

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 13, 2017
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, June 13, 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, June 13, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, Mayor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Ollie Davison, and Ms. Saprina Simmons, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Chief of Staff. Mayor Darrio Melton was absent from the Council Meeting. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting, due to Military Duty.

*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Dependability":
Fulfilling What I Consent To Do, Even if It Means Unexpected Sacrifice.*

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 answered, and stated that she would like to "add", "7-and 8-Year-Olds' All Star Team". Councilman Leashore stated that he would like to defer Business Item #1, to our next Council Meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "Amendments". 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 the Work Session on Thursday. President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them a Total of Six (6) 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 a Fee Waiver for the Convention Center on Monday, June 19, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until 12 o'clock noon, for the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program.
- (2) To Approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application for Organpi Farms, LLC, located at 1010 Water Avenue.
- (3) To Approve a Lounge Retail Liquor Class II License Application for 80 West Package Store (Citgo), located at 406-B Highway 80, East.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R208-16/17 - Declaring Fourteen (14) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase I, A Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement.
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R207-16/17 - Declaring One (1) Piece of Property as an Unsafe Structure.
- (6) To Approve for 1st Reading, Ordinance #O108-16/17 - Prohibiting Portable and Mobile Buildings Within the City of Selma.

President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the Six (6) 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 Six (6) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "Mr. President, before I take my vote, at the Work Session, it was my understanding that there was an issue that a Citizen brought to us, regarding information for clarification, and what transpired during that deliberation, as to whether or not, the Building Inspector has certification status". President Bowie stated, per the Mayor, I did inquire, and I was told that he does have certification". Councilman Leashore stated, "I have been told that he doesn't have, 'per se', certification that is required for the Building Inspector; however, that he is a Journeyman, and a Journeyman is a person who works under the Apprenticeship of a person who has those qualifications. Once again, we need to have some assurance that our Building Inspector have the qualifications in order to do the job. We just need to be cognizant of that". President Bowie stated, "I met with the Mayor on Friday, and he stated that he does have the qualifications". Councilman Leashore stated, "My vote is yes".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the May 30, 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 Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION IN HONOR OF THE SELMA 7-AND 8-YEAR-OLD ALL-STAR TEAM SEMIFINALS OF THE DIXIE YOUTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, HERE IN SELMA! THE CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND STAFF, COACHES, AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS, ARE HERE TONIGHT! PRESIDENT BOWIE AND THE COUNCIL OFFERED A "WARM" WELCOME TO ALL! THE TEAM PLAYERS, AND THEIR COACHES WERE ASKED TO COME FORWARD, TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS! WE OFFER "CONGRATULATIONS" TO THE TEAM AND THEIR COACHES, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS, FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS! WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF THEM, AND EXTEND OUR "BEST WISHES" TO THEM ON A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT! THIS "RECOGNITION AND HONOR" WERE RECEIVED WITH A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" AND A "STANDING OVATION"!

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and stated that he appreciates them for placing all of his "Agenda Items" on Consent Agenda, but that he did have a "couple" of Items that he wanted to bring before them.)

A. Municipal Intercept Services (MIS). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he just passed out to them information as it relates to the Municipal Intercept Services' Program. Attorney Nunn further stated that this Program is a "Recovery Program" on behalf of Municipalities, but that there are some advantages, and some "hurdles" as it relates to getting into this type of Program. Attorney Nunn further stated there are certain types of debts that can be "intercepted" using the MIS system, and some examples are:

Court Fees/Fines, Judgments, Ordinance Violations, Parking Fees, Rental/Lease Agreements, Returned Checks, Sanitation/Garbage Fees, and others. Attorney Nunn stated if we start the Program, that we have got to have all of the information that they will require of us, and that they require the information, "up front", at the beginning. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he is providing the information, for their review as of now.

B. Stipulation for Settlement, Re. KTK Mining of Virginia, LLC vs. City of Selma Lawsuit.

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have a copy of the Stipulation for Settlement as it relates to the KTK Mining of Virginia, LLC vs. City of Selma Lawsuit. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that, if they recall, one of the Attorneys in this Lawsuit came before them during the Work Session, as it relates to questions that she had about the placards that were placed at the Site around the Circle. Attorney Nunn stated that her interpretation was that the City was supposed to be a part of the language placed on the placard. Attorney Nunn further stated that he wanted to bring clarity to the Stipulation, and that he has also spoken to Attorney Rick Howard as it relates to this. Attorney Nunn stated that they have both reviewed the Stipulation for Settlement, and that there is no such language that is within the Stipulation that was presented to the Council. Attorney Nunn further stated that they do recall this being discussed early on in negotiations, but that there was not anything that was put into the Stipulation concerning this. Attorney Nunn stated that he is bringing this to the Council, with a copy for their record of the same.

