

MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 11, 2017  
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Council President Corey D. Bowie

*Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Families of Councilman Tucker and Mr. Anthony Lee –  
We Pray Blessings Upon Them and All Others in Bereavement!*

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 11, 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, July 11, 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, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, and Councilwoman Jannie Thomas. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, and Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer. Mayor Darrio Melton was absent from the Council Meeting. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:02 p.m. Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson and Councilman Michael Johnson were absent from the Council Meeting.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them the Agenda for tonight's Council Meeting, and asked if there were any additions and/or deletions? Councilman Leashore asked that we "Table" Business Item #1, to be brought to our next Council Meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "change". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration that they discussed during last Thursday's Work Session. President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them a Total of Three (3) 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 that they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

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

- (1) To Approve an Application for Commercial Film and Video Production for Sir Trevor McDonald in his "Documentary", Focusing on the "Legacy" of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- (2) To Place Ordinance #O109-16/17 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Only, Adoption of City Council Rules of Procedures.
- (3) To Grant Approval for a Citizen to Change Venue Date, from August 12, 2017, to Spring, 2018; to Use Deposit Paid towards "New" Venue.

President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the Three (3) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve and adopt the above-named Three (3) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes on all Consent Items, with the exception of Consent Item #2; one abstention by Councilman Leashore, on Consent Item #2, Only. During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "Mr. President, I'm going to abstain on Consent Item #2 only; I vote yes on Item #1 and Item #3, Consent Items".

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. President Bowie asked the Council if there were any corrections? With there being no corrections, President Bowie stated that at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to approve said Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

#### RECOGNITION OF MR. MICHAEL "MIKE" MYATT, REPRESENTATIVE FROM SEACOAST GARBAGE DISPOSAL, AT TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

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

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- A. Application for Commercial Film and Video Production for Sir Trevor McDonald in a "Documentary" Focusing on the "Legacy" of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he did talk with Mr. Tommy Fail, Alabama Film Office, on today, and that they discussed several things, as it relates to the permit process, and the application fee. Attorney Nunn further stated that he did state that funding is very limited when it comes to smaller films, like the one that we just "Approved". Attorney Nunn stated that they looked at the City of Montgomery, and that they have a \$2,500.00 Application Fee, but they also looked at the benefits that they receive. Attorney Nunn stated that hopefully we can do a gradual sale from about \$250.00, up to \$1,000.00, over a period of time.
- B. Gamble, Gamble, Calame & Jones, LLC - Status of the St. James Hotel Sale, and Invoice for Payment. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them a copy of a letter received from the Law Office of Gamble, Gamble, Calame & Jones, which was forwarded to his office, as it relates to the St. James Hotel, and that attached to said letter is an invoice, representing what has accumulated in fees. Attorney Nunn referenced the date of July 14, 2017, in the Letter. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they should also see incidents referenced in the Letter, as it relates to contacting FUBU themselves. Attorney Nunn stated, as can be seen in the Letter, that contact to the FUBU Group should be handled through the Mayor, or the Attorneys representing this transaction. Attorney Nunn further stated that the extended date for the closing of the Hotel is July 31, 2017. Attorney Nunn stated this concludes his report on the St. James Hotel, with the exception of taking action on the invoice. During discussion, Attorney Nunn was asked to contact the Gamble, Gamble, Calame & Jones Law Firm, as it relates to questions they have; such as, the May 25<sup>th</sup> date of the invoice, as to whether or not the phone conference held on that date was concerning the Hotel, or other matters; and also, Attorney Nunn was asked to find out about the request that no one try to contact the FUBU Group directly, without going through the Mayor, or the Attorneys representing the St. James Sale Transaction. It was the Consensus of the Council to "Table" the Item of the Invoice Payment, and take a vote on the Statement of Invoice, at the next Council Meeting.

I. ORDINANCE #O105-16/17 - REPEALING ORDINANCE #O106-12/13, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE #O102-04/05

Per Councilman Leashore, this Item is "Tabled" to be brought to the next Council Meeting.

II. WARD 4 UPDATES

Per Councilwoman Benjamin, this Item is "Continued" to next Council Meeting.

III. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that *One Hot Summer Series III* is going well, and that there are a couple of events coming up; "*Peaceful Sunday*", coordinated by Mr. Brandon Holmes, which will be the First Sunday in August, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that we will also be having the "*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Fun Day*", on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., and "*Community Line Dancing & Karaoke Evening*", beginning at 6:00 p.m., until 10:00 p.m., at Phoenix Park. Councilwoman Benjamin asked that we "mark" our Calendars; that Everyone is invited!

IV. 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 26 - 29, 2017

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the "*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference*" is coming up; that it is scheduled for July 26 - 29, 2017. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that today was the last day for "*Registration*".

V. BROWNSFIELD GRANT

Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie to "remove" this Item; that she will be following up with Mr. Henry Thompson, of Planning & Development, as it relates to the Brownsfield Grant.

VI. WARD 4 QUARTERLY MEETING - JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> - 5:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Benjamin "*Announced*" that there will be a Ward 4 Quarterly Meeting on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at Concordia College, in the Kreft Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, in the *Theater Room*. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that Mayor Melton, Public Safety, and the Public Works Department have been "invited" to attend this Meeting, as well.

VII. RESTRUCTURING OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Randolph stated that he has a problem with, and feels, that it is disrespectful to Council Members concerning the lack of participation from our Department Heads. Councilman Randolph further stated that their Secretary has been sending letters, via the Mayor's Office, requesting for some of the Department Heads to come to Ward Meetings and Committee Meetings, and that the Department Heads are not "showing up". Councilman Randolph stated that he has a problem with that, and feels that it is disrespectful to Council Members. Councilman Randolph further stated that the "Item" of getting some new equipment was the subject at one of the Committee Meetings, and the Department Heads were in the Building but didn't come to their meeting. Councilman Randolph stated during Ward Meetings, Citizens have questions for the Mayor and the Department Heads, and for some reason the Departments Heads who have been invited to come, are not coming to the meetings, and in his opinion, that is not right. Councilman Randolph stated that he wanted to put them on "notice", that if this continues they will be under the "directives" of the Council. Councilman Randolph further stated that he's been a Council Member for 18 years, and never had a Department Head to just not "show up" for a meeting, when requested to do so, but "we, as a Council, need to take a look at this...we need to put them on 'notice' that they need to be at our meetings, when requested". President Bowie stated to Councilman Randolph that he does "*Concur*" with him, that they need to be at our meetings, when requested, and the procedure has been followed via the Mayor's Office. President Bowie further stated that they need to set up a meeting with he, himself, and the Mayor, about the need for Department Heads being at Committee Meetings, and Ward Meetings, when requested of them.

Also, during the discussion, the "*subject*" of "*Appointment Powers*" of Department Heads, outside of the "*City Clerk, City Treasurer, Municipal Prosecutors and Municipal Judges*" came up, as it relates to whether the Mayor or Council have these "*Appointment Powers*". Attorney Nunn addressed the Council to answer questions of the Council, and to offer an explanation with regard to the "*Coachman Case*", of 2012. Attorney Nunn stated that the process of "*appointing*" Department Heads is a simple process; that if the Council were to desire to appoint the Police Chief, *for example*, that it would just take him drawing up an Ordinance, for the Council to take a vote upon. Attorney Nunn stated, for the benefit of more understanding and clarity to this, that he would do some research for the Council with regard to that *Case*, and make copies of the Law, and place within each Council Member's Mailbox.

**VIII. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR VACUUM CARTS**

Councilwoman Thomas stated that when it rains, it causes our streets to be "backed up" with water badly. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that we need to do whatever can possibly be done so that the drains can be opened up, and water can flow easily, without "backing up". Councilwoman Thomas stated that it is the Council's duty to see what the problem is, and what is wrong when the equipment is "down", and can't be used. President Bowie stated that he thinks that we should have a maintenance plan in place, so that when our equipment needs repairing, we can have that as a means of getting our equipment repaired readily, and back "up" running like it should. Councilwoman Thomas stated that they need to also have a better relationship between themselves and the Departments, so that they will know why trash hasn't been picked up, or when grass hasn't been cut, because the equipment is in need of repair. Councilwoman Thomas stated that it is their duty as Council Members to get trash and debris out of their Wards. President Bowie stated that he also talked with Mayor Melton about a "grass-cutting" schedule for each Ward, and asked whether that information could be placed on the PEG Channel, along with Social Media. President Bowie stated that Mayor Melton will be looking into putting this in place.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson**

