

MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 9, 2019  
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Minister Marcus Randolph,  
Brother of Councilman Samuel Randolph, Ward 5; and  
  
Pastor Matthew Schell  
Presentation of Prayer Book (Representing the "Prayers" of Selma's Children (31 Prayers))

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday,  
July 9, 2019, 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 9, 2019, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison was present, and the City Treasurer, Ronita Wade. Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:13 p.m. Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Self-Control":  
Recognizing Wrong Desires, and Doing What is Right.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Two (2) 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 to Appropriate Funds Necessary for this Budget Year, Up to \$200,000.00 from the Unappropriated Budget Line Item to the Police Department Budget to Cover Needs Assessed by the Interim Chief of Police and Staff, Necessary Up to the Beginning of FY 20.
- (2) To Approve a Vote of No Confidence of Mayor Melton.

President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt and approve the Two (2) Items for Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve and adopt the Two (2) 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 abstention for Item 1; Councilman Leashore abstained from voting on Item 1; and, four affirmative votes for Item 2, two abstentions on Item 2, and two passed on voting on Item 2. President Bowie and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting on Item 2; and, Councilman Bowline and Councilman Leashore passed on voting on Item 2. During roll call, President Bowie stated, "Yes, for Item #1; for Item #2, I think it's very important, that I look at the bigger picture of Selma, that's going to promote jobs and industry here. We had a meeting with the U. S. Attorney today, and he talked about potential funding for the City of Selma; the EDA meeting that I attended mentioned potential industry coming to Selma. This is just my vote." During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "I vote yes on #1, and I pass on #2." During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "I'm going to abstain on Item #1, and pass on Item #2." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I vote yes to #1, and abstain from #2." Following roll call, the Council asked Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, what was the "vote", and whether it "passed"? Mrs. Harrison answered, and stated, "It passed. It was a majority vote." Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mrs. Harrison to again read the results of the "Roll Call Vote".

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, Council President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had an opportunity to peruse the Minutes. President Bowie asked if there were any "corrections"? With there being no "corrections", President Bowie stated that at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt the Minutes of June 25, 2019. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve and adopt the June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Leashore "announced" that Ward 6 will be "inducting" its first "Weed & Seed" Meeting, on July 18<sup>th</sup>, and that "Weed & Seed" Representatives will be there. Councilman Leashore further stated that the Meeting will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m., and that he is encouraging Everyone to come!

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to start off by "Thanking Selma"; that we had a "Four-Day Weekend" without "Incident", and she just wanted to "Thank Selma" for that; that she appreciates that Councilwoman Benjamin stated that we Pray for the Family, that was involved in the "Fatal Car Accident", on the "4<sup>th</sup> of July", who was also Councilman Randolph's Cousin! Our Prayers and Condolences are with the Family! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that it has been said that this is "National Serve Week"; so, all this week we are cleaning Parks, Playgrounds, Sidewalks, and Walking Trails; that if you have equipment and time for that, please help out, all this week; that the culmination for will be Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at Bloch Park. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that "Volunteers" are needed! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that on yesterday, Councilman Johnson confirmed that the Recreation Department is shut down, and therefore we will have more Children on these "Streets". Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she has extended the "Youth Conference Registration Deadline" until tomorrow, so that the Young People who would have been playing baseball, or whatever "season" it is, that those Young People can register for the Youth Conference, and that they would have until tomorrow to register. Councilwoman Benjamin also appealed to the "Swimmers" who would've been enjoying the Dinkins Swimming Pool, because it will not be opening, to please come and register for the Youth Conference. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that it is four (4) days of Youth Leadership for the Young People, and encourages Everyone to participate.

Councilwoman Thomas "announced" that there will be a Ward 7 Meeting on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Thomas "Thanked" the Citizens and Volunteers who came out, during the "Clean-Up" that was held in her Ward. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she would always do all that she can to keep the Ward, Safe and Clean!

Councilman Bowline "announced" that there will be a Ward 1 Meeting on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at Barrett Road United Methodist Church, at 6:00 p.m., and that there will be an "update" on the "Weed & Seed Program", during the first part of the Meeting. Councilman Bowline stated that it is his hope that Everyone can come out, and encouraged Everyone to attend.

Councilwoman Jackson "announced" that there will be a Ward 3 Meeting at Performing Arts Center, on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m., until 8:30 p.m. Councilwoman Jackson also "announced" that Ward 3 will be out, beginning at 8:30 a.m., on this Saturday Morning, for "Clean-Up" in the Ward, and encouraged Everyone to come out, and be a part of the "Clean-Up"! Councilwoman Jackson stated to the Citizens of Ward 3, that she will be informing them on where they will be meeting up at. Councilwoman Thomas asked Councilman Johnson, if he could check into it, and make sure that they can get the trash cans and dumpsters back, since he's "Chairperson" of the Recreation Department, and he stated that he would do so.

Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie, if Councilman Johnson can go ahead and "report", since he has a "Report" from the Mayor's office? President Bowie answered, and stated that he could. Councilman Johnson stated to President Bowie, and the Council Members, that he did have an opportunity to speak with the Mayor, on yesterday, as it relates to bringing the Workers back. Councilman Johnson stated that we may not be able to bring all of the Workers back; that Mr. Michael Pettaway, Cemetery Department Director, will be retiring, along with Mr. Cook. Councilman Johnson stated, "One of the things that the Mayor would like to do is, "pool" the Three (3) Departments together; Recreation, Cemetery and Public Works' Departments, and have a One (1) "Labor Pool", to "merge" all of the Workers together, and to have all of the Workers back, as soon as possible. He wants to put Mr. VanDiver, as Director of Public Services; Mr. Coon as Manager of the Cemetery Department; Mr. Steven Hendrieth as Manager of the Public Works Department, and Mr. Terry Jackson as Manager of Recreation. If we can come together and 'merge' all of the Departments together, that way we can get some of the Workers back, and get the Swimming Pool open. Right now he does not feel that we can sustain bringing Everybody back to work. Right now this is a 'start'; he believes this is a 'start' for our 'City'; that our City is in a 'hot mess' and we need to start from somewhere." Councilman Johnson stated that he spoke to the Mayor, and said to him, that he thought it was a good idea, and that he would bring it to the Council; that it depends on the Council in terms of the direction it would go in. Councilman Johnson further stated, "Ya'll have said that he is over the day-to-day operations, and he has brought this. So, right now, if the funds are there like we say that they are, let's move forward." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "I want to get some clarity. You are saying that the Mayor wants to create 'Managers' for the Recreation, Cemetery and Public Works, and those 'Managers' would have Mr. Coon, Mr. Hendrieth, and Mr. Jackson?" Councilman Johnson answered, and stated, "Right...They will be 'Managers', and 'VanDiver' will be the Director of Public Services; that means that all problems will go to him, and he will take care of it." Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "So, now these 3 Managers will have as their Supervisor, the Director of Public Services? Is that an 'Office', or a 'Position' that we created; only the Council can 'create' positions, is why I'm asking?" Councilman Johnson answered, and stated, "I don't have any idea. All I'm saying is that, I'm bringing the Mayor's Proposal. I wrote it down as we talked about it." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Mayor, 'Thank You' for that Proposal. But, why can't we just bring the Workers back? We know that they all will not come back, because many of them have jobs. But, if we put out 'an all-call', for who wants their job back, we may get '30', because the others may already have jobs. Why are we doing all of this 'shuffling'? Why can't we bring these Workers back, 'period'?" Councilman Johnson stated, "My point again is, we can't bring them all back, if we can't sustain them being brought back. At least, this is a 'start'. The Mayor's biggest concern is, making sure that we 'sustain' each Worker that is brought back. We don't want to bring them back, and then have to lay them off again." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "So, I understand what you are saying, coming from your perspective. But, what I'm saying is...what this looks like is a 'quid pro quo', and what I'm saying is, this shuffling around is irrelevant. Why can't we bring them back? We're going to 'demote' Mr. Hendrieth...demote Terry Jackson." Councilman Johnson stated, "They're not being demoted." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Yes, they are. And, then we're putting one person over these Three (3) Departments, as 'Director' of Public Services, a position that I don't know of being created by this Council; maybe, the Council voted on this when I was in California." Councilman Johnson stated, "I think the 'Man' is trying." Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilman Johnson, "This is 'hearty' discussion; when you put 'stuff' on the 'Table', you have 'hearty' discussion. We can't just throw it out there, and say, 'bam', that's it! This is not about the 'Mayor'; it's about these 'Families' that need these Workers to come back." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "You are 'recording' for the Mayor, to create a position called 'Director of Public Services', and under there, he will create 'Managers', when we can simply put these People back where they were. I am 'one' opinion; 'one' vote." President Bowie stated, "It's kind of 'funny' that Terry Jackson can be a 'Manager', but 'we' closed the 'Rec' because 'we' didn't have anybody to 'oversee' the Rec. And, also, as far as the 'Director of Public Services', that's not a position that the Council created, and if it is created, we would have to have somebody on the 'HR end', to find out what this position will entail." Councilman Johnson asked President Bowie, "Have you gotten any calls from A.D.E.M. about our Landfill?" President Bowie answered, and stated, "No." Councilman Johnson stated, according to the Staff at Landfill, we're going to be "fined, and/or shut down", because we need equipment. Councilman Johnson further stated, "Again, I'm just passing this on. The Landfill is going to be shut down, or get fined. I don't know what A.D.E.M. is going to do." Councilman Randolph asked, "How many People are involved, that the Mayor is trying to get back?" Councilman Johnson answered, and stated, "As many as we can." Councilman Randolph stated, "Because, I got a problem. The 'claim' that he made, that the lay-off was because of lies; we broke, and we don't have any money. So, why do you want to stipulate People coming back? He didn't show any management skills doing the '5 Hats' he already have, so why you want to bring him back again, and put him over Everybody? That is crazy...that's crazy. These Folks need to come back with no stipulations. We got the money." Councilman Randolph asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, "Do we have the money?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "Yes." Councilman Randolph stated, "It doesn't make sense. We trying to cut deals with the Mayor, and he only got 12 months left. He's out of here. Why should we cut a deal with him? Bring these Folks back. He's already destroyed People... almost every month, I run into a City Employee who has lost their car, or lost their house, because of this bogus lay-off, and now we're trying to cut deals with the Mayor? That's crazy. We need to stop playing." Councilman Randolph stated to Councilman Johnson, "I'm not jumping on you." Councilman Johnson stated, "I'm good." Councilman Randolph stated, "The Mayor has destroyed our City, and now we're trying to award him by funding 'his' People in a position, that has already destroyed this City; with all of this trash around here. It doesn't make any sense." Councilman Johnson stated, "Right now, let's just make an effort to get the Workers back. Mr. President and President Pro Tem, you all need to have a conversation. All I'm saying is, let's start from