- C. Resolution #R199-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase I). Approved Consent Agenda.
- D. Resolution #R208-16/17 - Condemned Properties. Approved Consent Agenda.
- E. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Highway 80 Package Store - Citgo - 011 - Lounge Retail Liquor Class II - Package - 406-B Highway 80, East. Approved Consent Agenda.
- F. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Orgampi Farms Farmhouse, LLC - 020- Restaurant Retail Liquor - 1010 Water Avenue. Approved Consent Agenda.
- G. Revised Procedure to Install Speed Breakers on a City Street and/or Alley. Per City Attorney, this Item will be placed in Public Safety Committee.
- H. Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he would like to request an Executive Session for about 30 Minutes, to discuss pending Litigation. President Bowie stated to Council that we will proceed with discussion of the Business Items, and prior to Standing Committee Reports/Closing Remarks, we will Recess into an Executive Session.

Following discussion of the Business Items, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to *Recess* into an Executive Session, at 5:53 p.m., for about 30 minutes, to discuss pending Litigation. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to *Reconvene* back into the Council Meeting, at 6:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. ORDINANCE #O105-16/17 - REPEALING ORDINANCE #O106-12/13, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE #O102-04/05
This Item was *Continued*.
- II. UPDATE ON THE ST. JAMES HOTEL
This Item was *Continued*.
- III. 6TH ANNUAL "JAZZ ON THE GRAZZ" - JUNE 17TH

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that "June 17th" is almost here for the "Jazz on the Grazz" Event, and that they would love for all of us to attend! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there will be "free" auditions for scholarships for the Ruben Studdard Music Camp, for Young People, between the ages of 12 and 18! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that he will be here for Two (2) weeks for the Camp, between July 9th

and July 21st, and that there is a "Finale" on that last day, at Selma High School! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there is going to be a "*Beautiful Line-Up*", for the Jazz, and asked Everyone to come out!!

IV. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that *One Hot Summer Series III*, started already at the beginning of June, and will last through September (Labor Day Weekend). Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the "2nd Annual Senior Citizens' Prom" is next weekend; Friday, June 23rd, at 6:00 p.m., at the Convention Center. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Senior Citizens' Prom, which is a "Wonderful Affair", is being coordinated by Councilman Sam Randolph in "*Partnership*" with the Edmundite Missions, and we want to "*Thank*" them for being a part of this Event this year. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that "*Kings and Queens*" will also be "*Crowned*"! Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilman Johnson and to Councilman Leashore, to please send Everyone that is at the "Community Fun Day" at Second Missionary Baptist Church in Ward 8, along with those who will be participating at the Ward 6 Event in the Park, on down to "Water Avenue" to be a part of the Event downtown on Water Avenue; that there will be "Fun, Fun, and More Fun"!

V. WASHINGTON STREET CITY BUILDING

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she got her "answer", as it relates to this Item; therefore, this Item has been "*Covered*".

VI. UPDATE ON BOYNTON STREET AND FIRST AVENUE PROJECT

Councilman Johnson stated that he has spoken with Councilwoman Crenshaw, as it relates to the Boynton Street and First Avenue Park Project. Councilman Johnson stated that there will be a "Fountain" in the middle, and that it will have benches. Councilman Johnson further stated that this Park is going to be "*dedicated*" to the Children who left School, and joined the "March in 1965". Councilman Johnson stated that it is going to be a beautiful Park once it is finished. Councilman Johnson stated that he got an opportunity to speak with Councilwoman Crenshaw, regarding the Park, and that she wanted him to let President Bowie, Councilwoman Thomas, and other Council Members know that her "doors" are always open, and she "*Welcomes*" anybody who would like to come by, and speak with her, as it relates to the Park, and any other matters of their concern, as well.

VII. BEAUTIFICATION GRANT

President Bowie stated, as was stated during the Work Session, he asked Mr. Henry Thompson of the Planning & Development Office, to see if he would secure and work on a "*Beautification Grant*" for the City of Selma, and he stated that he would.