No Report./No Closing Remarks.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson**

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Leashore stated that he is happy to "report" that we have lights now on Plant Street, near the Cecil Jackson Bypass. Councilman Leashore stated that with the help of Mayor Melton, and the State of Alabama, Department of Transportation, we now have lights at the entrance of Plant Street, off of the Cecil Jackson Bypass. Councilman Leashore stated that he feels that this is going to be a tremendous help as far as safety goes, because if he is not mistaken, regrettably, there have been about Four (4) Fatal Wrecks there at that location.)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson**

Councilman Johnson was absent from tonight's Council Meeting. (President Bowie stated that Councilman Johnson is not here, but that he received a letter from District Attorney, Michael Jackson, requesting some funds to help combat some of the "Gang" problems and crime in our City. President Bowie stated that he will be relegating this request to the Public Safety Committee, and Committee Chairman, Councilman Johnson.)

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson**

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she will be conducting a "Lunch Time" Meeting on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at noon, here at City Hall, within the Council Chambers, and that it will be focusing on "Community Development".)

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

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Randolph stated that we need more "Patrolling" in our Wards; that he would like for President Bowie, Mayor Melton, the Police Chief, and himself to get together and "tour" these streets, to see if we can get some extra "Patrolling" for these streets. President Bowie stated to Councilman Randolph, that he will speaking with Chief Collier and Mayor Melton about his concerns.)

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson**

Councilwoman Jackson was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

**SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson**

Councilman Johnson was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson**

Made a report./ (During his report, President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, the Finance Report. President Bowie stated to Councilman Leashore and the Council, that he is happy to report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

that we received \$30,000.00 from the Internet Tax Fund, for the months of April, May and June, which is a great start. President Bowie stated to the Council that if they have any ideas that they would like to share, or if there are requests that they may have, to please put those in writing to him. President Bowie stated, as can be seen on the Report, our Sales, Lodging and Tobacco Taxes are down, in comparison to last year. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie, and the Council, that she would like to suggest that they refer back to the Memorandum that was forwarded to them, from our City Treasurer, with recommendations from her Department.)

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Benjamin stated to the Council, that she would like for the Committee Members to check to see if Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., would be a good day for them, or not, to have an "auction", to accept bids on public property that is for sale. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she will be getting with our City Attorney concerning this, as well as, proceeding to have appraisals done on the property, concerning the value of the property, prior to the "auction", before the September 5<sup>th</sup> date, which is only a "tentative" date. Also, Councilwoman Benjamin "reminded" Everyone to come out for "Peaceful Sunday" on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and Community Fun Day, on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3:00 p.m.)

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Thomas stated that she will continue to "follow-up" on Capital Equipment to get the job done in her Ward. Councilwoman Thomas also stated that she would like to know where we are in terms of the installation of the LED lighting that is being done by the Alabama Power Company, within the City. President Bowie stated that they were going to start with the main "thoroughfares" of our City first, but that he will get with Mayor Melton, to see about getting a schedule, as to how they are going about installing the lights in other parts of the City. Councilman Leashore stated that they are currently in Ward 6 now. Councilwoman Thomas "announced" that there will be a Ward 7 Meeting on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, here at City Hall, and that she would like to "invite" Everyone to come.)

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

President Bowie stated that he put together a "Committee" for the "Re-Naming of Songs of Selma Park" to "James Perkins, Jr. Park", and that he asked some of the Council Members to serve on that Committee; Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Leashore. President Bowie further stated that, during the Committee Meeting, they stated that they would like to also ask Citizens to be a part of this Committee, as well; Mrs. Altheistein Johnson, Mr. Charles Johnson, Sr., and Mr. Henry Hicks, Sr. were named to the Committee. President Bowie stated that Mrs. Johnson, along with Councilwoman Youngblood, will also serve as "Co-Chairpersons", as we transition the Re-Naming of the "Songs of Selma Park" to "James Perkins, Jr. Civil Rights' Park".)