somewhere, and move forward." Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie, "So, what kind of action can they take on tonight, as a 'show of approval' to bring the Workers back? It would be 'symbolic' because we've already voted on the Budget, and the money is still available. Do we need to take a 'symbolic vote' that we are for the appropriation? Mr. President, I so 'move'." President Bowie stated, "I second that." During discussion, Councilman Leashore stated, "Every attempt to bring back the Workers is met with resistance by this Council." President Bowie stated, "We've got to prioritize, based on seniority, when we bring our Employees back." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "This motion is to bring back the laid off Workers." Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I don't think it's been met with opposition from the Council, but what I believe is, that it's been met with resistance by the Executive Office, which is the Mayor; a condition in which the Council was not willing to meet. Because we did not meet his condition, is the reason that the Employees were laid off, initially. The conditions were; passing 'my' Budget, passing 'my' 5% gas tax, passing 'my' 1 Cent Sales Tax, or Council, 'you' lose your Secretary, or Council, 'you' lose your Employees, or Council, 'we' won't clean up your Wards; you know, just like 'The Godfather', I'll make you an offer you can't refuse. But, what we decided as this Council, is that, we will not be bullied. We will not be put into a position where we're backed into a corner, and accept the bullying tactics that come out of Executive Office. A Leader does not work in that manner. But, what I wanted to ask you, Councilman Johnson is, were there any other 'alternatives'? Because, oftentimes as Leaders, we look at other 'options' on the 'Table'. And, if he did not provide any other 'options', can you go back to the 'Bargaining Table', and ask for other 'options'? Because this is an offer we choose to refuse." President Bowie asked, "Why not have the Finance Committee and the Mayor meet, and we move forward from there?" Councilman Johnson answered, and stated, "I agree with that. I have no problem with that. And, also as I mentioned last night, since the lay-off in November, the City had a big cost savings, and that's one of the reasons we're trying to get all of the Workers back." Councilman Johnson asked Ms. Wade, "You're saying, we're really in good condition to sustain all of the Workers, even if we went with the Auburn Plan?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "For the 'Fourth' time, Yes." Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie, "Mr. President, I'd like to call for the 'vote' on the 'motion', on the 'floor'." Councilwoman Thomas stated, "I believe that the Employees should have the opportunity to come back, every last one of them." Councilman Leashore stated, "Once again, it's a 'Mexican stand-off'; we can take this vote, but it'll be a ceremonial 'vote'." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Mr. President, the 'motion' is on the 'floor'; I would like to move forward with a 'vote' of support of the 'vote' that we already made, to bring the Workers back. President Bowie stated, "I second it." President Bowie called for "Roll Call" of the "vote". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, Ms. Wade stated that she would like to clarify, "I haven't seen the Auburn Plan, and I don't know who has; so, I can't speak on that. But, what I'm saying 'yes' to, is that we should bring those Workers back; should've never laid them off. I've said that, over and over."

#### CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Mrs. Velma Shufford  
Re: Reward

Mrs. Velma Shufford addressed the Council, and "Thanked" Everybody for "Signing" the Petition on behalf of her Son, Mr. Jermaine Sanders, who was murdered on November 22, 2018! Mrs. Shufford stated that District Attorney Michael Jackson wrote a Statement, and forwarded it to Governor Ivey, and she approved the Petition in the amount of \$5,000.00. Ms. Shufford stated, "I want to "Thank" Governor Ivey, DA Jackson, and Everybody who "Signed" the Petition, from the "Bottom of My Heart! That's a total of \$9,000.00 now, and my Husband and I are going to 'add' \$1,000.00, and 'round' it off to a total of \$10,000.00, for a '\$10,000.00 Reward! I want to also 'Thank' Everybody; Governor Ivey, Swift Drug, Brown Drug, and Everybody in my Neighborhood that 'signed' the Petition. Thank You All from the Bottom of My Heart!" Mrs. Shufford also stated to Councilman Bowline that she would like for him to send to her Son's 'Boss Man', Studio 205, Mr. Tom, the information needed to do the "Billboards" on behalf of her Son, Jermaine!

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

President Bowie asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, to come forward, and address the Council with the Finance Report. Ms. Wade addressed the Council, and stated that they should have Four (4) Memos before them; (1) President Bowie's Request of the School Board Sales and Ad Valorem Tax Portions received from the City of Selma; (2) Guidelines of the City's Budget Process, that she thinks was approved in August of 2018; (3) Eligible Vacation Payout to Laid-Off Employees, which came as a request by Councilman Randolph, in terms of paying the Laid-Off Employees who were possibly eligible for Vacation Pay; and (4) Total Number of Laid-Off Employees Verification, based upon information she received from her Payroll Staff, compared to the payroll that ended prior to the layoff, and the payroll that happened afterwards. Ms. Wade stated, she left off with the April Report last time, and that she will start back up with the April Report. Ms. Wade stated that they did a comparative study, and found that there was a total of 55 Employees, but can't definitely verify this, because she is unable to get the information from the Personnel Department. But, based on the information provided and the City's Policy of maximum vacation pay-out in 80 hours which is 2-weeks' pay, the total eligible payoff for the Employees that were eligible is \$22,424.00. Councilman Leashore stated that we have a cash flow problem, but that he thinks the Laid Off Workers deserve to have their