VIII. SUMMER HEAT INITIATIVE

President Bowie stated that this Item is being *Continued*.

IX. CLUB OWNERS MEETING - JUNE 26TH - 6:00 P.M.

President Bowie stated to Council that we will be meeting with Club Owners on Monday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, with Police Chief Collier, and also Attorney Nunn.

X. WARD 4 UPDATES

Councilwoman Benjamin stated, concerning the Garbage in "Ward 4, West", Mr. Stephen Hendrieth is supposed to have taken care of this matter, according to what Mr. Sean VanDiver has stated to her. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she does not have a report on the "lighting" situation that Mr. Davison is looking into for her, as was stated during the Work Session. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Brownsfield Grant is here, as it relates to Marie Foster Street and First Avenue, and hopefully our "Administration" will come and talk to them about it. Councilwoman Benjamin "reminded" the Residents of Ward 4 about the meeting with the Mayor, on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., here at City Hall.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE -- Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

Councilman Leashore made a report. Councilman Leashore read the Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes which was held on Friday, June 9, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., within the Council Chamber, into Record. (A Copy will be attached to the Minutes of June 13, 2017, Council Meeting Minutes.) During his Committee Report, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by President Bowie, to put said Minutes of the Administrative Committee Meeting into the "Record", and accept the recommendations of the Administrative Committee, recognizing the First African-American Mayor, Mayor James Perkins, Jr., in "Renaming" of the "Songs of Selma Park", and "Renaming" it after the First African American Mayor, Mayor James Perkins, Jr. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, Councilman Leashore stated that the Committee agreed that Councilwoman Youngblood would "Chair" the "4th of July Celebration" with Fireworks and Hotdogs at the Stadium, and that the focus for this year's "4th of July Celebration" would be to "Recognize" All Veterans!
/Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Johnson stated that he wanted to "Thank" Everyone who came out to the Ward 8 Meeting on last Thursday; that it was a great meeting! Councilman Johnson "reminded" Everyone to come out to the "Community Fun Day" which is being sponsored by the Second Missionary Baptist Church, at the Park across from the Church, on Saturday, June 17th, at 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Again, Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a variety of activities for Youth and Adults, including "bouncy castles, train rides, basketball, contests, adult games, and "food, food, food"! Councilman Johnson stated to Everyone, once leaving the "Community Fun Day", to please come on down to Water Avenue, to the "Jazz on the Grass" Event, sponsored by Councilwoman Benjamin and Councilwoman Youngblood, and also the Ward 6 Event that Councilman Leashore is having in the Park, as well. Councilman Johnson stated that he wanted to again "Thank" the Edmundite Missions for the \$5,000.00 Donation that they gave towards the Dinkins Pool in Ward 8.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During her Report, Councilwoman Youngblood stated that we plan to do something "special", and that we will also be "honoring" our Veterans, to let them know how much we appreciate them, at the "4th of July Celebration"! Councilwoman Youngblood stated that our "Theme" for the "4th of July Celebration" will be "Land of the Free Because of the Brave"!)

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

Councilman Randolph was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Jackson "Thanked" Everyone who attended the Ward 3 Meeting on yesterday. Councilwoman Jackson stated that there will be a "Litter Free Project in Ward 3" on Saturday, June 17th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the rear of 816 Selma Avenue (City of Selma Ceramics Department). Councilwoman Jackson stated after leaving there, please stop by our "6th Annual Jazz on the Grass" Event; in an effort, that we are all working together!)

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report. (Hopefully, at our next Council Meeting, he will be able to make a report on this Item.) Councilman Johnson sends his "Wishes", for a "Happy Father's Day" to All Fathers!!!)

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report./During his report, President Bowie stated to Council that they have the Finance Report before them, and that it is very disturbing. President Bowie stated that for the first Six (6) months of the Fiscal Year we are behind in our Sales Tax Revenue by \$201,174.00, and that our Lodging Tax Revenue is down by \$40,609.00, for the first Eight (8) months of the Fiscal Year, compared to last year. President Bowie further stated that we are down by \$7,063.17 in Tobacco Tax, and that we need to make sure that we have Municipal Stamps on all of the tobacco products in the Stores. President Bowie stated that we need to look at some "Revenue Streams", because we have some challenges ahead of us. President Bowie stated that he would like to encourage Citizens to, "Please Shop Selma, First"!)