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

ADJOURNMENT

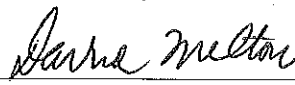
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:

  
IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED: ✓

  
DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

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

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson,  
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

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

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, and the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Ollie Davison. Mayor Darrio Melton was absent from the Council Meeting. Councilman Carl Bowline, was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:05 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting, due to Military Duty. City Attorney Jimmy Nunn was absent from the Council Meeting.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them the Agenda for tonight's Council Meeting, and asked if there were any additions and/or deletions? Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would like to "add", the "World Series Champions". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to "add", "America's Elite Miss, 2016, 'Little' Miss Ohio". Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to "add", an "update" from Mr. Ray Hogg, on the \$4.2 Million Sewer Project. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to "Remove", Business Item #VIII. Councilwoman Benjamin asked that we also "Remove" Business Item #V. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "additions/changes". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration that they discussed at length during last Thursday's Work Session. President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them a Total of Ten (10) 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 that they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

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

- (1) To Approve the Services of Superior Security Company for the Remaining Fifty-Two (52) Days of the Fiscal Year, in the Amount of \$4,800.00.
- (2) To Approve a Proposal for a Public Art Presentation of "Jeffery the Ghost" to be Located on City's Property, Next to the "Welcome Center", Explaining the *Story of Jeffrey* While Calling Attention to Two (2) Famous "Selmians", Involved in its "creation", Ms. Kathryn Tucker Windham and Mr. Charlie "Tin Man" Lucas.
- (3) Approve Resolution #R217-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and the Selma Americorps Program. The Cost of the Project is \$504,409.00 and the Maximum Grant Amount is \$307,410.00; the City Pledges to Provide Approximately \$109,000.00 in Cash Match, and In-Kind Match in the Amount of Approximately \$87,999.00, to be Appropriated in the FY 2017-2018 Budget Line Item.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R218-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and USDA Rural Business Development Grant. The Cost of the Project is \$100,000.090 and an Investment on Behalf of H2R2 LLC from Match and In-Kind in the Amount of \$500,000.00 with No Cost to the City of Selma in its Capacity as a Partner in this "Job Creation Venture".
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R219-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and Alabama Department of Transportation. The Cost of the Project is \$949,151.30 and the Maximum Grant Amount is \$790,959.40. The City Pledges to Provide Approximately \$198,191.90 in Cash Match, Via Gas Tax.
- (6) To Approve Resolution #R220-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and the United States Department of Interior. The Total Estimated Cost is \$13,000.00. The Federal Allocation Estimated Amount is for \$7,800.00 in Federal Funds and the City of Selma is Required a 40% Local Cash Match Which is Estimated at \$5,200.00 to be Encumbered Via Grant Match, FY 2017-2018 Budget.
- (7) To Approve Resolution #R215-16/17 - Declaring Fifty (50) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase I, A Public Nuisance and For Immediate Abatement.
- (8) To Approve Resolution #R216-16/17 - Declaring Twenty-Four (24) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (9) To Approve to Pay the Invoice of \$8,041.75 from Holtsford Gilliland Higgins Hitson and Howard, P.C.
- (10) To Approve Ordinance #O109-16/17 - Adoption of City Council Rules of Procedures.

Councilman Leashore asked President Bowie to "Remove" Consent Agenda Item #10 from the Consent Agenda, for further discussion, so that he could get clarification and an understanding. President Bowie stated that he would "Continue" Consent Agenda Item #10, until the next Council Meeting. Councilman Bowline stated to President Bowie, that he would like to "Remove" Consent Agenda Item #3, in order to get more understanding. Councilman Bowline asked if we could put some type of parameter whereby there is a written plan, and they would come back before the Council, to explain their "plan and procedures that are in place", in moving forward. President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the Eight (8) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve and adopt the above-named Eight (8) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were eight affirmative votes on all Consent Items, with the exception of Consent Item #1; one nay vote by Councilman Bowline, on Consent Item #1, *Only*. During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "Yes, with the exception of Item #1".

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Bowie stated to the Council that he mentioned to them during the Work Session, that they were going to also start taking action on the "Work Session Minutes", because it is an "open" meeting, and that he would like to also make it a part of the record. President Bowie further stated that they should have before them the Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, along with the Minutes of the July 20, 2017, Work Session. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017, and the Work Session of July 20, 2017. After more discussion, an amended motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017, and the Work Session of July 20, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilwoman Jackson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I abstain; I wasn't here for that meeting".