vacation pay, but was wondering if we should pay "half"? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that it would be at the discretion of the Council to pay only half of the amount. Ms. Wade stated that Councilman Johnson just stated that we have some savings from all of the Employees being laid off. Ms. Wade further stated that she thinks that we will be okay paying the \$22,000.00, paying the full amount, and that she "stands behind that". President Bowie stated to Council, to keep in mind that it is State mandated, that Employees get their vacation pay. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve to pay the Eligible Laid-Off Workers their Vacation Pay Out. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, Councilman Randolph stated, at the last Council Meeting, they discussed the Employees getting all of what was owed to them, and that they should be receiving another check, and asked if they could take a look and see how our finances are looking again, in order to pay them again, for 80 more hours? Councilman Randolph asked about the Council changing our Personnel Handbook to reflect that, and further, that we may have to change our Personnel Handbook to make provision for that. During discussion, Councilman Randolph stated that he would follow-up on this. Councilman Bowline stated, "Just curious, I don't see anything for the Clerk's Office"; that he is aware that they had made some amendments to the Budget, specific to Mrs. Ivy's office. Councilman Bowline asked, "Will this bring back some assistance to Mrs. Ivy's Office; I see that Ms. Stoudenmire is listed on this 'report'?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "I know Ms. Stoudenmire was actually under 'Public Buildings', when she came over to assist Mrs. Ivy; so, I'm not sure how that would work." Councilman Bowline stated, "I think we were in the position of making an offer to Ms. Stoudenmire for the position of Secretary in Ms. Ivy's Office." Councilwoman Benjamin *Concurred*, and stated that Ms. Stoudenmire was very interested in the position; but never got a chance to be 'transferred' into the position before the layoff." Mrs. Harrison was asked for an "update" on this matter. Mrs. Harrison addressed the Council, and stated, "I did open the position up to hire a Secretary for my office, with an Application process, and Ms. Stoudenmire while working, temporarily, did apply for the position. I went through the Interview Process to fill the position, and Ms. Stoudenmire did interview, and ultimately, was the "Candidate" selected for the position. But, at the time of selecting Ms. Stoudenmire, and moving forward with 'offering' the job to Ms. Stoudenmire, the Interim HR Director was out, and we were waiting to 'move' on it, and by the time he returned from Sick Leave, the "Lay-Off" was in place, and therefore, she was never moved into the position; the transition did not take place for her to 'move' from the Public Buildings' Department, to the City Clerk's Office, even though she was the "Candidate" selected, and due to "move" into the Position of Secretary for the City Clerk's Office. Further, the Council did a Budget Amendment to approve that she be 'moved' into the position, as well." Ms. Wade confirmed that the position of Secretary, is still in the Budget for the City Clerk's Office. Ms. Wade stated, "Now, I will go over our Revenue Report. For the Month of June, Sales Tax was \$881,017.00, up by \$64,870.00; Lodging Tax was \$30,220.85, up by \$6,073.00; Tobacco Tax was \$18,466.00, up by \$3,548.00; Lodging Surcharge Tax was \$13,523.00, up by \$8,117.00; One-Half Cent Sales Tax was \$110,127.00, up by \$8,108.00, and Simplified Seller Use Tax was \$40,847.00, up by \$29,552.00. When you look at Sales Tax, overall Y-T-D we're up by \$115,953.00 and I think that's great; that's a good 'sign' for our economy. For the Lodging Tax, we're down a little, by \$8,228.00 Y-T-D." Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie and the Council, "Since we're bringing some Workers back, and since our Administrative Assistant is well secured in another job, can we hire an Administrative Assistant? We need to move these funds in this Line Item, into the General Fund so that we can hire an Administrative Assistant. We need a liaison there for our Constituents and us. People call City Hall; calls are not answered, so can we take this money for the Lodging Tax, with the intent on hiring an Administrative Assistant? We need someone to represent us." Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "Is it necessary? Isn't the Administrative Assistant position still in the Budget, where it's supposed to be, already?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "Yes Mam." Ms. Wade further stated, "Council Members, I know that Everybody wants to bring Everybody back; but, I don't want you to get excited, saying you've got to 'pull' money out of other 'pots'. You still have this money that is allocated for the General Fund; we can do it with the money that's already there in the Budget. Councilman Bowline, I think you were concerned about us, bringing them back, but we budgeted, and accounted for every Position. So, we should be okay." Councilman Bowline stated, "Some of them will come back; some of them won't come back because of other positions, as we go through this process." Councilman Leashore stated, "That process needs to occur." Councilman Bowline *Concurred*, and stated, "Quick fast, and in a hurry. So, this will secure the position for a Secretary in Ms. Ivy's office?" President Bowie, along with Ms. Wade, answered and stated, "The Secretary Position is still in the Budget for the City Clerk's Office; this will secure the position within Ms. Ivy's office." Ms. Wade further stated, "A copy of the expenditures will be forthcoming to them, but the Balance of the Cash on Hand is, \$69,833.00." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "I remember when we voted on the Budget, we voted for a long list of equipment for the Police Department, and I'm not sure if it was ever ordered, and Madam Treasurer, I'm not sure if you were even still here." Ms. Wade stated, "I do recall, prior to me leaving, it was discussed. I did look at the Budget, at some needs that the Police Department expressed that they had in terms of vests and equipment, budgeted in the amount of \$160,000.00, but to this date, no items have been purchased out of that Line Item, and if it has been purchased, it wasn't purchased from the Line Item that was allocated." Councilwoman Jackson stated, "This Council decided back in September, when we passed the Budget, we allocated funds to ensure that all of the Police Officers' needs were met; we also, on tonight, once again as we did before, made sure that the funds are there for the Police Officers' needs. The Council has done their due diligence; we've done our jobs to provide the funding. We can't make the order. I don't know what story has been told. We can't make the Executive Office do their part. So, please change the narrative; because the Selma City Council has made sure that every Officer has everything that they need. So, please don't paint the narrative anymore that we don't care about our Police Officers, because they protect us; they serve us. We

