

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

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ROLL CALL

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

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- (2) To Approve Resolution #R175-17/18 - Declaring Six (6) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.

Council President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve the Two (2) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve and adopt the Two (2) 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 June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, and also, the July 9, 2018 Work Session Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had a chance to peruse both sets of Minutes. President Bowie asked if there were any corrections? With there being no corrections, President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would "entertain" a motion to approve, both Sets of Minutes. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve both Sets of Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Benjamin cast a nay vote. During Roll Call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "No, I haven't read those".

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Mr. Barry Hilliman
Diamond One Construction
Re: Norwood Drive

(Mr. Hilliman addressed the Council, and stated that he was here on tonight to request approval to pave Norwood Drive. President Bowie asked Mr. Hilliman about the location of Norwood Drive, and whether it was in Valley Grande? Mr. Hilliman answered, and stated that one side is in Selma, and the other side is in Valley Grande. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, to grant approval to Mr. Hilliman to pave Norwood Drive. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Mr. Winston Williams
Sunrise Selma Soccer Club
Re: Professional Development Club in Selma

(Mr. Williams addressed the Council, and stated that he was here on tonight to provide information, and to "remind" the Council of the upcoming "World Cup Soccer" in Russia this Summer. Mr. Williams stated that he feels that this Event is going to be helpful with "Community Enthusiasm" in our City. Mr. Williams further stated that he will be making an "Announcement" on July 24th, once they have the Contracts signed.)

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Finance Report. Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, addressed the Council, and stated that the Sales Tax of the Revenue Report, for the Month of June, was "up" by \$43,553.00, to \$816,146.00; Lodging Tax was "up" by \$3,785.00, to \$24,147.00; Tobacco Tax was "down" by \$10,263.00, from \$14,918.00; Lodging Surcharge Tax was "up" by \$584.00, to \$5,415.00; One-Half Cent (½) Cent Sales Tax was "up" by \$5,444.00, to \$102,018.00; and the Simplified Seller Use Tax is "at" \$11,295.00 for June, Total Y-T-D is \$105,168.00. Ms. Wade further stated that the "Y-T-D" Expenses are \$17,468,486.00 and Y-T-D Revenue is, \$17,191,322.00; that we are spending a little over than what we've received in for the year, but that some of this is due to not receiving all of our Grant Revenue in, as of yet. Councilwoman Thomas asked Ms. Wade about our "Tobacco Tax", and stated that it is "down" in collections. Ms. Wade *Concurred*, and stated that it has declined. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she has a concern about this, as well. Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie if he could check to make sure that our seals are being used at all of the venues, to make sure that the purchase is being done by the Distributors? Ms. Wade stated that she would also communicate this to the Tax & License Department, to try and find out what is going on with the Tobacco Tax. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Ms. Wade, that she is particularly concerned about the "numbers" that they are going to need to prepare for the Budget, especially the "numbers" that were generated while she was out, and transactions that were made, while she was absent from the office. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Ms. Wade if she had received those "numbers" as of today? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that she, along with President Bowie and the Chief of Staff met, and that she was told that she would have her computer, by the end of this week, or as early as next week. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Ms. Wade that a request was made of her for "numbers" relating to the "Jazz on the Grass" Event, and asked if she had this information in a "hard" copy; that she would like a "hard" copy, as well as, an Accounting Report of "numbers" from last year's, as well. Ms. Wade stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that she would have that information for her before the end of