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that all of our Buildings that are up for rental, are still "up for rental", and all of the "Rules" still apply.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she also wanted to "Thank" all of our "Sponsors" for Jazz on the Grass"; Alagasco Corporate Office (for the 2nd Year), Hogg Engineering, Eovations, LLC, Main Street Downtown, BlackBelt Benefit Group, Captains Corner and AUS Trucking, John Woods Construction, Neely Charter Services, Eagle Woods Contracting Services, LLC, Sweet Advantages Ice Cream Shop, and G Mommas Cookies! Councilwoman Benjamin also "Thanked" Everyone who bought a "T-Shirt"; Mayor's Office, Council Members, City Employees and many other Citizens and Businesses! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she looks forward to seeing Everyone on Saturday! Councilwoman Benjamin "Wished" her Dad, a "Happy Father's Day", and a "Happy Father's Day", to all other Dads!

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During her report, Councilwoman Thomas stated that they have Two (2) areas that they are working on right now as it relates to "clean up", and that they are trying to stop the "garbage" from being brought into Ward 7. Councilwoman Thomas stated that their Gardens are doing real good; that they have a lot of vegetables that they are sharing with the Community! Councilwoman Thomas also stated that they will be having a "Big Neighborhood Reunion" this Weekend, and that this is their "2nd" one, which they hope it will be as successful, as the last one! Councilwoman Thomas stated that the Residents and Neighbors who come back home to this Event, come from all over! Councilwoman Thomas stated from there, they will be "traveling" down on Water Avenue, to the "Jazz on the Grass" Event!)

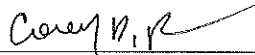
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

"HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS!"

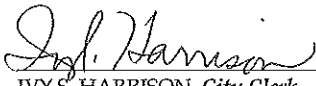
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



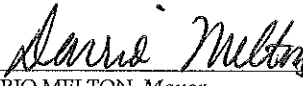
COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

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*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Creativity":
Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective.*

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 Johnson answered, and stated that he would like to "add", "Three (3) Police Vehicles and Uniforms for the Police Department". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "Amendment". 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 the Work Session on yesterday. President Bowie stated to Council that they have before them a Total of Six (6) 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 A.M.I.C. Statement in the Amount of \$5,000.00.

- (2) To Approve Ordinance #O108-16/17 - Prohibiting Portable and Mobile Buildings Within the City of Selma.
- (3) To Approve Resolution #R209-16/17 - Awarding Schneider Historic Preservation, LLC, in the Amount of \$6,500.00 for the Surveying of the Riverview Historic District.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R210-16/17 - To Submit a Grant Application to the Department of Justice Seeking Funds to Hire Four (4) New Officers over a 36-Month Grant Period. The Cost of the Project is Estimated at \$600,000.00 and the Grant Amount is \$450,000.00 in Federal Funds, and the City Pledges to Provide Approximately \$150,000.00 in Cash Match.
- (5) To Approve for Resolution #R211-16/17 - To Apply for a Selma Americorps Program. The Cost of the Project is \$504,409.00 and the Maximum Grant Amount is \$307,410.00 with the City Pledging \$109,000.00 or Less, Pending Selma City School Allotment, in Cash Match, and In-Kind Services Match to be Appropriated in the FY2017-2018 Grant Match.
- (6) To Approve to Accept the 2016 Audit Presented by Warren Averett.

President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the Six (6) Items on Consent Agenda. Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that, as it relates to Consent Agenda Item #6, that he would like to take it off of Consent Agenda, not for further discussion, but so that he can cast his vote, and give an explanation of the same. President Bowie asked Councilman Leashore, if he would be okay with placing said "Item" under the Finance Report, and Councilman Leashore stated that it would be fine to do so. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve and adopt the above-named Five (5) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the June 13, 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 Councilman Johnson/Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Requesting July 3rd Off for City Employees in Conjunction with "July The Fourth".