have provided in this Budget; am I correct on saying that?" The Council *Concurred*. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "That is why I asked about this on last night. If you would, Madam Treasurer, prepare a 'packet' for the Interim Chief of Police, stipulating, so that he is brought up to 'par' on what we allocated, what we allocated it for, and where it's supposed to come from, including the Minutes from the Council Meeting that gives the 'vote' of the Council, so that when he comes he can do a 'needs' assessment', on what is needed, and what is not needed. So, a packet from the Finance Department, where the funds will come from, and the Minutes where it was approved, I would appreciate it." Ms. Wade stated, "Okay, and while I'm here, I just want to bring back to your attention, because there's been an issue, that got out of 'hand', and was publicized about these defunded positions. I intended to execute as Council said, the 2018/2019 Budget, about funded positions; those that are not funded, making sure that they are not on payroll; those that are properly funded, making sure that they are paid the way that they're supposed to be paid. I did it, decent and in order, the way that it should have been, but I was met with opposition. So, I'm bringing this back to the Council because the Mayor over-rides me, as he has the authority, about these positions. Rather, than get into a battle, per a conversation with Councilman Leashore on yesterday, and Council Pro Tem Benjamin, I defer this back to the Council, so that you all can decide how to handle it. This has escalated into more than I anticipated; when I'm on my job I don't expect to be harassed by anybody. So, if you all expect me to execute, I expect you all to stand behind me." Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Ms. Wade, "I want to 'Thank You', first of all, for following the Budget. You are Bonded and Certified for this. And, as you are aware, we had a long conversation with our Attorney, that we cannot speak about, because it was in 'Executive Session'. So, 'Thank You', for 'throwing' this back on the Council; you're not supposed to be harassed. You're not supposed to be in a hostile environment. So, we're removing you from that equation, and put it back on the Council, and I, 'Thank You' for that. Again, I 'Thank You' for following the Budget, as you were supposed to. So, anybody receiving funds that you're not supposed to, that's on 'you'." Councilman Leashore stated, "As you very well know, I came to the Council Meeting prepared to vote in the affirmative on that Budget; however, during the proceedings, there was 'newfound' information that I wasn't privileged to; therefore, I voted 'no' on the Budget. I participated in every Budget proceeding; when was Captain Fowlkes' position defunded?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "I've been here since September, 2014, there's only been one (1) Captain position, and I think that position was 'created' around..." Councilwoman Benjamin interjected, and stated, "That case is pending. We don't have our Attorney here, and I would think that you should speak to our Attorney, before an answer is given on that; I would think you need to speak with our Attorney on that, Mr. Leashore, unless you want to 're-phrase' the question in a different way." Councilman Leashore stated, "Since these defunded positions are 'clouded' with Lawsuits, then let the 'Lawsuits' work their way out, in Court; I think that's the best way to do it." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Council Members, let me admonish you once again; we had an Executive Session; if you would like to speak on that, 'you are on your own', and not speaking on behalf of this Council. You will be removing yourself from the 'Body' of this Council, and will be speaking on your 'own'." Councilwoman Thomas stated, "We were there. Let it go from the Budget." Councilman Johnson stated, "Ms. Wade, I mentioned earlier about the situation that we're having with A.D.E.M., and the problem at the Landfill. Is there anyway that we can look into a Lease program for an excavator?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "Yes Sir, I will look into it. I said to Mr. Mozell, that he needs to get with the Mayor, as it relates to what their needs are, and present it back to Council. I also checked with the State of Alabama, to see if they had equipment that we could get, but unfortunately they did not, but they did put us on a 'Notice List', in the event that do get the equipment. They recommended that we go to Woods Auction, to look at their inventory; Mr. Mozell was a part of that conversation. I did refer him back to the Mayor, for further direction." Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "Whose 'area' is that?" Council Members *Concurred*, and stated that this is Councilman Leashore's Committee. Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "Councilman Leashore, do you mind taking the 'lead' on that?" Councilman Leashore answered, and asked, for an explanation of what was stated. Councilman Johnson provided an explanation, per conversation that he had with the Mayor, concerning A.D.E.M., and the need for this equipment for the Landfill. Councilman Johnson stated to Councilman Leashore, "Please get with Ms. Wade, that she had stated that she would look into this, and the Mayor, along with Mr. Mozell, and see what we need to do." Councilman Leashore asked if the Clerk could research the cost, and get back with the Council, on what it would cost? Councilman Leashore asked Mrs. Harrison, "Madam Clerk, will you do that for us?" Mrs. Harrison answered, and stated that she would, along with assistance from Ms. Wade, once she has looked into the leasing of this Item, in order to bring back a recommendation to the Council. Councilwoman Jackson stated to Ms. Wade, "I want to personally apologize to you, Ms. Wade, for putting you in the position that you encountered, being harassed; you were pretty shaken up. I want to apologize. You were following our 'Lead'. You were doing your job. And, you should follow the Budget, and it is on the Council, because we have a situation that's unprecedented. No one would've thought that you would've had to encounter that; I thought we were all mature Adults and Leaders, in our Community, and that we respect authority, and obviously don't. So, I want to apologize on behalf of the Council, and personally, that you had to go through that." Councilman Randolph stated, "Ms. Wade, is there anything that would prevent you from paying the Employees this Friday?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "We can try, and do 'manual' checks, but it involves the HR Department, as well. But, I will definitely get with my Staff, and we will work diligently to get it done, if not by Friday, at least by Tuesday, and that's contingent that we get cooperation from the HR Department." Councilman Randolph asked Ms. Wade, "Would that be considered, part of your full rights and responsibility to your job?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated that it would be. Councilman Randolph stated, "The Mayor cannot interfere with that; I'm telling you now, he could be in contempt of Court. Just let us know, if you do not get the cooperation you need."