our Council Meeting. President Bowie asked Ms. Wade, how were we coming along with the "A133"? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that she "reached" out on Monday with the Auditor, and he stated that he sent a Letter to the Mayor, indicating the information that he needed. Ms. Wade further stated that she has sent him all of the information that she had, as it relates to the Magistrate's Office, and the Planning & Development Office. Councilman Leashore stated to Ms. Wade, that on the request that he asked concerning the "Jazz on the Grass" Event, was it a final report? Ms. Wade answered, and stated, that Revenue is still coming in on the "Jazz on the Grass" T-Shirts, and other expenses, as per her Email that was sent. Councilman Leashore asked Ms. Wade, if she would "hold off" on giving him a report until she has received all of the funds that are coming in, and after it has been deemed all revenue has been received. Councilman Leashore further stated that, in that report, he wants copies of all Purchase Orders, as well, in the form of a "hard" copy, as well as, an electronic copy. Ms. Wade stated that she had forwarded this information to him, with a "copy" to the Mayor, that included the Purchase Orders, and all things related to the "Jazz on the Grass"; that there will be no more expenditures except for paying the bills for the "Jazz on the Grass", but that she would, at his request, hold off until the final Revenue has been received for the "Jazz on the Grass". Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Ms. Wade that she wants to clarify; that she wants the "numbers", to date, so that she can make it a part of her Committee Report. Ms. Wade stated that she would have the "numbers" for her. President Bowie asked Ms. Wade, did she follow-up with Ms. Bessie Curtis, IT Director, about the Software for the Fire Department? Ms. Wade answered, and stated to President Bowie, that Ms. Curtis is out today, but that there is an Email before he and the Council Members, from our Bond Trust that manages our Bond Money, and that they should have before them, a list of what is remaining in the "Balances" of our Bond Accounts. Ms. Wade further stated that she is unable to give the details of the "Neighborhood Fund Account" by Wards, because she does not have access to her information, but as soon as she can get her computer back she will be able to do so. Ms. Wade stated that this is the remaining balance, approximately \$282,000.00; that the majority of it is about \$223,977.00 for Information Technology. Ms. Wade further stated that she strongly recommends that this amount gets used, if they're considering trying to use that, but that would have to require a conversation with our IT Director, as to what her plans are with that remaining balance. President Bowie stated that he will give her a call on tomorrow, so that we can move forward on this. Councilman Randolph stated that he is confused with his Colleague wanting to know information about the "Jazz on the Grass", which was paid by Citizens and private donations, and not the "City's" money. Councilman Leashore stated that when monies are donated in the name of the "City of Selma", then it becomes the "City's money". Councilman Randolph stated to Councilman Leashore, that for Mother's Day, the Mayor had a "Jazz Event", and that he didn't request any information on that Event; that all of it was City money. Councilman Randolph further stated that he thinks that he should be "fair", and ask for a report on both Events. Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to request how much was spent on the "Jazz Event" held on Mother's Day from Ms. Wade. Councilman Randolph stated that he was concerned about the Police Department's spending, and asked Ms. Wade, how was the Police Department "looking" in terms of their Budget? Councilman Randolph stated that he feels that they are going to run out of money, and asked what were they going to do when they run out of money, because they are "moving" too much money around with amendments to the Budget? Ms. Wade answered, and stated based on the Budget Performance report, they are at 72-73%; that right now they're in line with their Budget, in terms of not going over, but they have spent over than what they spent last year, which may be due to travel and/or additional equipment purchases. Ms. Wade further stated that when they start to request to move and transfer money, she looks at what they're spending from the previous year, and she won't let them move more than what they've spent in previous years, which is a system of "check and balances" for her. Councilman Randolph stated, as it relates to City's vehicles that, "for those officers who are employed that already hold APOSTC Certification they will be eligible to take home a car 18 months after their hire date". Councilman Randolph further stated that the Police Officers who are driving our vehicles to Camden, are violating our Ordinance. Councilman Randolph stated that the Policy also states that an Officer who was employed with the City of Selma Police Department and APOSTC Certified prior to the effective date of this policy may participate in the take home car policy, provided that he resides within 5 miles of the City limits of the City of Selma. Councilman Randolph stated that with this policy, "somebody owes us some money for this; that this is a written policy". Councilman Leashore asked Ms. Wade, if at some point during the Budget Process, will she alert the various Departments to let them know to curtail their spending? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that she would alert the Mayor, that they need to slow down on their spending. Ms. Wade further stated that the Finance Department checks to make sure that the Department is within their spending, and if they're not, then they ask them to either do a Budget Amendment, or to not make a purchase. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is interested in how spending is being done, as well, and would also like to have a report of spending for all Departments, because that is going to be important as they go through the Budget Process. Councilwoman Jackson asked Ms. Wade if we have a policy in place limiting the number of budget revisions, and the amount of the budget revisions? Ms. Wade answered, and stated, if you're moving from "Departments" that would require Council's approval, and if you're moving within your Line Item, then there's no requirement of approval;