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

- A. To Approve the Services of Superior Security Company for the Remaining Fifty-Two (52) Days of the Fiscal Year, in the Amount of \$4,800.00. Approved Consent Agenda.

- B. To Approve Resolution #R217-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and the Selma Americorps Program. The Cost of the Project is \$504,409.00 and the Maximum Grant Amount is \$307,410.00; the City Pledges to Provide Approximately \$109,000.00 in Cash Match, and In-Kind Match in the Amount of Approximately \$87,999.00, to be Appropriated in the FY 2017-2018 Budget Line Item. This Consent Agenda Item was Tabled.
- C. To Approve Resolution #R218-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and USDA Rural Business Development Grant. The Cost of the Project is \$100,000.090 and an Investment on Behalf of H2R2 LLC from Match and In-Kind in the Amount of \$500,000.00 with No Cost to the City of Selma in its Capacity as a Partner in this Job Creation Venture. Approved Consent Agenda.
- D. To Approve Resolution #R219-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and Alabama Department of Transportation. The Cost of the Project is \$949,151.30 and the Maximum Grant Amount is \$790,959.40. The City Pledges to Provide Approximately \$198,191.90 in Cash Match, Via Gas Tax. Approved Consent Agenda.
- E. To Approve Resolution #R220-16/17 - Approving an Agreement Between the City of Selma and the United States Department of Interior. The Total Estimated Cost is \$13,000.00. The Federal Allocation Estimated Amount is for \$7,800.00 in Federal Funds and the City of Selma is Required a 40% Local Cash Match Which is Estimated at \$5,200.00 to be Encumbered Via Grant Match, FY 2017-2018 Budget. Approved Consent Agenda.

President Bowie asked Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, if he had any additional information to report, from the Mayor's Office? Mr. Davison answered, and stated, "Congratulations on our Dixie Youth Baseball World Series Champions"! Mr. Davison further stated that this is a big accomplishment, and that the City should be very proud to have "World Series Champions"! Mr. Davison stated that they did it in such a way that is "unprecedented, I think; they pretty much dominated the Tournament. We should be very proud of our World Series Champions! Mr. Davison stated that the "World Series Champions' Team" will be "Honored" with a Luncheon, along with their Coaches and Parents, at 12 o'clock noon at the George Patrick Evans' Building, on tomorrow.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS – WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF THEM  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN THE DIXIE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES!!!**

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- A. To Approve Resolution #R215-16/17 - Declaring Fifty (50) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase I, A Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement. Approved Consent Agenda.
- B. To Approve Resolution #R216-16/17 - Declaring Twenty-Four (24) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures. Approved Consent Agenda.
- C. To Approve to Pay the Invoice of \$8,041.75 from Holtsford Gilliland Higgins Hitson and Howard, P.C. Approved Consent Agenda.
- D. To Approve Ordinance #O109-16/17 - Adoption of City Council Rules of Procedures. This Item was Continued.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- I. ORDINANCE #O105-16/17 - REPEALING ORDINANCE #O106-12/13, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE #O102-04/05

Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie, that he is asking that said Item be "Removed" from tonight's Agenda, in order to be brought to a Council Meeting, where there will be a "full" representation of the Council.

- II. WARD 4 UPDATES

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, that she would appreciate it if he would check on the status of the "extra" lighting in Ward 4, and let her know where they are in the "line-up". Mr. Davison stated that he would check on it for her, and follow back up with her.



III. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there are Two (2) upcoming events in the *One Hot Summer Series III*; that "Community Karaoke and Line Dancing" will be this coming Saturday, and that Ms. Wanda Tyler will be coordinating the Community "Line Dancing". Councilwoman Benjamin invited Everyone to come, and be a part of this "Fun Event"! Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that on the next day will be, "Peaceful Sunday", which is being coordinated by Mr. Brandon Holmes. Again, Councilwoman Benjamin invited Everyone to come, and stated that Jeremy "Fly", which is a "Live Band" will be performing there, as well as, a few "local" Poets, on this "First Sunday" in August; August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

IV. 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 26 - 29, 2017

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the "9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference" begins on tomorrow, July 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 a.m., and will continue through this Saturday, 29, 2017. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Mr. Davison that the "morning" always starts with the Mayor coming, and saying "Good Morning", to the Young People, and asked that he remind Mayor Melton of this, if he is in town. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that we have with us today, "Miss America Elite, Miss MacKenzie Lewis", from Ohio, by way of, Columbus, Georgia, who is visiting us, along with her Mother. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that her Mother, who works at Ohio State University, is a good friend of hers, and that she came to help "Volunteer" with the Youth Conference. Councilwoman Benjamin asked that "Little" Miss MacKenzie Lewis" come forward, and address the Council. "Little" Miss MacKenzie, Age 10, came forward, and "introduced" herself to the Council, and also gave a few "wonderful remarks" on her experience here in Selma, which this visit makes her "second" visit. The Council "Thanked" "Little" Miss MacKenzie for coming to Selma, and for coming to speak to them on tonight, and offered a "Warm Welcome" to "Little" Miss MacKenzie!

RECOGNITION OF "LITTLE" MISS MacKENZIE, AMERICA'S ELITE MISS, 2016, MISS OHIO, WHO IS VISITING, ALONG WITH HER MOTHER, AT TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

V. BROWNSFIELD GRANT

This Item was "Removed" from the Agenda.

VI. WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT TOURS

President Bowie stated to Council that he will be meeting with Mr. Wayne Vardaman on Friday, to set up the "Tours", between the dates of "the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>" of August, and will be getting back with the Council, once the scheduling has been made.

VII. WORK PROCEDURES

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to make sure that when Contractors receive approval to start a job with the City, that they have followed all of the procedures in place, as far as the Insurance is concerned. President Bowie stated that he did talk with Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, and that he will be meeting with her to get information from her as it relates to this process, and will follow back up with the Council, as to what the insurance requirements, and other compliance items, are with regard to contractual services with the City.

VIII. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BEAUTIFICATION LINE

This Item was "Removed" from the Agenda.

IX. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Councilwoman Thomas "announced" that there will be a Ward 7 Meeting on tomorrow at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that we need to come up with a better solution for grass cutting in each Ward. Councilwoman Thomas stated that there needs to be some "community involvement". Councilwoman Thomas stated that People are being "targeted", and crime is everywhere; that we have got to come up with a better solution for protecting our Citizens in our Wards. During discussion of this Item, Councilwoman Thomas informed us that while she was away from her home, and upon her return from being out of town today, she discovered that she had been victimized; her home was "terrorized and property destroyed"! We are so very sorry that this occurred to Councilwoman Thomas; we are sorry that this is happening to other Citizens, as well! Our Prayers are with All!

X. WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that although the Mayor is doing something on tomorrow to "Honor" our *World Series Champions*, that she would like for the Council to do something really special for our

*World Series Champions*, as well! Councilwoman Youngblood stated to President Bowie that she would like for them to put their "heads" together, and come up with something to "Honor" our *World Series Champions!* President Bowie suggested a Parade, along with suggestions from Councilwoman Benjamin, who also "reminded" us that it had been 45 years, according to the Selma Times-Journal, since this has happened in our Dixie League; Councilman Johnson also suggested taking the "Celebration to the Amphitheater". It was the *Consensus* of the Council to get together and meet, in order to come up with something "really special" for our *World Series Champions*, for whom we are so very proud of!