PRESENTATION

Councilwoman Benjamin and the Council presented Councilwoman Jackson,  
with "Cupcakes" in "Honor" of her Birthday!  
"Happy Birthday", Councilwoman Miah Jackson!!!  
Councilwoman Jackson "Thanked" the Council and "Audience" for this  
"Warm Birthday Wish, and Kind Gift"!!

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. Resolution #R138-18/19 - Request of Keys by Council President, Council Pro Tempore, and Chairperson, Public Buildings Committee. President Bowie asked Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, to come forward, and address the Council with a Report. Mrs. Harrison is following the Procedure, in reporting to the Council, per State Law, the Mayor's "Veto" of Resolution #R138-18/19. Mrs. Harrison addressed the Council, and stated to Council, that they should have before them, Resolution #R138-18/19, Request of Keys by Council President, Council Pro Tempore, and the Chairperson, Public Buildings Committee, and the Mayor's Veto of the same. President Bowie stated it would take a "2/3<sup>rd</sup>" Vote, to "over-ride" the Mayor's Veto of Resolution #R138-18/19, Request of Keys by Council President, Council Pro Tempore, and Chairperson, Public Buildings Committee. Mrs. Harrison read said Veto of Resolution, #R138-18/19, Authorizing Council Members to Perform Executive Functions as it Relate to Rental, Maintenance, and Repair to Public Buildings, in its entirety. Following reading of the same, President Bowie "called" for a "motion" from the "floor", to "over-ride" the Veto; that it would take a "2/3<sup>rd</sup>" Vote, as was stated. Councilman Leashore asked President Bowie, if it would take "six" votes? President Bowie answered, and stated, "Six votes." Councilman Leashore stated, "This Council just voted to bring back the Workers; let's not embroil ourselves to continue fighting the Mayor; let's put all of our efforts in bringing back the Workers, so it won't be necessary for the Council to engage in doing anything with the Buildings." During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas, and seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, to "over-ride" the Mayor's "Veto" of Resolution #R138-18/19, Request of Keys to City Buildings; namely, Performing Arts Centre, the Vaughan-Smitherman Museum, the George P. Evans Reception Center, the Convention Center, the Amphitheater, and the 19 Washington Street Building, for a Period Not to Exceed Twenty-Four (24) Hours, by the Council President, Council Pro Tempore, and Chairperson, Public Buildings Committee. Councilman Bowline stated, "Seems like we can just hire Everyone back. I understand what you all are saying, but we need Employees there to 'open' the Buildings. The concern was that we didn't have anybody to oversee the buildings; to clean the buildings." Councilwoman Jackson stated, "That sounds good in theory; a 'ceremonial' vote. We can't hire anybody back. We just made sure that the funding was there, and ensured that the funding was there, but it's going to be up to the Mayor, to decide to bring them back. So, even though we voted, and you know, we voted on a lot of things that have not happened; even though we voted on it, it's probably not going to happen...unless you believe on tomorrow, he's going to do a 'call' for the Workers." Councilman Bowline stated, "I don't believe that." President Bowie "called" for the Roll Call Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Johnson stated that he wanted to "Thank" the Selma Fire Department, for doing an "awesome" job, in handling a fire on Selma Avenue, to try and save his "Building"; that they did an outstanding job, and he is so grateful for these "Guys".)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Councilwoman Youngblood was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

No Report. (Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to work with Councilman Leashore, on the Compactor for the Landfill.)/Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to personally "Thank" Mr. Darrell Fails, who lives in Ward 2, but came and did some "Grass Cutting" in Ward 5, on last Saturday; that he also would like to "Thank" Little Ms. Mariana, for at least making an effort, at pushing the lawn mower. Councilman Randolph stated that "someone" cut the Walking Trail at Bloch Park on today, and that he wants to "Thank" whomever that was, as well; that it really looks nice.)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Bowline "reminded" Everyone of the Ward 1 Meeting coming up on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Bowline stated that he would like to also "applaud" the People who have been out working, and "volunteering" to serve in the various Wards, with "Grass Cutting", and helping "Neighbors" out!)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

Made a Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Leashore stated that he wanted to "Thank" "Lady Haiwatha", and her "Team", for their "Clean-Up Efforts", volunteering and serving in our Wards. Councilman Leashore also "reminded" Everyone of the "Weed & Seed Meeting" in Ward 6, on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Councilwoman Jackson was absent from the Council Meeting at this time.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Ms. Wade, City Treasurer, made a report earlier. Please see above.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Thomas "reminded" Everyone of the Ward 7 Meeting on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.)

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

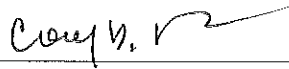
Made a Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they are waiting on the Contractor, Mr. Woods, to finish in Ward 7, so that he can start in Ward 4. Councilwoman Benjamin made an "appeal", and also "admonished" the Pastors and Ministers of Churches, to please assist in the effort to maintain "over-grown grass" on "vacant" lots that are also owned by the Churches. Councilwoman also "reminded" Everyone that the deadline to register for the Youth Conference is tomorrow, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and to please get their "Registration Forms" in to her; that the Youth Conference is a 4-Day "Free-Leadership" Event, beginning on July 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.)

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- July 23, 2019 at 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 6:53 p.m.

