNCIL!

WE "APPLAUD AND APPRECIATE" DR. WILLIAMS, AND
LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER, AS WE SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN!

Executive Session. President Bowie stated to Council that, at this point and time, we will go into an Executive Session for about 30 Minutes, to discuss the St. James Hotel. President Bowie stated, at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to "Recess" into an Executive Session, at 5:22 p.m., for about 30 minutes. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to "Reconvene" back into the Council Meeting at 5:53 p.m. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Ordinance #O105-17/18 - An Ordinance to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority for Ninety-Nine (99) Years:

A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Ordinance #O105-17/18, An Ordinance to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority for Ninety-Nine (99) Years, for 1st Reading Only. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Yes, for 1st Reading Only".

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

CITIZENS' CONCERNS:

Ms. Debra Howard - Ward 7 Oil Lease Funding

-Requesting Information on Expenditures for Projects in Ward 7.

-Requesting Timeline on Completion of Park Across from R. B. Hudson Middle School.

Mrs. Carolyn Robinson - Update on Mr. Charlie Sanders' Murder, and Numerous "Unsolved Murders"

-Requesting an Update on Mr. Sanders' Murder, that Occurred in May, 2017.

-Requesting Information on How Many Unsolved Murders in the City of Selma.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- A. Easement on Griffin Avenue to Property Line - Ms. Annie Rose - 1317 Lauderdale Street. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Ms. Elizabeth Hollie, a Representative from Legal Services, is here tonight to address the Council as it relates to her Client, Ms. Annie Rose, Property Owner at 1317 Lauderdale Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that this matter is relative to the property at 1317 Lauderdale Street, and the Property owned by Mr. Bobby Reese, Property Owner of the Barber Shop, who is putting up a fence which is blocking her entry into her driveway. Ms. Hollie addressed the Council, and stated that she represents Ms. Annie Rose, and that they are asking the City to agree to an Easement which would allow Ms. Rose entry into her property. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has also been working with Ms. Rose as it relates to this matter. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to allow and approve the Easement to go to this piece of property on Griffin Avenue, to property line of 1317 Lauderdale Street; Mrs. Annie Rose, Property Owner. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

- B. Purchase of 312 St. Ann Street (Near Selma Avenue) - \$100.00 - From the State of Alabama. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that this property is located within Ward 8, near Selma Avenue, and that a long time ago, this property was also formerly owned by Stewart King & McKenzie. Attorney Nunn stated that we can purchase property from our Oil Lease Funds, and that he is requesting that this piece of property be purchased on behalf of the City of Selma for \$100.00, to go along with the other property there that we own at the Stewart King & McKenzie Site. Attorney Nunn further stated that this is a good section of property; that it will give ingress and egress to the piece of property that is in the "blue" on the diagram that was passed out to them, within their packet of information. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by President Bowie, to purchase said property at 312 St. Ann Street, near Selma Avenue, for \$100.00 from the State of Alabama, via Ward 8 Oil Lease Funds. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.
- C. CDG Service Agreement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, this Item was discussed during Work Session and our last Council Meeting, which is dealing with the Two (2) additional Cells for the Landfill. Attorney Nunn stated that they are requesting that the cost for the additional new Cells of \$16,500.00, be purchased with the Council's Oil Lease Funds. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Council should have before them a copy of the Contract. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the cost of \$16,500.00 for the additional Two (2) Cells for the Landfill, via the Council's Oil Lease Funds. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.
- D. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - TKS Lounge - Lounge Liquor - Class I - 001 - 605 L. L. Anderson Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of TKS Lounge for a Lounge Liquor License was placed on 1st Reading, during our last Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, and that the Notice was placed at the Site about a week ago, and also ran in the Newspaper Publication Section. Attorney Nunn further stated that the only problem that he can see is with us having a Council Meeting, from "back-to-back" (last week's Council Meeting and tonight's Council Meeting), this will not give the usual Two (2) weeks' notice of time, but that this is left up to the Council as to whether or not they would like to take action at tonight's Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated that he is unsure as to whether or not we have anyone at tonight's Council Meeting, to speak "For" or "Against" the Alcoholic Beverage License Application. President Bowie stated, it is his humble opinion, and in the best interest, due to the time limit, he thinks that we should "carry over" this Item until the next regularly Council Meeting, because usually when a Liquor License Application is placed on 1st Reading, we usually have Two (2) weeks, but due to the Christmas Holidays, we are having "Back-to-Back" Council Meetings for the Month of December, 2017. President Bowie asked the Council if they object to "carrying" this Liquor License Application over to the next Council Meeting? Attorney Nunn asked if anyone was present at tonight's Council Meeting, who would like to speak, For or Against, the Alcoholic Beverage License Application. Three (3) Citizens came forward, and addressed the Council; (1) Rev. Eddie J. Marshall, Member of Ward 7; Spoke Against the Alcoholic Beverage License Application; (2) Ms. Bernice Jackson, Resident of Ward 7; Spoke For, and in support of the Alcoholic Beverage License Application; and (3) Ms. Annie Jones, Mother of Applicant, Mr. Raphael Jones; Spoke For, and In Support of the Alcoholic Beverage License Application. Attorney Nunn "Announced", that if there is anyone, For or Against, the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of TKS Lounge, located at 605 L. L. Anderson Avenue, here in the City of Selma, they will need to contact the Council's Secretary Office, at 874-1234, to make the request to be placed on the Agenda, to speak For, or Against, the Liquor License Application. Following discussion, a motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to "Table" the discussion and action on the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of TKS Lounge for a Lounge Liquor License Application, located at 605 L. L. Anderson Avenue, until the next Council Meeting. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.
- E. A.M.I.C. - Statement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an A.M.I.C. Statement, which will be the last one for the year; said Statement is in the amount of \$709.25. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the A.M.I.C. Statement in the amount of \$709.25. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.
- F. Citizen Complaint Form. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they also have within their packet of information a "Citizen Complaint Form", and that he is asking Everyone to review and let him know if they have any questions regarding the same.