XI. MR. RAY HOGG - \$4.2 MILLION SEWAGE PROJECT - UPDATE

Councilman Johnson stated to President Bowie that he would like to ask Mr. Ray Hogg to come forward, and address the Council with an "update" as it relates to the \$4.2 Million Sewage Project. Mr. Hogg addressed the Council, and stated that, as they are aware, we have Two (2) Contracts underway; with regard to the sewer line on Broad Street, from First Avenue to Selma High School, that they have been asked to "hold" up on going forward with any work until they have finished the sidewalks. Mr. Hogg further stated that they didn't want Two (2) Contractors in the same construction site, at the same time, because for them it creates a liability issue. Mr. Hogg stated that on this afternoon, he did speak with Mr. Davey Lyon, District Manager/Engineer with A.L.D.O.T., as to when they were going to be completed, and we can get started back. Mr. Hogg stated that he said it was going to be about 2 - 4 more weeks before they will be finished. Mr. Hogg stated that they have been in the last few weeks working and putting the concrete around the manholes, to finish up the street resurfacing on Broad Street. Mr. Hogg further stated that, unfortunately, a little over a week ago, there was an accident on Broad Street near Selma High School, involving a fuel spill, and they're going to have to replace that section of asphalt; that they're thinking that is going to occur pretty soon. Mr. Hogg stated that they have also done a little bit of work over on Philpot Avenue and Lawrence Street, which is a part of this Project; that they've started lining the pipes, and this has been underway for about 2 months. Mr. Hogg stated that the other Project that is underway, which is in Councilwoman Thomas' Ward, Ward 7, is that they have been cleaning the pipes before the Guys come in and do the lining of the pipes. Mr. Hogg stated that the day after the Labor Day Holiday, they are going to come in and start the "lining process", and that this is where they blow hot steam in, and it cures. Mr. Hogg stated that this is where we are with the process, and invited the Council to come and watch how that process is done; that it is pretty interesting to see how that is done. Councilman Johnson asked Mr. Hogg how long did he think this Project would take before it is complete? Mr. Hogg answered, and stated that, in his estimation, by next Spring, 2018, this Project should be complete. Mr. Hogg stated that the cost of the total project, if he is not mistaken, is going to cost around \$450,000.00. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mr. Hogg if it would be possible that he could provide the Council with a "timeline" schedule as it relates to the construction projects, and their schedules for completion? Mr. Hogg answered, and stated that he could do that, and will be glad to get this information together for the Council. Mr. Hogg stated that he would include a Status Report with the schedule, as well.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3 - RESOLUTION #R217-16/17 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SELMA AND THE SELMA AMERICORPS PROGRAM.

Councilman Bowline stated that he would like to have the Program Director and Staff, to come and present to the Council a "plan" in terms of how they plan to utilize the funds. President Bowie stated that he had talked with the Mayor, and that he is also seeking other Agencies as "sources" for funding, as well. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she had been asked to "draft" a letter to the School Board, inviting them to "partner" with us with the AmeriCorps Program, and that she will be preparing the letter to bring back to the Council. Councilman Leashore stated that we need to look at whatever means we can, so that we can see how we can make this a reality. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she agrees with Councilman Leashore, but that she needs to know if the School is going to help, and how much, and would like to have this information by the next Council Meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that Mr. Henry Thompson and his Staff, of Planning & Development, are also pursuing other Agencies that will be able to assist us with some "hard" cash to fund this Program. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she just wanted to say that she was a Member of the AmeriCorps Program, and that it had been a great help to her, but that she also "Thanked" Councilman Bowline for his position on the fact that we need to be "Fiscally" responsible with how we proceed on it. Councilman Leashore stated that he does not think that we need to "Table" this Item, that we need to go on record, that this is what we want; that we need to vote it "either up or down". Councilwoman Thomas stated that the AmeriCorps Program has helped a lot of Young People in each of our Wards, and that she feels that it would be good for the City of Selma. Councilman Bowline stated that he agrees that the Program has helped a lot of People, and that he does not disagree with the validity of it; but, would like to know what we're "approving", because we are getting ready to go into another Fiscal Year; that he just needs more clarity for a better understanding before he casts his vote. President Bowie stated that he *Concurs* with Everyone, and that this Item will be *Tabled* until the next Council Meeting.

**XIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #O109-16/17 - ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURES**

Councilman Leashore stated that he would like for the Citizens to know what is the difference between the current Council's Rules of Procedures, as it's going to be voted upon, "up or down", for the change. Councilman Leashore further stated that the reason that he would oppose not only the current "Rules", but the intended "Change", is because it has no provision for "Citizen Participation; so once again, I think we need to let the Citizens know what changes are going to occur". President Bowie stated, "Like I said before, if we get Five (5) votes, which is the majority of the votes, to let Citizens come before the Council to speak, then that amendment will change our Procedures". President Bowie further stated that when the Citizens come to the Council Meeting with a request, there is a Two (2) week delay, and that's a "disservice to the Citizens". President Bowie stated, if you look at the League of Municipalities, it clearly states, "we have to give Citizens a public venue to speak". Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie, that apparently he did not understand what his question was, which is, "what is the difference in the proposed Rules of Procedures"? President Bowie answered, and stated, "In the past, we discussed "Old Business" and "New Business", at the same time, and with this new "Procedure" it will afford us the opportunity to "streamline" our Council Meetings. President Bowie stated that this Item will be "Continued" over to our next Council Meeting, because he will be adding some additional items with it.