  
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COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:

  
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IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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DARRIO MELTON, Mayor



**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 23, 2019  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,  
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 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 23, 2019, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, and Councilwoman Jannie Thomas. City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison was present, and the City Treasurer, Ronita Wade. Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilman Samuel Randolph, and Councilman Michael Johnson were absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Self-Control":  
Recognizing Wrong Desires and Doing What is Right.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Nine (9) 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 #R139-18/19, and Resolution #R140-18/19, Reappointing Edward S. McCurdy and Elizabeth T. Rutledge, as Members of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Selma, for Six (6) Year Terms, Retroactive to April 24, 2018, and Expiring on April 24, 2024.
- (2) To Approve the A.M.I.C. Statement, in the Amount of \$14,908.50.

- (3) To Approve the Legal Statement in the Amount of \$11,839.00 for Copeland, Franco, Screws and Gill.
- (4) To Approve Selma's 200 Documentary of Ms. Joann Bland to be Placed in the "Window" at 19 Washington Street/Selma Welcome Center.
- (5) To Approve a Budget Adjustment from Line Item 1 6000 51056 Fixed Assets Under \$4,000.00, to Line Item 1 6100 51037, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, for \$4,945.75.
- (6) To Approve to Reduce Public Works Auto Fuel by \$15,000.00, Adding to 1.6303 Landfill by \$15,000.00 for the Compact Bulldozer, for the Landfill.
- (7) To Approve Up to \$24,000.00 from Line Item 11 6200 51640, for Street Maintenance.
- (8) To Approve for Professional Development and Reimbursement in the Amount of \$900.00 for Interim Police Chief Robert W. Green, to Attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference.
- (9) To Approve a Community Event on July 27, 2019, on Ladayne Street, Beginning at 2:30 p.m., with Part of the Street Blocked off, at the Curve that Turns into Church Street.

President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt and approve all Nine (9) Items for Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve and adopt all Nine (9) 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 five affirmative votes for all Nine (9) Items on Consent Agenda, and one nay vote for Item Three (3) on Consent Agenda. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote for Consent Agenda Item #3.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, Council President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the June 28, 2019 Special Called Meeting Minutes, and the July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had an opportunity to peruse the Minutes. President Bowie asked if there were any "corrections"? With there being no "corrections", President Bowie stated that at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a motion to adopt the Minutes of June 28, 2019, and July 9, 2019. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve and adopt the June 28, 2019 Special Called Meeting Minutes, and July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Leashore "Thanked" the Citizens and Community who came out to the Weed & Seed Meeting on last Thursday, and stated that he wanted to personally "Thank" Mr. Charles Johnson and the Advisory Board, along with Judge Maggie Drake Peterson, the Weed & Seed Advisor. Councilman Leashore stated that he wanted to also "Thank" Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Pastor Perkins, for allowing the Meeting to be held at the Church, which is within his Ward.

Dr. Avis B. Williams, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Selma City Schools

Dr. Avis Williams addressed the Council, and "Thanked" them for allowing her the opportunity to bring an "update". Dr. Williams stated to Council that they should have a "Packet" that includes information about the Selma City Schools. Dr. Williams further stated that their "goal" is to solidify the "partnership" that the School System has, with the City of Selma; ensuring that they are transparent about information, and that she is available to "share" information. Dr. Williams proceeded by sharing some "upcoming" Events with the Council, which is included within the "Packet" of Information that she has provided for the Council. Those "upcoming" Events are as follow: (1) "Strong Start PreK Grand Opening", on August 1, 2019, at Sophia P. Kingston Elementary, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Council Members were asked to please come, if they are available. (2) "Welcome Back Institute, 2019" on August 2, 2019, at Selma High School Auditorium beginning at 8:00 a.m. Council Members were "invited" to be their "On Stage" Guests for that Event, if they could make it. (3) "Back to School Festivities" on August 3, 2019, that include, "Aim for Excellence 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run", at 7:30 a.m., at Bloch Park. Dr. Williams asked that we "Register", and stated that they would "appreciate" our Support! *Uniform Giveaway*, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and *Fun Fest*, beginning at 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. (4) 2019, Budget Hearings; September 5, 2019, Selma High School Media Center, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and September 10, 2109, Selma High School Media Center, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Williams encouraged the Council to attend, at least one of their Budget Hearings, to be made aware and knowledgeable about their Budget. Dr. Williams stated to Council that she hopes that they can attend at least one of those Budget Hearings. Dr. Williams further stated that she wants to be here every month, and that her plan is to be here every month, during the "2nd" Tuesday's Council Meeting, just to "share" some "happenings", and to engage with the Council in a "positive" way, to build the relationship with the Council, and the City School System, and to see if there are any "questions or concerns", that she can answer for the Council. Dr. Williams further stated that she does believe firmly, that it is important that they have a strong partnership, and that she looks forward to engaging with the Council, and "partnering" with the Council!