you can only make an amendment within 10%, which does not include salaries. Councilwoman Jackson stated to Ms. Wade that she and Councilwoman Thomas had been looking at the documentation that she had presented to them as it relates to the 2009 GO Bond Account and that they are still not clear, and asked if they could get an "overview" from her, so that they can have a better understanding. Ms. Wade stated that it is her understanding that each Discipline was awarded a certain amount, and that each Ward was awarded a certain amount. Ms. Wade further stated that there was a time set wherein the money should have been spent by now; that IT has the largest amount, and that they have not spent all of it. Ms. Wade stated that she has been in conversation with the Regions Bank in Birmingham, and that she has also needs to speak with our Attorney, to determine, "if and how" can we have those funds "re-allocated" to us, and what we can do with the funds, but that she has not been able to speak with him, as of today. Councilman Randolph asked Ms. Wade, what can be done with monies that were allocated for the Recreation Department, the Schools' Recreational Account for the Summer in all Wards, and how to put a "freeze" on that money, if not used? Ms. Wade answered, and asked if she could defer him to the HR Department, to Mr. Ollie Davison, the Chief of Staff, and "Acting HR Director", because she does not have an answer for his "question". Councilman Randolph asked President Bowie, if he could send a letter to the Mayor, requesting that those funds not be "moved" in the Recreation Department. Councilman Leashore asked Ms. Wade how closely is she and the Mayor, working on the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that she is working with the Chief of Staff, presently, on the Budget, in terms of Revenue Projections.

- B. Mr. Ray Hogg - Proposed CDBG Application - Update. Mr. Ray Hogg addressed the Council, and stated to Council that they should have a copy of his Memorandum as it relates to the CDBG Grant Application. Mr. Hogg further stated that these are his recommendations, and that this is a breakdown by Wards. Mr. Hogg stated to Councilman Randolph that, in addition to what is listed in his Memorandum, he went ahead and "added" 6th Avenue, and that he has photos for that area. Mr. Hogg further stated that the work for 6th Avenue will extend back up to Highland Avenue, as well. Mr. Hogg stated that he has for the Total Cost, \$503,769.00; \$450,000.00 for the Grant, and the City will need to put up a 10% match, which would make a total of \$495,000.00. Mr. Hogg stated that he can prorate these "numbers" back which are "estimates", and that when he does "estimates" he always makes them a little higher than what the actual "Bid" will be. Mr. Hogg stated this is his recommendation, but that it is still the "choice" of the Council. Mr. Hogg further stated that the Council will "select" the areas, and that they have "one" more Council Meeting, prior to submission of the Grant Application. Councilman Randolph asked Mr. Hogg, where will the "connection" be for the Franklin Street work? Mr. Hogg answered, and stated on Primrose Terrace, there is a 24-inch pipe on the west-side of Franklin Street, and that they would come in and put in a series of inlets, and connect them to the 24-inch pipe. Councilman Randolph stated that there is storm drain that comes behind Magnolia, near Selma High School Football Field, and asked if that would be more ideal for the "connection"? Mr. Hogg answered, and stated that he would take a look, to see if they could put it on the "east-side" of Franklin Street, instead of the "west-side" of Franklin Street. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, to approve the recommendations for Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, coming from Mr. Ray Hogg, as it relates to the storm drainage problems, for the Proposed CDBG Application. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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- B. To Approve Resolution #R175-17/18 - Declaring Six (6) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures. Approved Consent Agenda Item.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. APPOINTMENT POWERS

Councilman Randolph stated to Council that he placed this Item back on the Agenda because he truly feel that the Fire Department and the Police Department need to both be under the Council. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the Appointment Powers of both the Fire Department and Police Department, under the Council. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for a lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and three nay votes. Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Leashore each cast a nay vote. Following said roll call, Councilman Randolph changed his "vote" from that of an "affirmative vote", to a "nay vote", in order to bring said Item back up for Council's

action. Therefore, there were three affirmative votes and four nay votes. Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilman Randolph, and Councilman Leashore each cast a nay vote.

II. STREET LIGHT INSTALLATIONS

President Bowie stated to Councilwoman Thomas that he did talk with Mr. Carter, of the Alabama Power Company, and that he informed him that he will be getting with her, along with Mr. Tenner, of the Public Works Department, so that they can meet at the Site, regarding this Item.