President Bowie asked Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, if he had a Report for the Mayor? Mr. Davison answered, and stated that the Mayor wanted him to discuss the Council's Business Item of, "Requesting July 3rd Off for City Employees, in Conjunction with July, the Fourth" (Business Item #VIII). Mr. Davison stated to Council that the Mayor's Recommendation is to, not take that day off, and the reason is because, (1) there were Two (2) "weather days" that we were off earlier this year in April; and, also, (2) we are in the middle of the season with grass cutting, and Public Works will have to be taken off of that function for that day. Mr. Davison further stated that the Mayor didn't want complaints coming regarding the grass not being cut, and/or trash not being picked up, when we have the opportunity for Employees to actually come to work, to service the Citizens; "so, his recommendation is to not be off on July 3rd". Councilman Randolph stated to President Bowie that he would like to state; "First of all, it's not a Mayor's recommendation; it's a Council's recommendation. I think that's a 'cop-out' reason to not give the Employees a day off because of a Public Works Department function; Ninety Percent (90%) of Public Works Employees make less than \$8.50 an hour, and those Guys work very hard. They deserve to spend some time with their Families. So, now we're saying, because of Public Works, we're going to punish the whole City, and make everybody else work? It's unfair to the other City Employees, because the grass needs cutting; matter of fact, right now the problems at Public Works are due to their equipment breaking down, so what we need to do is buy some more equipment so that they can be better at their job. There must be another reason for not wanting to give that day off because that's not a 'good enough' reason to not let the Employees off". Mr. Davison stated, "Well, there's a chance to do what's right; not what's fair. And, you said, 'punishment'...I think that you will be punishing the Citizens if you don't get to the grass and the trash. If you know of another reason, then you must have information that I don't have, that you need to share with us; this is what was shared with me from the Mayor". Councilman Randolph stated, "Words can't explain how important the City's Employees' Families are to me; I would do anything to see to it that these Employees spend time with their Families. The grass and trash pick-ups are important to me, but there seems to have been an alternate way to handle that, too, even if it meant working out a 'staggered' schedule where the Employees could work out a plan to get the grass cut and trash picked up, and still have the extra day to be with their Families. The City could run a smaller staff and give time off based on seniority, or those who volunteer to work for the extra pay". Councilman Leashore stated, "Mr. President, to my knowledge, if I am correct, July 3rd, is not an approved holiday in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. And, outside of approved holidays in the Policies and Procedures Manual, in the past history, any extra days, outside of what is in the Policies and Procedures