Mark Myles  
Conflict Resolution

Mr. Mark Myles addressed the Council, and "Thanked" the Council for allowing him to speak to the Council. Mr. Myles stated that the City of Selma has helped "mold and shape" him into the "Man" that he is today. Mr. Myles stated that he is here to address the current status in our City Government. Mr. Myles stated that there is a Petition, which has been launched online that calls for the Mayor and City Council, to take part in. Mr. Myles further stated that the Recommendations that have been made are, as follow: Calls for the Mayor and Council, Conflict Resolution Training; and to sit down, with a Mediator. Mr. Myles further stated that the conflict needs to be resolved between the Council and Mayor; further, "not taking 'sides' in terms of who is at fault, but our City needs it, we can't wait for another election, in order to move our City forward. We're telling them to put the "guns" down in our City, but we've got to be able to resolve conflicts here; not saying that the Council Members are "hypocrites", but I think "it's hypocritical" for City Leaders to 'call' for an end to conflict in the 'streets', when there seems to be conflict in "City Hall". Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mr. Myles to be more specific in what he's wanting from the Council. Mr. Myles stated, "I want you Guys to go to Conflict Resolution Training. It seems to be conflict in our City Government between the Mayor and the Council. Our City needs to move forward; not 'pointing' fingers at anyone, but we can't get anything done. The relationship between the Mayor and the City Council needs to be reconciled so that we can all move forward together." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "There's always going to be conflict that has to be resolved. We have appropriated already for the Employees to come back; it's out of our 'hands'. We're on the exact same 'page' up here about that. So, there is always going to be conflict to resolve. You won't need representation if there is no conflict to resolve. What happens is, sometimes People get 'advocacy' and 'standing up for People' confused with having a conflict, or having a 'beef'. Every single time that I step on this Panel, I am going to always advocate for the People, and sometimes People get that confused with a 'beef' with someone. It's not a 'beef' with someone. When the People are being done wrong, you're going to see some advocacy up here going on, and that advocacy is going to be in the name of the People." Mr. Myles stated, "It's nothing personal. But, as a City we helped shape the World; so, we could get past this conflict." Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Right, we don't take it personal. What I wanted to break down to you is, the different branches and their jobs. So, we've done our part, and guess what? We're not 'beefing' about it. We're 100% on the same page." Councilwoman Thomas stated, "When I became a Council Person, I have always fought for the People. We know our duties, just like the Mayor knows his. But, we cannot step over the Mayor; we can not make him bring back the Workers. We stand as a Council for what needs to be done." Councilman Leashore stated to Mr. Myles, "I do understand what you're saying. What you're advocating is what needs to be done. The only change that's going to come to this City, is when the People take it to the 'Streets'; just as in the uproar in Puerto Rico, where Protesters have taken it to the 'streets'." Councilman Bowline stated, "I understand what you are saying, but I wish that there was a quieter way to disagree, and come up with solutions. But, you've got to get '2' People at the table, to have that conversation, and have an open mind. I do appreciate what you're saying, and hope we can find a way. I have always been available to talk with the Mayor. I am more than happy to sit down and compromise about the problems in the City. I do appreciate your efforts."

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Councilman Johnson was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Councilwoman Youngblood was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

Councilman Randolph was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During Closing Remarks, Councilman Bowline stated that he does appreciate what Mr. Myles said, and appreciates what the Weed & Seed Program is doing in our City.)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report. (President Bowie stated that he will be calling a Public Safety Committee Meeting next week to discuss the Jail Contract, and also Interim Police Chief Green's Contract.)

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report. (Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that until we come up with a viable resolution concerning our infrastructure, at this point, there is no remedy for it, no time soon. Councilman Leashore further stated until we come up with a means of addressing these issues in our City, there is no point in having any Committee Meetings.)/Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Leashore stated to Mr. Myles, "I hear your frustrations. We need some serious changing in our City; we're not addressing the needs of our Citizens, there's no need for City Government. Our City needs some serious changing.)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report. (Councilman Leashore stated that the Selma-Dallas Youth Ambassadors' Organization is still a "work-in-progress", and that he will make a report at a later time.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report. (Councilwoman Thomas stated to President Bowie that she would like for him to get the keys to our Public Buildings; that they did a "unanimous vote". Councilwoman Thomas further stated that they have Buildings that they need to get the Projects finished, and the Dallas Academy Building is one of them. Councilwoman Thomas stated that they will be replacing the Air Conditioning Units at the Dallas Academy Building. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that "Corporate" at Liberty Disposal has come to a point where they are no longer going to be offering "back door" garbage service, due to funding. Councilwoman Thomas stated that Liberty should've sent a letter to the President of the Council to let us know that there will no longer be "back door" garbage pick-up service; that we have a lot of Elderly Citizens who are not able to "pull" the trash carts to the front. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she asked President Bowie, could we look at finding way to pay for their trash carts to be pulled to the front? Councilwoman Thomas further stated that she would like for the Council to look into seeing if this is something that they can do, in the next Year's Budget. Councilwoman Thomas stated that the Manager at Liberty is working with her, and that she would like to have a meeting with the Council, to discuss this further. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she will be letting her know when would be a good time to meet. President Bowie "Thanked" Councilwoman Thomas, and asked her to keep him informed on this matter.

Councilwoman Thomas "announced" that Tabernacle Baptist Church will be having an upcoming "Community Back-to-School Event", and that Everyone is invited; Council Members are "Welcome", and encouraged to attend!)

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report. (Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they had a wonderful meeting at Wallace Community College. Councilwoman Benjamin "reminded" Everyone that the Youth Conference starts on tomorrow morning, and that it will be the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference, beginning at 7:45 a.m.)

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council Members, to not forget, on last night during the Work Session, she asked our City Attorney about the Weed Abatement Process. Councilwoman Benjamin asked the Council to please get the list of properties to the City Attorney; that the Weed Abatement List is very important.

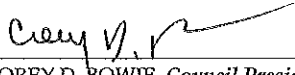
Councilman Leashore stated to Council that the City Attorney asked the Council Members to also give him a list of "Streets" that have "possible cave-ins, and pot holes" around the City, as well.

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- August 13, 2019 at 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 6:01 p.m.

  
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COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:

  
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IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:

  
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DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*