III. POLICY & PROCEDURAL MANUALS

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to read something to the Council, that she had researched and got information, as it relates to a "Policy and Procedural Manual" for individual Departments. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that she would ask that we "move" tonight, to develop "Policies and Procedures", starting with our Finance Department, and move into other "Departments", therefrom. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by President Bowie, to approve a separate and individual Policy and Procedural Manual, for each Department of the City. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated during the Work Session last night, it was reported by Councilwoman Jackson, that there is not a Weed Abatement Process no longer, but that she does not have this in writing. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council President that she would like this information from the Mayor, in writing, and that until then, she will continue to submit her Constituent's concerns. Councilman Bowline stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that he had spoken to the Mayor on last night, about the Weed Abatement Process, and that he had stated to him that, the City could not consistently clean up Weed Abatement Properties, because of Personnel and equipment, but it could be done. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she wishes the Mayor would have called her about this, but that he stated to her that we haven't done this since his Administration started, and that she stated that this was not true, because she had sent several in, and they had been done. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that she does not have any reason to report anything erroneous on the Mayor; that she had initiated a conversation with him, with regard to the "Rise Up" Initiative that she is working with. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilwoman Jackson that, as was stated during the Work Session on last night, that until she sees this in writing, that she will continue to send down her Work Order Requests, at the request of her Constituents.

IV. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES IV

Councilman Randolph "Announced" the "3rd Annual Citizens Prom" to be held on Friday, July 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the George P. Evans Building. Councilman Randolph stated that the "Theme" is "Over the Rainbow", and that it is "Free Admission" to Everyone. Councilman Randolph further stated that "Kings & Queens" will be "Crowned"! Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to "Thank" the Edmundite Missions for "Co-Sponsoring" this Event, for the "3rd Year! Councilman Randolph asked that Citizens, please call Ms. Sykes, Administrative Assistant, to "RSVP" their attendance. Councilman Randolph also "Announced" that there will be a "Pep Rally for Jesus", on August 12th, and that more information will be forthcoming, as it relates to the Event.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie and the Council, that she would like to give a report on the "Jazz on the Grass" Event, since it was requested, as well as, other Events, at this time:

1. "Jazz in Park Summer Concert" at the Amphitheater, 2018, on May 18, 2018 - No Financial Information Reflected in City's Financial System;
2. "Jazz in Park Summer Concert" at the Amphitheater, 2017, on May 12, 2017 - Total Expenses for Event was \$5,000.00, Paid by City Funds;
3. "Ten O'Clock Praise, 2017", on September 1, 2017 - Private Donations of \$250.00, and an Ending Balance of \$0.00;
4. "Ten O'Clock Praise, 2018", on June 1, 2018 - No Private Donations - Total Expense for Event was \$587.85 - Total Discretionary Funds Donated - \$587.85, and an Ending Balance of \$0.00;
5. "7th Annual Jazz on the Grass, 2017", on June 17, 2017 - Private Donations of \$5,247.00, Expenses for "Jazz on the Grass" was \$5,461.50, with Total Discretionary Funds Donated in the amount of \$150.00; and
6. This Year's "Annual Jazz on the Grass, 2018", on June 16, 2018 - Private Donations of \$4,832.86, Total Expenses of \$6,050.50, and Donations from Council Members, \$1,350.00, with a Balance of \$132.36, which is attributed to "T-Shirt Donations"; Revenue is still coming in for "T-Shirts". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to again "Thank" the Businesses, Citizens and the Council Members who have contributed!

V. 10TH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 25 - 28, 2018

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that it is "time" for the 10th Annual Youth Conference, to be held on July 25 - 28, 2018. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the extended deadline to register is July 17th, which does not "guarantee" a "Registration Packet". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that we have some "Wonderful" Presenters and Instructors, along with "Cooking with Sam and Susan", Councilman Randolph who is a "Master Chef" in the Military, and Councilwoman Youngblood!

VI. UPDATE - SUMMER YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, will be getting with her concerning this Item, in terms of additional funds that were "rolled" over.

VII. UPDATE - WARD 4 WORK ORDER REQUESTS

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they did a "drive-through" in Ward 4, and that she sent in Work Order Requests for Ward 4, for both "East and West". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she will keep this Item on the Agenda, until she is able to get a report and an "update". President Bowie stated, per the Mayor's Office, the Report is on the way.

VIII. CAUTION LIGHTS

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she has been looking into whether it may be something that the City might be interested in, as it relates to placing "caution lights" along the "Main Thoroughfares" in our City. President Bowie stated that he will place this Item in the Public Safety Committee, Councilman Johnson, as Chairperson.