Manual, are forthcoming from the Executive Office; that being the Mayor. It appears that the Mayor sees the advantage of not authorizing that day because of what is needed for the City. Out of respect for the Executive Office, I think we need to accept the recommendation forthcoming from the Executive Office, and we vote our "conviction for a *yes or no*" vote. I don't think that we should be against each other on this". Councilman Bowline stated, "Since we're doing the Fireworks Show, I would definitely support time and a half for those Employees who will be working then. And, Monday is the trash pick-up day for Ward 1, and I desperately need the trash to be picked up, and not get behind". Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Some of these People don't get the 'breaks' that other Employees get. These People have always been at the 'bottom', and benefits and insurance, don't 'add' up for them, and I think the least we can do, is give them a day at home with their Families. So, in 'piggy-backing' off of what Councilman Randolph said, these Employees work hard, and they deserve to be off with their Families on that day, in addition to July 4th. Those Employees had to endure a 12.5% pay cut, when we had problems in the Budget in the past, and they also, recently had to endure other Departments getting a pay increase, when they didn't, and a good many of them only make minimum wage. Again, I agree with Councilman Randolph, that we have Employees who are the 'bottom', and then will come after the '4th of July Party', and 'clean-up' behind 'us'". Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I would just like to say, each of us have a 'heart' for our Employees, and the Public Works Department does have an overwhelming task with handling the trash and grass in our City. But, it would've been more appropriate to have had a passionate discussion with our Mayor at a time before it became an item on the agenda back in May, to be voted on, as opposed to having a discussion like this 'on the air', or even during the Work Session. I would hope going forward that we would look at, and make those decisions, prior to the day of, or at this point, the day before; that it is totally inappropriate. This should've been handled differently, and I'm going to vote that way". Mr. Davison stated, "We do have a mechanism in place for Employees who may want to take off, which is to take leave, and it will be granted". Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "We need to be careful; we are either going to be transparent for the Public, or not. This is where the discussion happens; we are public officials, and that is why now we have something on the 'table'. We got to be careful on whether we want to be transparent or not, across the 'board', on every issue". Councilman Randolph stated, "I believe somebody in Public Works, would've volunteered to make sure that the trash in the Ward would've been picked up, if it was necessary; don't get me wrong, I believe that trash should be picked up. And, my Colleague, Mr. Leashore, I appreciate you speaking up for the position of 'Executive Authority', but it's not an 'Executive Authority' to handle the 'Finances'; we handle the 'Finances; it's a Council's function". Councilman Leashore stated, "I just want to say again, there's nobody on this Council that wouldn't like to see the Employees have a day off, but let me bring your attention back to our 'Finances'. Have you all seen the Audit Report? My point is, if the Executive Branch sees fit to keep the City 'operational' because of money, and the need for the services to be rendered, then we need to be made aware of that". Councilman Randolph stated, "As it relates to what Councilman Leashore said about the 'Finances', if the City's 'Finances' are in such a bad shape, let's cut out all contracts for every organization getting funds from the City, and I would like to make that as a 'motion', that we cease all contracts with everybody in the City, and cut costs, right now". President Bowie responded and stated to Councilman Randolph, that we're in the 8th or 9th month of the Fiscal Year. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie, "Mr. President, I'd like to admonish my "Fellow Co-worker", to move that from the "Table", think about it, and, if you're still as passionate in two (2) weeks, bring it back". Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve and allow our Employees to be off on Monday, July 3rd. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and four nay votes. Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilman Leashore, and Councilman Johnson each cast a nay vote. During roll call, President Bowie stated, "Before I vote, Councilman Jackson, you brought up a good point; we had this Item on Consent Agenda, back in May, and that was adequate time for both parties to get together on this. And, when you look at the financial part of it, we're looking at \$4,500.00 for the Police Department, and less than that for the Fire Department, roughly \$3,500.00 for the Fire Department, per our City Treasurer, Ms. Ronita Wade, for both Monday and Tuesday (July 3rd and July 4th), so, at this point and time, for future reference, I think that we should get together and discuss any upcoming holidays, to vote it 'up or down'; also, at this point and time, I'm going to vote 'yes' for Monday (July 3rd). During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "Did you say that it would be a \$4,500.00 cost to have July 3rd off for Public Safety? President Bowie answered, and stated, "Yes". Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "My vote is 'yes". During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "During my Ward Meeting, there was a huge discussion on our grass being cut, and also during Council Meetings, we get text messages about things that need to be done in our City. There is no Department in the City of Selma, where the Employees don't have my 'heart', from the City Clerk's Office, Finance Department, Police and all other Departments in the City of Selma, wherever...I'm for the Employees, but on behalf of this Item, the Mayor made a recommendation, and my vote is going to be 'no'". Following roll call, President Bowie stated, "So, it's 'four-four'; so, 'City Hall' is going to open on Monday".

PRESENTATION
ON
BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL,
TO MR. CHAD McEACHERN AND THE EDMUNDITE MISSIONS FOR

DEDICATED SERVICE AND DEVOTION TO THE CITY OF SELMA, AND FOR BEING AN "AMBASSADOR" FOR THE CITY OF SELMA! WE OFFER "THANKS AND APPRECIATION" TO MR. CHAD McEACHERN AND THE EDMUNDITE MISSIONS' STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA! THE COUNCIL EXTENDED "WARM REMARKS AND COMMENTS" TO MR. McEACHERN AND THE EDMUNDITE MISSIONS' STAFF WHO WERE PRESENT WITH US ON TONIGHT! WE ALSO EXTEND "CONGRATULATIONS" TO MR. McEACHERN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY OF 80 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY! ACCORDING TO MR. McEACHERN THEY HAVE SERVED OVER 249,000 SERVINGS OF FOOD TO THE COMMUNITY, AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 80 YEARS ON JULY 7, 2017! MR. McEACHERN EXPRESSED "THANKS AND APPRECIATION" TO THE COUNCIL IN "APPRECIATION" OF THE AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR AND SELMA CITY COUNCIL ... "HOW DO WE HELP THOSE WHO ARE POOR – THOSE THAT ARE FIGHTING POVERTY-- HOW DO WE RAISE THE YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN UP OUT OF THIS POVERTY; OUT OF THIS STRIFE?" THIS "RECOGNITION AND HONOR" WERE RECEIVED WITH A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" AND A STANDING OVATION!"

In Closing, Councilman Leashore also stated to Mr. Chad McEachern, "For the record, the Edmundite Learning Center and the Clothing Store are both in Ward 6". Again, we "Appreciate" and offer "Thanks" to Mr. Chad McEachern and the Staff of the Edmundite Missions, for their "Dedicated Service and Devotion" to the City of Selma, Alabama!!!