- G. Tennis Courts at Cedar Park Elementary School and Selma High School. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he did receive Notice from the Attorney for the School Board, as it relates to the Tennis Courts at Cedar Park and Selma High. Attorney Nunn further stated that we did request some assistance with the funding and/or grants, and hopefully, it will be mentioned at the next School Board Meeting that they have; that this was part of the request that was made as it relates to the Tennis Courts.

Attorney Nunn stated that he has received the Complaint via FedEx to his office, as it relates to the Opioid Litigation, if any of the Council Members would like to come by, and review. Attorney Nunn further stated that it will probably be filed later this week on behalf of the City of Selma.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Councilwoman Jackson stated that, after the last Council Meeting, she decided to look through some of the reports that they have been given in the form of the Financial Statements. Councilwoman Jackson shared with the Council what her findings were, as it relates to Revenue, Sales Taxes and Payroll, along with the Bond that was re-financed. Councilwoman Jackson stated that it is her opinion that they have been "voting", and not having "sound financial advice". Councilwoman Jackson also stated that she has called the League of Municipalities, and has asked "questions" for a better understanding as it relates to our "Finances". Councilwoman Jackson stated to President Bowie that she would like to "propose" the following, as a means of trying to gain knowledge and a better understanding of our Finances: (1) That we have Financial Reports at the "First" Work Session in every month; and (2) That we Develop a Committee to help us develop a strategic plan to include CPA's, Bankers and other professional Business Leaders and Attorneys, to ensure that we become "financially sound". Councilwoman Jackson stated that this is her request, that we put forth effort in doing this; that they work together to ensure that our City is "financially sound". President Bowie "Thanked" Councilwoman Jackson for her "findings" and "proposals", and stated, to add to it, that he has revised the Agenda for the upcoming meetings in January, that we are going to have the City Treasurer, at each Council Meeting, to come forward, and give the Council a report of the Finances. President Bowie stated that he is also going to bring back a "proposal" to the Council, and hopes that the Council will support it. President Bowie stated to Councilwoman Jackson, that her "points" are well taken! Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie, when he stated that he would have the "City Treasurer" at our Council Meetings, to make reports, who was he referring to? President Bowie answered, and stated, Ms. Ronita Wade. President Bowie stated to Council that he had asked Mayor Melton the following Five (5) questions; namely, (1) Bank Statements for the last Three (3) Months; (2) List of Delinquent Contractors/Vendors, from Accounts Payable, that are 30 - 60 days past due, and the amount; (3) Whether Payroll Taxes are up-to-date? (4) Whether Deposits are made daily? (5) List of All Employees (Including Full-Time, Part-Time, Seasonal, and Probationary Employees). President Bowie stated that he is going to review the information that he received, as it relates to the questions that he had asked Mayor Melton.

II. ONE-HALF (½) CENT SALES TAX FUNDING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES' ONE TIME RAISE

Councilman Randolph stated that the Council voted Two (2) different times to give the Employees their money for the One Time Raise, and that it's not being given to them. Councilman Randolph stated that they were looking forward to this money for Christmas, and that he just want our Employees to get their money. Councilman Randolph stated that his biggest problem with this is that we have been collecting the One Half (½) Cent Sales Taxes for the Employees, for over a year. Councilman Randolph stated to Councilwoman Jackson, that he appreciates her for the report that she just gave the Council, but that we have too many Employees who are making just a little above minimum wage, and that to many of our Employees, the One Time Raise is a "Christmas Bonus" for them and their Families. Councilman Randolph stated that he does not understand what is going on, but that he just wants our Employees to have their money; the One Time Raise. Councilman Randolph stated that the Employees are looking forward to their money; that they are hurting.

Councilwoman Thomas stated that there is a Person in the Finance Department, and the Treasurer at home, and that she would like to know, when will the Council be able to see where they are with their finances? Councilwoman Thomas asked President Bowie, when does he think that they are going to be able to get something done as it relates to their finances? President Bowie answered, and stated, if he can get Five (5) votes, it will happen in January. Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that our cash flow is in trouble, and suggested that they look at the Financial Documents. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that we must go and find out what is going on with our finances; that they need to go to the Finance Department. Councilman Bowline stated, while talking about not having any money, and being broke, they still have a Treasurer that they're paying, and

he's wondering, "if it is working, the way that they have been doing this"? During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to move forward with dismissing the City Treasurer, and getting a "new" Person, because right now they are being held hostage by this "one thing". Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would like to know where we are as it relates to the Forensics Audit, that was to be performed. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council, and stated, if Council recalls, the Treasurer is a Four (4) Year Appointment, and they can not terminate her, unless for cause. Attorney Nunn further stated, if the Council is terminating her for cause, that she is entitled to Due Process, prior to the termination. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council does want to explore that option of terminating the Treasurer, there is a procedure in place; that she has a Four (4) Year Appointment, and that she definitely has to be terminated, for cause. Councilwoman Thomas stated that the Mayor had stated to President Bowie, Councilman Leashore, along with herself, that he could no longer trust the City Treasurer; that he wanted his "own Accountant". Following the above discussion, Councilman Bowline *rescinded* his *motion*, and Councilman Leashore *rescinded* his "second" to the motion.

III. DETAILED PRINT-OUT OF ONE-HALF (½) CENT SALES TAX ACCOUNT, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 - PRESENT

This Item was *Continued*.

IV. DETAILED PRINT-OUT OF ALL LAST 20 BANK DEPOSITS

This Item was *Continued*.

V. WARD 4 END-OF-YEAR REPORTING, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & AWARDS

Councilwoman Benjamin "Thanked" Everyone for coming and being a part of the Ward 4 End-of-Year Reporting, Acknowledgements & Awards' Program; that it was a Wonderful Program!

VI. HOSPITAL ADOPT-A-FLOOR

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to "Thank" the Council Members who gave to this Project; that she appreciates Everyone who contributed and supported this effort! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that this is going on this week, and that she will get the "time" from the Supervisor that they are to come, and bring their "donations". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she will "text" it to Everyone, in the event they can attend, or not. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is looking forward to their presence being there, as well!

VII. RESOLUTION #R122-17/18 - RESOLUTION OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CREATION OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION, AND ELIMINATING TWO (2) PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITIONS.

Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that, if they recall, this is the Resolution whereby they eliminated the Two (2) Part-Time Code Enforcement Officers, in order to have One (1) Full Time Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Leashore stated that when the action was taken they mistakenly did not put in the proper salary of \$31,200.00, which is the "starting salary" for a Police Officer. Councilman Leashore stated that he would like to make a motion that Resolution #R122-17/18 be "amended" in order to include the salary of \$31,200.00. Councilman Randolph asked if he could "amend" said motion, and allow for the current Code Enforcement Officers to be able to stay on "board", until after Christmas, or at least until we get a replacement. Councilman Leashore stated that it is his understanding that they have been terminated already, and that he thinks that they need to move forward on that. During discussion, Councilman Leashore "withdrew" his *motion*, until Friday, December 22nd, during the Special Called Meeting. Councilman Randolph stated that this is Christmas Time, and those "Guys" have Families; that they served us on the Police Force for 25 Years or more.

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./Made Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

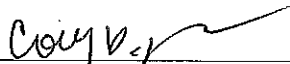
OUR CONDOLENCES TO COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE THOMAS AND HER FAMILY
IN THE LOSS OF HER DEAR SISTER - WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO
COUNCILWOMAN THOMAS AND HER FAMILY IN THEIR BEREAVEMENT!

"CONGRATULATIONS" TO COUNCILWOMAN SUSAN YOUNGBLOOD AND DR. YOUNGBLOOD
ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!!

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:



IVY B. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED
SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2017
9:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a Special Called session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Friday, December 22, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a Special Called Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Friday, December 22, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, 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 and City Attorney Jimmy Nunn. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin was absent during roll call, but arrived at 10:17 a.m.

President Bowie stated that the purpose of this Special Called Council Meeting is to discuss the following Business Item:

- (1) City Attorney's Report;
- (2) The St. James Hotel;
- (3) Resolution #R124-17/18 - Code Enforcement;
- (4) City Treasurer; and
- (5) Other Business.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Oil Lease Funds. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, they gave Approval for the new Cells for the LandFill Department, and asked if they would circulate and pass around the Oil Lease Funds' Sheet so that they can go ahead and start the process for the same.

Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, at this point and time, that he would like to request that they go into an Executive Session for about 10-15 Minutes, to discuss the St. James Hotel. President Bowie stated, at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to "Recess" into an Executive Session, at 9:38 a.m., for about 10-15 minutes. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to "Reconvene" back into the Council Meeting at 9:58 a.m. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Resolution #R124-17/18 - Resolution to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority.

A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve Resolution #R124-17/18, Resolution to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Ordinance #O105-17/18 - An Ordinance to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority for Ninety-Nine (99) Years;

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Ordinance #O105-17/18, An Ordinance to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority for Ninety-Nine (99) Years was placed on 1st Reading at our last Council Meeting on this past Tuesday, December 19th, and that it is up for consideration at this time. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve Ordinance #O105-17/18, An Ordinance to Lease the St. James Hotel to Selma Redevelopment Authority for Ninety-Nine (99) Years. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. RESOLUTION #R127-17/18 - RESOLUTION OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE FULL-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S POSITION CREATED BY RESOLUTION #R122-17/18.

Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that, if they recall, the Council voted and approved to eliminate the Two (2) Part-Time Code Enforcement Officers, in order to have One (1) Full Time Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Leashore stated that when the action was taken they mistakenly did not put in the proper salary of \$31,200.00, which is the "starting salary" for a Police Officer. Councilman Leashore stated that Resolution #R127-17/18 is before the Council for consideration and approval. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R127-17/18, Resolution of the Selma City Council Increasing the Salary of the Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer's Position, Created by Resolution #R122-17/18. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Executive Session. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Council that, at this point and time, that she would like to request that they go into an Executive Session for about 10 Minutes, to discuss a matter. President Bowie stated, at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to "Recess" into an Executive Session, at 10:05 a.m., for about 10 minutes. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

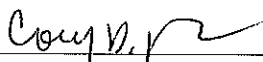
Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to "Reconvene" back into the Council Meeting at 10:15 a.m. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CLOSING REMARKS BY COUNCIL!

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, Mayor