*INTRODUCTION
OF
MR. RICHARD WATTERS,
"SUMMER INTERN" - COUNCILMAN BOWLINE
MR. WATTERS ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF.
COMMENTS WERE MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOWLINE, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS!
A WARM "WELCOME" WAS EXTENDED TO MR. WATTERS!*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

Councilman Leashore was absent from the Council Meeting at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Councilman Johnson was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

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FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

WE WISH A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO COUNCILWOMAN MIAH JACKSON!!!

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 24, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

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CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Eight (8) 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 #R179-17/18 - Authorizing the City of Selma to Apply for a 2018 Community Development Block Grant from ADECA for Funding to Correct Drainage Issues. The Total Amount of the Project is \$495,000.00 with the City's Application for \$450,000.00 in a Community Development Block Grant. The City of Selma Pledges \$45,000.00 in Cash Match to be Added in the 2018/2019 Budget.
- (2) To Approve Resolution #R180-17/18 - Authorizing the City of Selma to Submit a Choice Neighborhood Grant to the United States Housing and Urban Development. The Total Project Cost is Estimated to be \$30,000,000.00 with the City Pledging \$25,000.00 Towards the Administration Fee with the \$25,000.00 Coming from the Special Projects Line Item, Com. Devel.
- (3) To Approve for 1st Reading, an Alcoholic Beverage License for MAD, Incorporation.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R177-17/18 - Declaring Two (2) Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R176-17/18 - For a Special Use Permit to Modify an Existing Facility by AT&T, Located at 2614 Citizens Parkway.

- (6) To Approve Resolution #R178-17/18 - Declaring Seven (7) Properties a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement (Phase 1).
- (7) To Approve the A.M.I.C. Statement in the Amount of \$714.98.
- (8) To Approve Resolution #R174-17/18 - Declaring Seventeen (17) Properties a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement (Phase 1).

Council President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve the Eight (8) Items on Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to President Bowie that she would like to ask that they take action on Consent Agenda Item #3 on tonight, "Suspend the Rules", and "Grant" them a License tonight, instead of placing said Item on 1st Reading. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that this is simply a "Name Change", and not a "new" Establishment; that they have been operating in Business for several years. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to "suspend the rules" in order to take action on Consent Agenda Item #3. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilwoman Jackson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I abstain; I don't vote on any liquor license applications, and I hate to do this on, Consent Item #3. A motion was then made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve and adopt the Eight (8) 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 seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Jackson cast a nay vote on Consent Agenda Item #3. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "All, but #3."

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 July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, and also, the July 19, 2018 Work Session Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had a chance to peruse both sets of Minutes. President Bowie asked if there were any corrections? With there being no corrections, President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would "entertain" a motion to approve, both Sets of Minutes. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve both Sets of Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During Roll Call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I abstain; as a result of being out."

MAYOR'S REPORT (All of the Mayor's "Agenda Items" were put on Consent Agenda.)

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Nunn stated that he would like to "Thank" Everyone in Dallas County for "Supporting" him as their next "Probate Judge of Dallas County"; that it means a lot to him! Attorney Nunn stated that he would like to also "Thank" the Council for placing most of his "Items" on Consent Agenda.

- A. To Approve Resolution #R176-17/18 - For a Special Use Permit to Modify an Existing Facility by AT&T at 2614 Citizens Parkway. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- B. To Approve Resolution #R177-17/18 - Declaring Two (2) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- C. To Approve Resolution #R178-17/18 - Declaring Seven (7) Properties a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement (Phase 1). Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- D. To Approve the A.M.I.C. Statement in the Amount of \$714.98. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- E. To Approve Resolution #R174-17/18 - Declaring Seventeen (17) Properties a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement (Phase 1). Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- F. To Approve for 1st Reading, an Alcoholic Beverage License for MAD, Incorporation. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- G. Permission to Refund a Sanitary Sewer Connection Permit Fee. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that this Item is via the Building Inspector's Office, concerning a Refund for a Sanitary Sewer Connection Permit Fee. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Owner of the Property informed the Building Inspector that the Permit was not needed after all, and requested a refund for the money paid for the Permit Fee. Attorney Nunn stated that the Building Inspector and the Public Works Department are requesting that the funds paid for the Permit Fee be refunded back to the Property Owner. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve

- the refund amount for a Sanitary Sewer Connection Permit Fee, back to the Property Owner in the amount of \$450.00.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- H. Removal of Weeds from Vacant Lots with Roundup Weed Killer. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that it was requested of him to do research by President Bowie, concerning Roundup Weed Killer. Attorney Nunn further stated that the question came up as it relates to "bush hogging", and whether or not to kill the weeds, without having to "bush hob" the property. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they have information before them as it relates to the research on the Roundup Weed Killer, and asked that they pay close attention to what is stated concerning the use of "Roundup", prior to proceeding to move forward with this process.
- I. Weed Abatement - Publication in the Selma Times-Journal. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, per the request of Councilwoman Thomas, as it relates to the Publication in the Selma Times-Journal concerning the Weed Abatement, they will see Two (2) Certificates of Publications. Attorney Nunn further stated that the question was asked concerning the Weed Abatement Publication, and they should have it there. Attorney Nunn stated that Councilman Leashore also asked about the Cost for the Publication, and that, as can be seen, the Cost varies in terms of how many properties are listed. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that, as was stated during the Work Session, they can see that the Publication is "ran" in the Legal Section of the Selma Times-Journal. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, Councilwoman Benjamin had asked about the cost for weed abatement, and that he did include Resolution #R213-08/09, as it relates to the Cost of Service for Weed Abatement, and that the City Council voted on this back in 2009, which established a fee of Two Cents (\$0.02) per square foot for the abatement. Attorney Nunn passed out the procedures for Abatement of Weeds, as well as, the procedures for Demolishing and/or Repairing of Unsafe Structures. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that there is a process, and that they have the process for each before them, concerning the Abatement of Weeds and Demolishing and/or Repairing of Unsafe Structures. Councilman Johnson stated to Attorney Nunn that it has been over 45 days on the clean-up of debris that was left at the site of the Old Compress Building, and asked if he could use some of his Oil Lease Funds to clean up the debris? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he will look into whether or not this can be done, and follow back up with him on tomorrow. Councilwoman Thomas asked Attorney Nunn, who follows up on the properties that have been sited after the 45 days, and whether or not they go back and check to see about the procedures being carried out? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that Weed Abatement and Dilapidated Structures originate out of the Code Enforcement Office; that Code Enforcement identifies the properties, and they will take it through all of the Steps. Attorney Nunn further stated that Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, sends copies of the Letters that have been sent, per Code Enforcement identifying the property in violation of weed abatement and/or dilapidated state, to his office, as well as, copies are forwarded to the Code Enforcement Office. Attorney Nunn stated that this puts the Code Enforcement Office on "notice" that, the Property Owner has been notified. Attorney Nunn further stated that what they have done in the past is that, the next step would be to post within 3 feet of the structure, a copy of the letter, within 3 days, and that they would also put some type of "tickler" and/or calendar in place, that once the 45-days has expired, they would go to the next step, and take it to the last step. Attorney Nunn stated that Code Enforcement would do the same, as with Weed Abatement, they would follow the next step of abatement; that would include getting Public Works to abate the weeds and/or grass, if the Property Owner does not, and then this will include notifying his office, so that he can prepare the Resolution to be brought back before the Council for approval to proceed to abate the property; thereafter, the Code Enforcement Office would proceed with the next "steps" to this process. Attorney Nunn stated that all of this comes out of the Code Enforcement Office; to "start" the process, and goes back to Code Enforcement, to "complete" the process. Councilwoman Thomas "Thanked" Attorney Nunn for explaining the Process again for the Council Members, as well as, for their Constituents.
- J. Dallas Academy Building. President Bowie stated to Attorney Nunn that it is his understanding that they are "opening" bids for repair work to be done on the Dallas Academy Building. Attorney Nunn stated that he received a Letter from A.M.I.C. concerning the next "Phase" on the Dallas Academy Building, and that we are now coming above the Public Works Bid Law. Attorney Nunn further stated that they are requesting us to put the repairs out for "bid" so that the Contractors can move forward on the repairs of the Buildings, as it relates to other things that have to be done that were not caused by the fire. Attorney Nunn stated that the Mayor's office is looking at ways that the other repairs can be done. Councilwoman Youngblood stated, while we're on the subject, they have Two (2) Power Bills that are pretty extraordinary where we had the Art Program, for Two (2) months. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that they are asking permission to pay the Power Bill for Two (2) months; that they have the funds to use to pay the Bill. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to

approve to pay the Two (2) Power Bills at the Facility that was used for the Two (2) Art Camps. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. DALLAS ACADEMY BUILDING

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

II. BROWNFIELD RESULTS FOR JUNKYARD

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she would like to say to the Parents and Citizens of Ward 7 that the Brownfield Testing is still being done, that it is not complete as of yet, and as soon as we get the results, she will let them know. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that school will be starting back soon, the first week in August, and that they would like to have that area cleaned up by then.