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and stated that he appreciates them for placing most of his "Agenda Items" on Consent Agenda, but that he did have a "couple" of Items that he wanted to bring before them; Two (2) Resolutions as it relates to Weed Abatement and Condemned Properties that were presented to him on today.)

- A. Resolution #R212-16/17 – Weed Abatement (Phase I). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he just passed out to them Resolution #R212-16/17, Weed Abatement (Phase I), for a total of Six (6) Properties. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve Resolution #R212-16/17 – Weed Abatement (Phase I). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- B. Resolution #R213-16/17 – Condemned Properties. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them Resolution #R213-16/17, Condemned Properties (Declaring Certain Properties as Unsafe Structures), for a total of Four (4) Properties. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R213-16/17, Condemned Properties. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- C. City of Selma – Active Cases. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them, a list of the active and pending Selma Cases, as of June 23, 2017, per the request of Councilman Leashore.
- D. Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he would like to request that they enter into an Executive Session, for about 30 Minutes, to discuss legal issues and concerns, regarding Cases that they have before them.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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

Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie and the Council, that he is advocating that the "business" of the Citizens, needs to return to the Council Meeting, from the Work Session, so that their Elected Officials will know their concerns and their needs. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Ordinance #O105-16/17, Repealing Ordinance #O106-12/13, and Amending Ordinance #O102-04/05. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and four nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Following said roll call, Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie, that he would like to change his "vote", to 'vote' "no"; "so, I can officially keep this on the Agenda of our Council Meetings, as we proceed, in keeping with Roberts Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure". Therefore, there were three affirmative votes and five nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilman Leashore, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote.

II. WARD 4 UPDATES

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Ward 4 Quarterly Meeting is Monday, July 17th, and as soon as she "hears" from Concordia College, she will be able to let them know if they will be meeting there, or at Cedar Park Elementary School.

III. 6TH ANNUAL "JAZZ ON THE GRAZZ" - JUNE 17TH

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she wanted to "Thank You" all for attending, and supporting, the "6th Annual Jazz on the Grazz" Event. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she really appreciates Everyone! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she wanted to also "Thank" Everyone who bought a T-Shirt. "Thanks Again", to Everyone who came out, and was a part of the "6th Annual Jazz on the Grazz"!

IV. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that *One Hot Summer Series III*, has begun, and that we just had the Senior Citizens' Prom on last Friday, June 23rd, which was a "Wonderful Affair"! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there will be an Adult Prom this week, and encourages Everyone to come and participate and be a part of this Event, as well; that if they missed the Senior Citizens Prom last week, then they have an opportunity to be a part of this one, this week. Councilwoman Benjamin again "Thanked" Councilman Randolph for "Chairing" the Senior Citizens' Prom, and also "Thanked" the Edmundite Missions for "partnering" with us to make this Event a Success! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is looking forward to another "Hot Summer Series" Event!

V. 9TH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 26 - 29, 2017

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the 9th Annual Youth Conference is coming up; that it is a 3-Day event scheduled for July 26 - 29, 2017. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the Youth Conference is for Youth between the ages of 12 and 18, and that she would also like to "announce" that July 7th is the deadline, and that it is approaching fast. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that she always solicits their help if they have a Workshop that they would like to present to the Youth, and that if there is a Council Member who would like to do so, to please let her know by Monday, July 2nd. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilman Randolph, that he usually does, "Cooking with Sam and Susan", and that if he has plans for doing this again, or any other Workshop, that he would like to present, that she will need to know about it no later than next Monday, July 3rd.

VI. BROWNSFIELD GRANT

Councilwoman Benjamin asked President Bowie if he had any information on what the process would be for a request as it relates to the Brownsfield Grant? President Bowie answered, and stated that we would have to put this into Committee, and move forward.

VII. WI-FI ACCESS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie that we have increased our Fees for the use of Public Buildings, and Wi-Fi Access, in her opinion, should come with that when we allow someone to rent these Buildings. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated when someone is coming from out of town and they're making a "Presentation" they should be allowed to have Wi-Fi Access. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she did not know until today that there is a \$50.00 Wi-Fi Charge Access, in addition to the fees that they are paying to rent the Building. President Bowie stated to Councilwoman Benjamin, that this is part of her Committee, and that he would like for the Committee to meet, and bring back a recommendation, to move forward from. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would proceed to do so. This Item was "Tabled".