Following the above discussion, President Bowie stated, "going forward", from this point on, if we are going to take an "Item off of Consent Agenda", or that is "Removed" for further discussion, it will be "Carried Over" until the next Council Meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that when we have a Consent Agenda, the Citizens need to know what is being shared in discussion. President Bowie "Thanked" Councilman Leashore, and stated that his "point is well taken".

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson**

Made a Report. (During his report, Councilman Bowline stated that we are closer to getting the Tennis Courts completed, and that he is real happy about that. Councilman Bowline also asked Individuals to "please take care of your garbage".)/Made Closing Remarks.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson**

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Leashore stated that he would like to "piggy-back" off of what Councilman Bowline just said, and that he is asking the Public Works Department to form a Committee, in order to deal with this "garbage" situation in our City. Councilman Leashore further stated that he hopes to be able to meet with Seacoast, to see what they can do to help us, so that we can clean up our City. President Bowie stated to Councilman Leashore, that he *Concurs* with what he and Councilman Bowline have stated about the "garbage" situation, and that he will be following up with Councilman Randolph, as Chairperson, regarding forming a Committee to deal with this situation.)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson**

Made a Report. (During his report, Councilman Johnson stated that he agrees with what Everyone has stated about the garbage situation; that it is a problem in Ward 8, as well. Councilman Johnson further stated that he looked at some cameras today, and that he will be installing cameras in Ward 8; that he is hopeful that this will deter some of the "illegal garbage dumping" that is occurring in Ward 8.)/Made Closing Remarks.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson**

Made a Report. (During her report, Councilwoman Youngblood stated that the Committee will be having a meeting tentatively set for August 31<sup>st</sup>, and that they need to get together and work together, in making "Selma, the Best it Can Be"!)/Made Closing Remarks.

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

Councilman Randolph was absent from tonight's Council Meeting, due to Military Duty.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson**

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Jackson "announced" that there will be a "Litter Free" Clean-Up in Ward 3 on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., in

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

front of Byrd School (625 Lapsley Street). Councilwoman Jackson "invited" Everyone to come out, and be a part of, "Working Together to Keep Ward 3 Clean"!

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Councilman Johnson stated that they will be meeting this week. Councilman Johnson also stated that there will be "Free Hair Cuts" offered to Students in support of "Back-to-School", and that the Kids can go to Tarver Barber Shop on Water Avenue, and "sign-up" for a "Free Hair Cut".

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report. (During her report, Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they are still waiting on the information for the Public Auction in September, on the sale of our Buildings and Properties that are "For Sale"; still "shooting" for the Tuesday after Labor Day. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she went to a Conference this weekend, concerning "Cities", and their "Motto" was; "We are stronger Cities, when we work together"! Councilwoman Benjamin stated to the Council that she appreciates the Council so very much, and that she is looking forward to what they can do together, as a Council; that they definitely are stronger together, working together!" Councilwoman Benjamin also "reminded" Everyone of "Community Fun Day" this coming Saturday, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., and "invited" Everyone to come out and participate!/Made Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Thomas "reminded" Everyone of the Ward 7 Meeting on tomorrow, here at City Hall, within the Council Chambers, and that she would like to "invite" Everyone to come.)

President Bowie asked that we keep Councilwoman Thomas in our Prayers, in light of what she experienced with her home being broken into, while she was out of town!

*Our Prayers are with you, Councilwoman Thomas!!!*

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

PRESIDENT BOWIE "ANNOUNCED" THAT BEGINNING WITH THE NEXT WORK SESSION,  
THOSE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

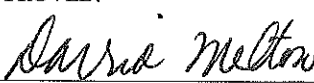
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:

  
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IVYS S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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DARRIO MELTON, Mayor