III. NEW TRASH TRUCKS - UPDATE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she wanted to know where we are with the "New" Trucks, in terms of when they would arrive. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that she was hoping that the Mayor's Chief of Staff would be present today, in order to give Everyone a status report on whether or not the "New" Trucks will arrive in Mid-August, as was told. Councilwoman Thomas asked President Bowie, did he find out anything about the Trucks? President Bowie answered, and stated that he did inquire about the Trucks, and that he was informed that we would receive Two (2) Trucks the first Two (2) weeks in August, and the remaining Trucks will come the end of August or beginning of September; that this is, per the Mayor.

IV. TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that it was said before that they would be given a schedule in terms of each Ward for picking up the trash, but no one from the Department of Public Works has told them anything. Councilwoman Thomas asked if we receive the Two (2) trucks in August, what will they do with the remaining Trucks—are they going to repair the other Trucks? Councilwoman Thomas stated to President Bowie, that they need to hear from the Public Works Director. Councilwoman Thomas asked President Bowie, if he had talked with Mr. Stephen Hendrieth, Public Works Director, lately? President Bowie answered, and stated to Councilwoman Thomas that, basically, the only thing that he can do is, put it in writing, and ask for a "Plan of Action" until all of the Trucks are in. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she spoke to Mr. VanDiver, a few weeks ago, concerning the Trucks that are in need of repair, and he stated that a couple of the Trucks had been repaired. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Councilwoman Thomas, if it was her "thoughts" that the Trucks now have broken down again? Councilwoman Thomas answered, and stated, "Yes, we only have One (1) Truck that is running in our City, right now." Councilwoman Thomas stated that she thinks that the Citizens of this City deserve to know exactly what is going on, because we have trash on the Streets. Councilman Randolph stated that we have the manpower, and asked President Bowie, if he could request of the Mayor, to do a "24-7" run, to get all of the trash picked up? President Bowie answered, and stated, as he stated before, the only thing that can request is a "Plan of Action", and hopefully that will be included.

V. WARD 4 WORK ORDER REQUESTS - UPDATE

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie that, for the last Three (3) Meetings she has been asking for an "answer" as it relates to her Ward 4 Work Order Requests, and asked if he had received an "answer" as of yet? President Bowie answered, and stated, "No, but that it was coming." Councilwoman Benjamin stated that hopefully they will have an "answer" by the time of the Ward 4 Meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31st, at 5:30 p.m., at Cedar Park Elementary School. Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie if he would check into the Work Order Requests for Ward 4, so that hopefully, by the time of the Ward Meeting, she will have an "answer".

VI. 10TH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 25 - 28, 2018

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that this is an "Announcement" that the "10th Annual Youth Conference" will be held this week, on July 25 - 28, 2018! Councilwoman Benjamin asked the Youth are scheduled to attend, to please remember to bring their "Signed Permission Slips"!

VII. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES IV

Councilman Randolph "Announced" the "3rd Annual Citizens Prom" to be held on Friday, July 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the George P. Evans Building. Councilman Randolph stated that the "Theme" is "Over

the Rainbow", and that it is "Free Admission" to Everyone. Councilman Randolph further stated that a "King & Queen" will be "Crowned"! Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to again "Thank" Mr. Chad and the Edmundite Missions for "Co-Sponsoring" this Event, for the "3rd" Year! Councilman Randolph stated that he would also like to "Thank" Former Mayor Evans for his support. Councilman Randolph stated that all the Ladies will receive a "Rose". Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to "Thank" Everybody, and also "Thank" the Senior Citizens for their participation!

Councilwoman Benjamin "Announced" that this week will also end with a "Community Fun Day", which will be held on this Saturday, July 28th, and that she would like to see Everyone at the "Community Fun Day" Event! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the "Community Fun Day" will be from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at the Phoenix Park, and that it is a Free Event! Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Let's Be Friendly, Let's Have Fun, Laughing and Playing Together"!

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that she had requested that the Item of "Summer Youth Jobs' Program Update", be taken off of the Agenda, but asked Ms. Wade, City Treasurer, to please make sure that the "numbers" roll over.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report. (During his report, Councilman Bowline "announced" that on Thursday, August 2nd, that Police Chief Collier, along with himself, will be hosting a meeting at Barrett Road Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m., to discuss crime issues)/Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Closing Remarks.

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, President Bowie asked Ms. Wade, City Treasurer, to come forward, and address the Council. Ms. Wade addressed the Council, and stated that she was asked by Councilwoman Jackson to make recommendations for budget amendments that occur during the fiscal year. Ms. Wade read the Memorandum, as it relates to the recommendation for Budget Amendments, that was addressed to Councilwoman Jackson, Council Members, and Mayor Melton in its entirety; in summary, "All Budget Adjustment requests between Departments require majority vote of the Council for approval. For approval on Budget Amendments within Departments: (1) Salary Line Items cannot be amended without majority vote of Council for approval; and (2) Budget Amendments for Line Items (other than Salary) cannot exceed 10% of the budgeted Line Item; to be Effective with the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget." Ms. Wade further stated that, with the exception of the 10% of the budgeted line item language, this is already in the Budget; that this is the only part of this amendment that is not already a part of the budget. Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that he really doesn't have a problem with this "recommendation"; however, he feels that it needs to be discussed with the Executive Branch of Government. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie that usually by now, we would have had several meetings, and asked if he had been informed as to when those meetings might start? President Bowie answered, and stated that when he met with the Mayor, he informed him that during the second week in August, we'll start with the hearings for the upcoming 2018/2019 Budget. Councilman Leashore asked stated to President Bowie that, as was stated earlier, he really does not have a problem with it, but did he think that they should call an Administrative

Committee meeting, to meet with the Mayor and Ms. Wade, to see what the impact would be. Councilwoman Thomas stated it was said that, if you're going to make any recommendations and/or suggestions to the Budget, it was said that the Council can do this. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she thinks that what Councilwoman Thomas is speaking about is related to the Webinar that they had on today with the League of Municipalities; that she had got some feedback on today as it relates to Section 11-43c-51, of the Alabama Code, as it relates to Adoption of General Fund Budget. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she is suggesting that they not start until the 2018/2019 FY Budget with the new Budget Amendments. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that if they have this requirement in place, and they have to come before Council to present their need, and the reason for it, and they, as a Council, have to give the approval, then this is just more accountability. President Bowie stated to Council that prior to going into the Budget Hearings, that he thinks that they, as a Council, need to get an Inventory from each Department of Expenditures, and what each Department purchased. Councilman Leashore stated that he is simply making a recommendation that they meet, and have a discussion, so that they can all be on the same accord. Councilwoman Thomas stated that when they do meet and talk, with regard to the Budget Hearings, they need to have cooperation from both "sides", and that she thinks if they work together according to the way that it is supposed to be, it is going to turn out good for the City. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she thinks that they have done their due diligence to ensure that it has been given the proper notification, and that it is not something that is to be done immediately. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie, that she would like for him to expedite the Budget Hearings, with regard to all Parties involved. Ms. Wade stated, "Just for the record, I am not giving any opposition; I just need to know what information is needed. The Mayor is over preparing the Budget." During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Jackson, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas to approve the Recommendation for Budget Amendments that have been set forth by our City Treasurer, and that they go into effect, FY 2019. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes and two abstentions. Councilman Leashore and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "I still support the initiative; however, I think before this Council takes that vote they should have communication, and have some understanding as to what we're asking the Executive Branch to do, as it relates to this." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I'm like Mr. Leashore; I agree to that, but I'm going to abstain for right now."

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report. (During her report, Councilwoman Benjamin "reminded" the Residents of Ward 4 that they will be having their *Ward 4 Quarterly Meeting* at Cedar Park Elementary School on Tuesday, July 31st at 5:30 p.m. Councilwoman Benjamin also "announced" that they will also be having the *Ward 4 Annual Summer Cleaning & Beautification Day* on Saturday, August 18, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they will be meeting up at the Parking Area next to First Avenue Cleaners. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she wanted to also "Thank" Everyone for their help with this Project; the "Beautification Chairperson", Councilwoman Thomas, who always brings supplies to help with their Project, and also Ward 4 Residents, for helping to pick up "our own trash!")/Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

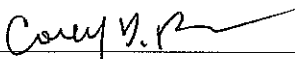
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 14, 2018 - 5:00 P.M.

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 6:48 p.m.


COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, Mayor