VIII. REQUESTING JULY 3RD OFF FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH JULY THE FOURTH

This Item was Covered during the Mayor's Report.

IX. VETERAN'S BOULEVARD

President Bowie stated that on yesterday during the Work Session, he talked to the Council about "naming" a Street, "Veteran's Boulevard", and that he will definitely be coming back to the Council with a recommendation, as it relates to this, in an effort to move forward with the process.

X. STEERING COMMITTEE FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

President Bowie stated to Council that we are in dire need for a Boys & Girls Club here, and that he will also be coming back to the Council with a Steering Committee for a Boys & Girls Club here in Selma.

XI. POLICE VEHICLES AND UNIFORMS FOR THE SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Johnson stated that they had a Public Safety Committee last night, and he "Thanked" Everyone for coming out, and participating. Councilman Johnson further stated that he got a chance to speak with Police Chief Collier, concerning some things that they need for the Police Department. Councilman Johnson stated that he asked him if he could proceed to purchase Three (3) New Police Vehicles, along with purchasing new Uniforms, which is already in the Budget. Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to make a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve to purchase Three (3) New Police Vehicles and New Uniforms, in which said Items are already budgeted in the Selma Police Department Budget. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Bowie stated to Council that, as was mentioned by Attorney Nunn, we will go into Executive Session for about 30 Minutes, to discuss legal matters. President Bowie further stated at this point and time, the "Chair" will entertain a motion to move into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to *Recess* into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to *Reconvene* back into the Council Meeting, at 6:22 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

XIII. SETTLEMENT, #1

A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the manner in which the Council agreed to "settle", during Executive Session. 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 Thomas abstained from voting.

XIV. SETTLEMENT, #2

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Bowline, to approve to transfer "Option C", from Salary Line Item, Police Department, #1-6100-52100, to Legal Line Item, #1-6000-51004. 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 Thomas abstained from voting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

This report was "Covered" during the discussion of "Business Items"./Made Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Councilwoman Youngblood was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

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

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report./ (During his report, President Bowie stated to Councilman Leashore that he had requested the removal of Consent Agenda Item #6, "To Accept the 2016 Audit Presented by Warren Averett". Councilman Leashore stated that he asked that the said Item be taken off of Consent Agenda to be voted on separately. Councilman Leashore stated that had he voted for it on the Consent Agenda, he would have voted in the "affirmative", but that he wanted to state that it would have been "with reservations". Therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the 2016 Audit Presented by Warren Averett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "Yes, with reservations".

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

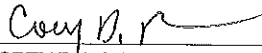
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

DURING CLOSING REMARKS, PRESIDENT BOWIE AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WISHED
EVERYBODY "A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE 4TH OF JULY" HOLIDAY!

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 9, 2017
Council Chamber
1:30 P.M.

The Administrative Committee met with the following committee members present: Chairman Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Council President Corey D. Bowie, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, and Councilman Samuel Randolph.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35p.m.with an opening prayer by Councilman Leashore.

The following two business items were discussed by Councilman Leashore at the Administrative Committee Meeting: **(1)** Planning of Recognition for First Black Mayor James Perkins Jr. **(2)** 4th of July Celebration.

Councilman Leashore stated to the committee that Selma's first African American Mayor should be honored in a befitting way for his contributions during his tenure as mayor. Councilman Leashore also stated that the renaming of the Songs of Selma Park should be renamed after the First African American Mayor James Perkins Jr. and he stated that after extension research, other cities have renamed their city halls after mayors for their accomplishments.

Councilman Leashore asked Councilwoman Youngblood to elaborate further on honoring former Mayor James Perkins Jr. Councilwoman Youngblood informed the committee that she was securing funds for plaques to be placed in the park and for other memorabilia for the renaming of the park.

Councilman Leashore stated that he would get with Mayor James Perkins Jr. for a chronological history of his life. In addition, Councilman Leashore stated he would like to comprise an advisory committee consisting of council members, and citizens to assist with the project.

The committee agreed that Councilwoman Youngblood would chair the 4th of July Celebration with some fireworks and hotdogs at the stadium and that the theme for the 4th of July Celebration would be "Land of the Free because of the Brave." They also agreed that the focus for this year's 4th of July celebration would be to recognize all veterans.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m. by Chairman Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore.