

MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 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, March 14, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl F. Bowline, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilman Sainuel L. Randolph, and Councilman Michael L. Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, and Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer. Councilwoman Susan Youngblood was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:10 p.m. Councilwoman Jannie Thomas was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:12 p.m. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin and Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore were absent from the Council Meeting. Mayor Darrio Melton and his Chief of Staff, Mr. Ollie Davison, were absent from the Council Meeting.

The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Gratefulness":  
*Letting Others Know by My Words and Actions, How They Have Benefited My Life.*

**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 stated to President Bowie, that he would like to *add*, "Security at the Public Works Building". Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to also *add*, "Auburn University Pay Requirements". President Bowie stated that he would "*add*", the "Additional Items" under the Business Items, of the Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the agenda, with said additions. 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, One (1) Item under Consent Agenda, to be considered.

President Bowie named the Item Listed and placed on Consent Agenda, as follow:

- (1) To Approve an Invoice for Holtsford Gilliland Higgins Hitson and Howard, P.C., in the Amount of \$2,457.75.

Following the above discussion, President Bowie asked the Council for a motion to place the said Consent Agenda Item on the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by

Councilman Bowline, to approve the above-named Consent Agenda Item. 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 Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the February 28, 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 Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE  
MEN AND WOMEN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS - WON UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION (U. S.C.A.A.) NATIONAL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES!  
CONCORDIA MEN DEFEATED ILLINOIS TECH, 61-51;  
CONCORDIA WOMEN DEFEATED BEREA, 70-59 - BOTH GAMES WERE IN UNIONTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA ON MARCH 4, 2017 --

WE "CONGRATULATE" BOTH THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, FOR THEIR WIN OF THE NATIONAL U.S.C.A.A. TITLE FOR 2017! WE ASK ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN US IN THIS "RECOGNITION", WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" AND "STANDING OVATION"; WE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THIS "HONOR" OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, AND "APPLAUD AND COMMEND" THEM ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS; ON THEIR SACRIFICE AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND TEAM WORK WHICH ARE QUALITIES THAT WE ARE VERY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE!

CONCORDIA COLLEGE WILL HOLD A "PARADE AND CEREMONY" FOR ITS TWO (2) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAMS ON THIS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>!

COACH FREDRICK SUMMERS, MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, WAS ASKED TO COME FORWARD, TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL! HE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, AND "THANKED" THEM FOR ALLOWING THE TEAMS, COACHES, AND STAFF, TO COME AND BE "RECOGNIZED" ON TONIGHT! COACH SUMMERS INTRODUCED TO THE COUNCIL, ALL OF THE TEAM MEMBERS, ALONG WITH THE COACHING STAFF, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE! COACH SUMMERS, OTHER COACHING STAFF MEMBERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, WITH REMARKS! COUNCIL PRESIDENT BOWIE AND THE COUNCIL "OFFERED" REMARKS AND COMMENTS, AS WELL! AGAIN, WE "APPLAUD AND COMMEND", CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MEN AND WOMEN BASKETBALL PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THEIR U.S.C.A.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, FOR 2017!!!

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's Report.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. RE-NAMING STREET POLICY - RESOLUTION #R176-08/09. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that about Seven (7) Years weeks, the Council Adopted a Resolution, "outlining" the Process we must follow, as it relates to Re-naming a Street. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have a copy of the said Resolution, #R176-08/09, within their packet of information, for review.

B. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LETTER - WEAPONS. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he received a Letter as it relates to Weapons, and that they should have a copy of the same within their packet of information. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Letter from the Attorney General puts the City of Selma on notice, that we must place a sign at the front entrance of City Hall, that Firearms are prohibited within City Hall, which is a requirement of the Alabama Code. Attorney Nunn stated by placing the "sign" at the front entrance of City Hall, this puts us in compliance of the Alabama Code. Please "Note" that the Sign has been placed at the front entrance of the City Hall Building.

C. HOLTSFORD GILLILAND HIGGINS HITSON AND HOWARD, P.C. - INVOICE - AMOUNT OF \$2,457.75 - LEGAL FEES. Approved Consent Agenda Item.

D. ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE (A.T.A.P.) - MOVIE THEATER CONTRACT. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Pastor John Grayson came before the Council, requesting a Five (5)-Year Agreement. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Council took action during our last Council Meeting, pending any questions that the Council may have. Attorney Nunn stated that it was his understanding that the Contract would also be placed in the Public Buildings Committee, for further review. President Bowie stated that Councilwoman Benjamin, who is "Chairing" that Committee, will be calling for a Committee Meeting, and at that time he would like for "questions" to be brought forth, and addressed at that time. Attorney Nunn asked the Council to, in the meantime, review the Contract, and also asked that any questions that they may have, be brought to the Committee Meeting, so that we can move forward with getting the Contract considered for approval.

E. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION - MICHAEL'S PUB - 3548 U.S. HIGHWAY 80 (POLICE JURISDICTION) - MICHAEL W. MacPHERSON (201 PEAR TREE ROAD, SELMA), APPLICANT. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that there is an Application for an Alcoholic Beverage License Application before them now, which appears to have been a bit of a "mix-up", in terms of coming from the City Clerk's Office to his office, in order to be brought before the Council. Attorney Nunn stated that he is only asking that the Council place the Application for Mr. Michael W. MacPherson, Michael's Pub, which is in the Police Jurisdiction, on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, so that he can go back and review it, in order to be brought back before the Council for consideration for approval. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Michael's Pub, located at 3548 U. S. Highway 80 (Police Jurisdiction), to be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Only. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

President Bowie asked the Council to please peruse the R.D.S. Contract, in order for them to take action at our next Council Meeting. President Bowie further stated that there are Five (5) Contracts in the One (1) Packet, and asked that they review all Five (5) Contracts. President Bowie stated that a Representative will also be here during our next Work Session.

President Bowie gave a Financial Report on the "Finances", as it relates to Sales Tax and Lodging Tax. President Bowie further stated that Stores are closing, and that there are declining revenues in Lodging, Sales, and Tobacco Taxes. President Bowie stated to Council that they need to "monitor" the City's spending, and come up with new "Revenue Streams". President Bowie stated that his suggestion would be "SIN Taxes", and that he would also like to "remind" the Council of the possibility of a "Special Election" can be costly! Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to recommend that we have a Special Work Session to address "Revenue" issues. Councilwoman Keith stated that she would like to recommend cutting back, and getting back to the "basics"; back to cleanliness, safeguarding and improving the quality of life.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. SECURITY AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING**

Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to recommend installing security cameras at the Public Works Building, for the safety of women working in the offices at Public Works. Councilman Johnson further stated that we can use Oil Lease Monies to pay for the cameras, and that he would like to get bids on this project.

**II. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PAY RAISE**

Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to recommend pay raises for Administrative Assistants to an annual salary of \$30,000.00. President Bowie stated that the Classification Pay Plan Representatives for whom we hired to do this Pay Plan Study for us, has come before the Council, and stated and advised us on the subject of "equality of pay" for ALL Employees. However, President Bowie "Thanked" Councilman Randolph for his "concerns" about this.

**III. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III**

*Continued.*

**IV. UPDATES ON WARD 4 WORK ORDER REQUESTS**

*Continued.*

V. EPA TESTING - CORNER OF MARIE FOSTER STREET AND FIRST AVENUE

*Continued.*

VI. SELMA'S NIGHT OF HOPE - APRIL 13, 2017

Councilwoman Jackson "*reminded*" Everyone that "*Selma's Night of Hope*" will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at Bloch Park, and stated that she is looking to see Everybody there!

VII. PUBLIC BUILDINGS

President Bowie stated that he would like to state as a "*reminder*" that the City Council is responsible for the City's Public Buildings.

VIII. WARD 2 WORK REQUESTS

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she received an "*update*" with a "*Status Report*" of her Work Requests, and that she was pleased with the Report she received. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that it was a nice Excel Spreadsheet, and that she would like to see it regularly.

IX. BOOK WITH ME: "A GROUP READING PROJECT"

*Continued.*

X. 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JAZZ ON THE GRAZZ

*Continued.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairman

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Bowline acknowledged that he understands what President Bowie has stated in terms of our "Finances", and that, if necessary, we'll have to "cut" some things in terms of our spending, to get some control and management of our Budget.)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairman

Councilman Leashore is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairman

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairman

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. ("*Reminder*" of the Pilgrimage beginning on this Friday; several activities are scheduled for Friday and Saturday; also, "*Reminder*" of the Chili Cook-Off this Thursday; Reminded Everyone to participate in these Events that are planned for our City.)

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Randolph "*Announced*" the Masquerade Ball which will be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and stated that he has tickets if anyone needs to purchase any.)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairman

Councilwoman Jackson made a report./No Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairman

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (Please See Above.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairman

President Bowie gave a Finance Report. (During his report, President Bowie asked that the Council work with Public Works and General Services. President Bowie also stated that we need to "recoup" what is already owed to us, as well.)/Made Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairman

Councilwoman Benjamin is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairman

Councilwoman Thomas made a report./Made Closing Remarks.


EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairman

*Our Prayers are with Mrs. Carneetie Ellison (Recreation Department) in the Loss of Her Father!*

Next City Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:14 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