

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 30, 2017
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

"Moment of Silence"
in

Honor of the "Fallen" Who Have Lost Their Lives; also, in Recognition of the Active Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and our "Own", Councilman Randolph and Councilman Leashore!!!

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, May 30, 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, May 9, 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 during roll call, but arrived at 6:48 p.m.

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 Thomas answered, and stated that she would like to "add", "10th Avenue". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "Addition". 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 Nineteen (19) 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 Utilization of the Riverfront Park for a Wedding on Saturday, November 4, 2017.
- (2) To Approve Monday, July 3, 2017, for an additional "Holiday" for the City of Selma Employees.
- (3) To Approve Ordinance #O107-16/17 - For Sale and Purchase in the Amount of \$400,000.00 Between the City of Selma, and Erudite Holdings, LLC. President Bowie stated in order to take action on this particular Item on tonight, we have Two (2) choices; (1) we can vote on it, to place it on 1st Reading; or (2) we can vote to suspend the rules, in order to take action on it tonight. President Bowie stated, however, in order to "suspend the rules", it would have to be a "unanimous" vote of the Council. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules, in order to take action on Consent Agenda Item #3, on tonight. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R203-16/17, Authorizing Mayor Darrio Melton as the Mayor of the City, to Submit an Application for a Rural Business Development Grant, with a Partnership with a "Private LLC".
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R197-16/17 - Authorizing the City of Selma to Reward Up to \$3,000.00 (Maximum) for Information Leading to the Identification, Arrest, and Conviction of the Person(s) Responsible for Any Homicide Committed in 2017, Within City Limits, or Within the Police Jurisdiction. (President Bowie stated that he talked with Police Chief Spence Collier on today, and he will also be willing to do PSA's on the Radio.)
- (6) To Approve Resolution #R198-16/17 - Declaring Nine (9) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (7) To Approve, for 1st Reading, a Lounge Retail Liquor Class II Package Liquor License for Highway 80 East Package Store-Citgo, Located at 406-B Highway 80. (Police Jurisdiction)
- (8) To Approve, for 1st Reading, a Restaurant Retail Liquor License for Orgampi Farms Farmhouse, LLC, located at 1010 Water Avenue.
- (9) To Approve Resolution #R200-16/17 - To Purchase Property at 821 L. L. Anderson Avenue in Ward 7 for the Amount of \$1,250.00.
- (10) To Approve Resolution #R201-16/17 - To Purchase Property at 827 L. L. Anderson Avenue in Ward 7 for \$2,000.00.
- (11) To Approve Resolution #R202-16/17 - To Accept the Donation of Property at 825 L. L. Anderson Avenue in Ward 7.
- (12) To Approve to Purchase a Lot Located at the Corner of L. L. Anderson Avenue and Church Street in the Amount of \$326.55. (The Funds for the Project will be taken from the Ward 7 Oil Lease Account.)
- (13) To Approve Terminix Contract in the Amount of \$3,870.00 with a \$350.00 Annual Renewal Fee Coming from the Welcome Center Line Item.
- (14) To Approve a Contract with Scott Communication for One (1) Year in the Amount of \$9,600.00 for "Friday's with the Mayor", coming from the Advertisement Line Item.
- (15) To Approve Resolution #R204-16/17 - To Purchase the Riverfront Property for the Amount of \$110,000.00, via \$30,000.00 from Community Development Special Projects' Account, \$2,000.00 from Council Members' and Mayor's Oil Lease Funds, and \$60,000.00 from Line Item #30 7000 73001. (President Bowie stated that he will send out an "amendment" of the Consent Agenda on tomorrow, with this information noted.)
- (16) To Approve Resolution #R205-16/17 - Ratifying and Affirming Each Council Member to Enter into Contracts for Expenditures of Oil Lease/Discretionary Funds, and Authorizing Mayor Darrio Melton to Execute Contracts of \$5,000.00 or less.
- (17) To Approve a Contract of Service Between the City of Selma and Williams Painting & Construction, for a Bike Center in the Amount of \$19,700.00 with \$9,850.00 which is a 50% Deposit of the Total Cost of the Contract and is Due Prior to Commencing the Work.
- (18) To Approve to Purchase a Piece of Property Located at 2327 Selma Avenue for \$100.00, in Ward 8.
- (19) To Strike #13, and to Edit #14, for *Citizens Only*, under the "Rules & Regulations" Contract for Phoenix Park, Per Public Buildings Chairman.

Councilwoman Youngblood stated to President Bowie that, without any "discussion" with the Mayor, that she feels that we should "Table" Consent Agenda Item #2. President Bowie stated that we can "omit" Consent Agenda Item #2, in order to have "discussion" with the Mayor, and "Table" said Item until the next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated, as it relates to Consent Agenda Item #15, that she does not want to hold anything up on this, but that she should know more about the "financial" piece of this Item, by the end of the week. President Bowie stated that we can take action on said Consent Agenda Item 15, "Moving Forward with the Purchase, Pending the Financial Piece". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to "Remove" Consent Agenda Item #15, from the Consent Agenda, for further discussion. President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the remaining Seventeen (17) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve and adopt the above-named Seventeen (17) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Upon Councilman Samuel Randolph's arrival to the Council Meeting at 6:48 p.m., he asked that his "vote" be made a part of the record, as it relates to Consent Agenda Item #3; namely, Ordinance #O107-16/17 - Sale and Purchase in the Amount of \$400,000.00 Between the City of Selma and Erudite Holdings, LLC. Therefore, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilman Randolph stated, "For the record, I vote, "Yes", and the reason I'm voting, "Yes", is because, I want it to be a unanimous decision. I want us to be together on this." (Note: During his "Closing Remarks", Councilman Randolph made "Comments" with regard to this Consent Agenda Item. Those "Closing Remarks" and "Comments", can be seen under, "Standing Committee Reports/Closing Remarks, "Public Works/General Services, Councilman Samuel Randolph, as Chairperson".)

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 9, 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 Bowline, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

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

- A. Ordinance #O107-16/17 - Sale and Purchase of the St. James Hotel. *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- B. Resolution #R203-16/17 - Rural Business Development Grant (USDA). *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- C. ATRIP Project - Summerfield Road - J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard to Summerfield Road and Woodrow Avenue. ("FYI" - This Project is set to begin on June 28th, for no longer than Sixty (60) days.)

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and stated that he appreciates them for placing a majority of his "Agenda Items" on Consent Agenda.)

A. Resolution #R204-16/17 - A Resolution to Purchase Property at Riverfront Park from Mrs. Martha P. Strickland, in the Amount of \$110,000.00. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R204-16/17, A Resolution to Purchase Property at Riverfront Park from Mrs. Martha P. Strickland, in the Amount of \$110,000.00, was taken off of Consent Agenda, for discussion. Attorney Nunn further stated that this is a piece of property down on the Riverfront, as was discussed during last Thursday's Work Session. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R204-16/17, A Resolution to Purchase Property at Riverfront Park from Mrs. Martha P. Strickland, in the Amount of \$110,000.00, via the following: \$30,000.00, Community Development Tourism Fund, \$2,000.00 from each Council Member and Mayor's Oil Lease Funds, and the balance coming out of funds earmarked for the Brown Y.M.C.A., in the amount of \$60,000.00. During more discussion, Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there was a "Council Member" who stated during last Thursday's Work Session, that she needed her Oil Lease Funds for her Ward; therefore, Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Youngblood stated that they will both make up the difference, in the event the "Councilwoman" is unable to use her Oil Lease Funds, due to the funds being needed in her "respective" Ward. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Following the above roll call, Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to make it a "matter of record", and state the following; "Thanks to all; that it is in Ward 8, but this is for all of the City of Selma"! Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and Everyone for the action taken on this Item. Attorney Nunn stated if we do receive the "funding", as it relates to the "project" that Councilwoman Youngblood is working on, then we will come back before the Council. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that we should know something by the end of the week.

Councilman Johnson stated to Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the Council, that he realizes that Mayor Melton is not here tonight, but that he would like to get an "update" on the \$4 Million Sewer Project. During discussion, President Bowie stated to Mr. Davison that he would like for Mr. Ray Hogg, to email the Council with an "update", and a "status" on the Projects relative to the Sewer and Storm Drainage Projects. Mr. Davison stated that he would follow-up on this request.

B. List of City-Owned Properties. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have a copy of a list of properties that are owned by the City of Selma. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie and the Council, that she would like for the Council and City Attorney to get together, and meet, as it relates to said Properties, in terms of putting these pieces of properties up for "bidding"; that we should have

an Auction on these Properties, and ask for the "highest bidder", to try and get these properties sold. Attorney Nunn stated that we can have an "Auction", or just, put the properties up for sale, and ask for a bid on the Property. Councilman Leashore stated to the Council that we need to be about "growing" our City, and that he thinks that they need to place back on the Agenda, "Annexation of the West Corridor" of our City. Councilman Leashore further stated that he thinks that it can be easily done because there are no Residents out in that area; that when we talk about annexing our city, we are "growing" our City. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Councilman Leashore, that he is correct; that we need to "visit" this, and that she wants her "Fellow" Council Members to understand this; that there are businesses, and People who get our sewer, utilities off of our Franchises, and water; that they don't have to pay anything beyond the ½ Cent Sales Tax. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that we need to be looking at that, "sooner rather than later". Councilman Leashore stated, if the record reflects, there were 15 Businesses that encompasses that area, and that, in his opinion, it was the Council back then, that "voted" it down, but he feels this Council does have the best interest of the City at heart; that we need to be about "growing our City"!

- C. Resolution #R197-16/17 - A Resolution Authorizing a Reward Up to \$3,000.00 for Information Leading to the Identification, Arrest, and Conviction of the Person(s) Responsible for Any Homicide Committed in 2017. Approved Consent Agenda.
- D. Resolution #R198-16/17 - Condemned Properties. Approved Consent Agenda.
- E. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Highway 80 Package Store - Citgo - Lounge Retail Liquor Class II - Package - 406-B Highway 80, East. Approved Consent Agenda.
- F. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Orgampi Farms Farmhouse, LLC - Restaurant Retail Liquor - 1010 Water Avenue. Approved Consent Agenda.
- G. Resolution #R200-16/17 - A Resolution to Purchase Property at 821 L. L. Anderson Avenue (Formerly Small Avenue). Approved Consent Agenda.
- H. Resolution #R201-16/17 - A Resolution to Purchase Property at 827 L. L. Anderson Avenue (Formerly Small Avenue). Approved Consent Agenda.
- I. Resolution #R202-16/17 - A Resolution to Accept the Donation of Property at 825 L. L. Anderson Avenue (Formerly Small Avenue). Approved Consent Agenda.
- J. Request to Purchase Property for City Taxes - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas - Oil Lease Account. Approved Consent Agenda.
- K. Terminix Contract - Welcome Center. Approved Consent Agenda.
- L. WJAM Contract - "Fridays with the Mayor". Approved Consent Agenda.
- M. Resolution #R205-16/17 - Authority Given to Mayor to Execute Contracts of \$5,000.00 or Less; Approval of All Council Contracts When Expensed from Discretionary Funds and/or Oil Lease Funds. Approved Consent Agenda.
- N. Williams Painting & Construction Contract - Bike Center Renovations - \$19,700.00. Approved Consent Agenda.
- O. Purchase of 2327 Selma Avenue - \$100.00 - From State of Alabama (Near Selma Avenue Fire Station). Approved Consent Agenda.
- P. Procedures for "Abatement of Weeds", and "Demolishing and/or Repairing of Unsafe Structures (Condemned Properties)". Attorney Nunn provided a "brief" overview and explanation of the Procedures for "Abatement of Weeds", and "Condemned Properties".

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 there is nothing requiring any of them to attend a Work Session, and that it is rarely attended by the "majority" of this Council. Councilman Leashore stated for Citizens to be relegated to a Work Session is just "mind-boggling". Councilman Leashore stated that it is important to Citizens that they engage their government where they can conduct official business; that no official business is conducted at a Work Session. Councilman Leashore stated, "We

are a government of the People, for the People, and by the People, and for us to systematically deny the People to engage us is, 'mind-boggling'". 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 three affirmative votes and five nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Following roll call, Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie, that he would like to change his "vote", to 'vote' "no", with the *majority*. Therefore, there were two affirmative votes and six nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilman Leashore, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Following said roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "For the benefit of the People who voted for us to do their business with the City, I will continue to place this on the Agenda.

II. WARD 4 UPDATES

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she had put in a request for "special" lighting, and asked Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, if he could tell her where her request was in the "line up" for lighting? Mr. Davison answered, and stated that they are working with Alabama Power on this matter. Mr. Davison asked Councilwoman Benjamin, when was her request put in? Councilwoman Benjamin answered, and stated that it been put in for a while. Mr. Davison stated that what they would like is to get through the Comprehensive Plan that Alabama Power Company is doing on behalf of the City, because if a light is added at this point, it will be one of the "older" lights, and that it would be at a higher cost to the City, than if we were to wait until after the Comprehensive Plan is complete. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the area she is speaking about really does need more lighting in that area. Mr. Davison stated to Councilwoman Benjamin, that they will look into this for her.

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 asked Everyone to "tune" in to the Radio for the "Surprise" for Young People, between the ages of 12 and 18! Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that there is going to be "Good Food, Good People", and asked Everyone to come out and "Meet Some 'New' Neighbors"!

IV. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that *One Hot Summer Series III*, starts the beginning of June, through September (Labor Day Weekend). Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the "Kick-Off" is this weekend, with "Fashion on the River", with Local Boutiques and a Business Owner, here on Broad Street; Three (3) Local Businesses have "partnered" with each other; "Turning Heads Boutique and Pavilion Boutique; further, Lexden's Formal Boutique has 'joined' in with them"! Let's Come Out and Support them at the Convention Center, this Friday, June 2nd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that on the next day, Saturday, June 3rd, the "Unity in the Community" will be held in the Phoenix Park Area, at 4:00 p.m. Please Come Out and Support this Event, as well!

V. VOTE FOR PLACEMENT OF SPEED BREAKERS ON CEDAR DRIVE AND McDONALD AVENUE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she was waiting to hear the report back from Police Chief Collier, as it relates to the Speed Bumps on Cedar Drive and McDonald Avenue. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that she chose to bring this Item up for a "vote" tonight, to see how we stand on getting speed bumps installed in that area; that the Petition has been done already. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that, when Councilwoman Thomas placed this Item back on the Agenda, she took it upon herself to call Fire Chief Toney Stephens, as it relates to the placement of speed breakers on Cedar Drive and McDonald Avenue. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that he explained the situation to her extensively, and she felt that the explanation should be brought to the Council. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Chief Stephens is here tonight, and asked President Bowie if he could come up, and address the Council. Meanwhile, Councilman Johnson stated that he had also received letters from both "Chiefs", Police Collier and Fire Chief Stephen, in terms of the danger of placing the speed bumps. Chief Stephens was asked to come forward, and address the Council with an explanation of the repair costs that Fire Trucks incur when they "hit" a speed bump on a street. Chief Stephens gave a "brief" explanation of what the fire trucks incur when they're going on an emergency call, in terms of the speed bumps, along with the repair costs of the same. Chief Stephens also stated that in speaking with Police Chief Collier, he is looking into an "alternative" for this problem. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she was glad that she explained this on the "air", so that the Citizens can know "why" they can't have the speed bumps that have been requested. President Bowie asked if the Ordinance can be amended to include in the "Petition", giving Citizens an opportunity to have a Public Hearing, in an effort to offer a "Q & A", as it relates to speed bumps? President Bowie stated that we need to implement having a Public Hearing for the Citizens. Councilwoman Thomas stated that her recommendation

is to look into getting something as an alternative method to be used. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she has spoken with Mayor Melton, and that he is looking into something regarding this issue, as well. Councilman Johnson stated that he thinks that they need to give Police Chief Collier an opportunity to look into a way to try and resolve this issue.

VI. 10TH AVENUE AT RUTH STREET

Councilwoman Thomas stated that the area of 10th Avenue, going in to Ruth Street, has been "patched and patched", and that she has gotten several calls regarding this, and it is getting worse. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has spoken with Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, and Attorney Nunn, about getting some funds to repair this area. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has received a proposal in the amount of \$25,400.00 for repair of this area. Councilman Leashore stated that this is the same kind of street "condition" that is in other "Wards", as well. Councilwoman Thomas stated that Public Works has been out there and "patched" this area on many occasions, but that it is getting worse, and the Residents in Ward 7 have asked her to try and get this area repaired. During discussion, this Item is "Tabled" for now.

VII. 4TH OF JULY

This Item was "Tabled".

VIII. McDUFFY AVENUE

Councilwoman Youngblood stated this matter goes back approximately Five (5) years ago when Bush Hog came to us regarding the street closing. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that the Railroad People wanted Oak Street closed, too. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that it was stated to her, by the Railroad People, that whenever a City closes a street on behalf of the Railroad, that they give the "Representative" of that Ward, \$7,500.00 to spend on Capital Improvements within that Ward. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that McDuffy Avenue is being used more by People now, and that trees and brush have grown up. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that the trees need to be cut down, and cut back because they've had a couple of wrecks there. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that she never got anything to use on Capital Improvements, and did not "press" it at that time, but at this time, she's coming to the Council, asking for \$7,500.00 to help with cutting down the trees because it's a safety issue. President Bowie stated that it can be used with Oil Lease or Gas Tax Funds. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would like to use the gas tax funds. President Bowie asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, how much was in the Gas Tax Fund? Ms. Wade answered, and stated that approximately \$37,000.00 is in the fund, after "Obligations". During discussion, President Bowie stated to Councilwoman Youngblood that she could perhaps use Oil Lease Funds to take care of this. Following discussion, Councilwoman Youngblood stated, that she will "Table" this matter for now, and come back before the Council. Following more discussion, Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie that we have to be fair; "I want Councilwoman Thomas to have what she needs, and we have funds due to Councilwoman Youngblood, that were due to her some time ago, for Capital Improvements in her Ward, Ward 2. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated, since they have found out that the funds are here, she would like to make a motion to approve the \$7,500.00 to be used to cut the trees down on McDuffy Avenue, via the Gas Tax Fund. The motion died for lack of a "second"; therefore, the Motion Failed.

Following the above discussion and action, Councilman Leashore stated, "Out of respect for my 'Colleague', Councilwoman Benjamin, when you make that 'motion', you run the risk of showing 'favoritism'; this City is in need of a lot of things. I can assure you that our resources are very "minute"; this is nothing 'hard' against my Colleague, Councilwoman Thomas. This is reality; our needs are plentiful!" Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "I made the motion because it was the 'right' thing to do."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Bowline stated that he is still trying to find Grants for "Tennis Courts".)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Leashore stated that he would like to "Thank" the Citizens for coming out to the Ward Meeting on last Thursday, May 25th; that it was a good "turn out"! Councilman Leashore stated that he did not realize when it was scheduled that it would be on the same night of Selma High School's Graduation. Councilman Leashore further stated that he will be the first to admit that there are needs within our City. Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that he would like to have an Administrative Committee Meeting on Friday, June 9th, at 1:30 p.m.)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

This report was "Covered" during the discussion of "Business Items"/Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Johnson stated that he will be having a Ward Meeting on Thursday, June 1st, at Water Avenue Baptist Church (Corner of Grey Street and Water Avenue), at 6:00 p.m., to discuss public safety, code enforcement, general services and to also hear Citizens' issues and concerns. Councilman Johnson encouraged Everyone to attend, and stated, "even if you're not a Resident of Ward 8, you are still invited to come out to this Meeting". Councilman Johnson "announced", "Community Fun Day" 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. 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 also "announced" the Edmundite Community Festival will be held on this Friday, June 2nd, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. - Everyone is invited to attend!!!)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During her Report, Councilwoman Youngblood stated that we can't have Community Development without Public Safety; that crime is a problem for all of us.)

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

Councilman Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting at this time. (Upon his arrival, Councilman Randolph stated that he did not have a report for tonight's Council Meeting, but he did want to make a "comment", as it relates to the "Sale of the St. James Hotel Contract". Councilman Randolph stated, "I'm going to "vote yes", but I'm very concerned about the Contract, in terms of what our Attorney did for the City, as it relates to the Sale of the St. James. The Buyers got everything that they wanted, and it seems like our Attorney wasn't working for the City; that's how I feel. Most of the Council up here feel that way, but I can't say it for them; they'll have to say it for themselves. When we first starting dealing with this, the Buyer's name was "Fubu", and their name now is "Erudite Holdings, LLC". You see, you have to be concerned about that. I don't want to be the "scrooge" up here, but I'm just telling you; I'm not "feeling it" with them. But, for the record, I vote, "Yes", and the reason I'm voting, "Yes", is because, I want it to be a unanimous decision. I want us to be together on this." Councilman Randolph further stated to President Bowie that he want us to keep our City in Prayer! Councilman Randolph stated that he has been saying for years, that we have a "gang problem" in Selma. Councilman Randolph further stated that it is going to take the whole "village" of Selma to stop all of this "gang violence and shooting" in Selma, and stated, "I know Prayer Changes Things! And, Prayer Does Change Things!!!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Jackson "announced" 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). Also, during her Remarks, Councilwoman Jackson "Thanked" her Colleagues and Everyone for their "Prayers and Acts of Kindness" during the passing of her Sister. We will continue to "Lift You and Your Family Up in Prayer", Councilwoman Jackson!)

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 that there was a Finance Committee Meeting on Friday, and that he will definitely have the Minutes of that Meeting to the Council before our next Council Meeting. President Bowie further stated that they talked about "Revenue Streams", and that they also discussed that there will be an Audit Review scheduled on June 19th. President Bowie stated that they also talked about possibly moving towards having a "Municipal Advisor" during said meeting. President Bowie further stated that the Tax & License Department, Finance and Recreation Departments, along with Municipal Court, should get together and set policies for internal control. President Bowie stated he spoke with Police Chief Collier on today and that they had a great meeting. President Bowie stated that their meeting was concerning what can be done to minimize our "crime" problems. President Bowie further stated that they also talked about having a "Police Precinct" within each Ward of our City.)

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they will be scheduling a Public Buildings Committee Meeting pretty soon, and that she has the "Edmund Pettus Bridge, and the information concerning it, on the "Agenda", for discussion. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mr. Ollie Davison for a copy of the Mayor's "Movies in the Park" schedule, so that she can "announce" that

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along with the other "announcements" on tomorrow morning, when she goes on the "radio". Mr. Davison stated that he would get her a copy.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

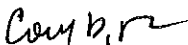
Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During her report, Councilwoman Thomas stated that they will also be working on repairing and building "sidewalks" in Ward 7, using some of her Oil Lease Funds.)

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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 6:58 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 9, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

"Moment of Silence"
on Behalf of the Recent Murders in our City!

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, May 9, 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, May 9, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, and Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer. Mayor Darrio Melton and his Chief of Staff, Mr. Ollie Davison, were absent from the Council Meeting. Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:06 p.m. Councilman Carl Bowline was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:24 p.m.

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? President Bowie stated that he had been asked by Councilwoman Thomas, to "add", "Petition for Speed Breakers on Cedar Drive and McDonald Avenue, and Traffic Camera at the Intersection of Summerfield road and Woodrow Avenue. Councilman Randolph asked to "add", "4th of July Festivities," to the Agenda. President Bowie stated that said "Items", will be "added", and become Business Item "#X, #XI, and #XII", respectively. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the Agenda, with the above-mentioned "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, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration that they discussed at length during the Work Session on Thursday. President Bowie further stated that Two (2) "additional" Items will be "added" to the Consent Agenda, and that with those "additions", they have before them a Total of Ten (10) Items, for consideration. President Bowie 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 Consider a Reimbursement in the Amount of \$725.00 Due to an Unforeseen Situation at One of the City's Public Buildings.
- (2) To Approve Resolution #R190-16/17, Declaring Forty-Nine (49) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase I, a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Weed Abatement.
- (3) To Approve Resolution #R191-16/17 - Declaring Nine (9) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R191-16/17 - 2017, "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday, Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2017, and Ending at 12 o'clock Midnight on Sunday, July 23, 2017.
- (5) Resolution #R196-16/17 - A Resolution of the Council Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Letter of Intent for "Let's Play" Construction KABOOM Grant; To Approve Councilwoman Jammie Thomas, to move forward with some land in Ward 7, for a Recreation Park to be located at L. L. Anderson Avenue. In addition, the Council also authorizes Attorney Nunn to move forward with the State of Alabama, to secure the land for the Recreation Park in Ward 7, on Church Street.
- (6) To Approve a Fee Waiver for the Convention Center for May 17, 2017 - R. B. Hudson Middle School Athletic Banquet.
- (7) To Approve Resolution #R193-16/17 - Badge and Service Weapon for "Retired" Officer Ray Moore.
- (8) To Approve \$5,000.00 for Repairs at the Old Depot Museum, via Line Item, 30-6000-57190.
- (9) To Approve Resolution #R194-16/17, Declaring Eight (8) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase I, a Public Nuisance and Immediate Weed Abatement.
- (10) To Approve Resolution #R195-16/17, Nine (9) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.

Councilman Randolph stated to President Bowie that he would like to "Remove" Consent Agenda Item #1, for discussion. President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "Floor" to adopt and approve the remaining Nine (9) Items on Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve and adopt the above-named Nine (9) 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 April 25, 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 Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one abstention. President Bowie abstained from voting.

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council, and stated that all of his "Agenda Items" were put on Consent Agenda.)

A. Ordinance #O105-16/17 - An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #O106-12/13, and Amending Ordinance #O102-04/05 - Adoption of City Council Rules and Procedures. Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that he would like to move forward, and allow the Council to engage in a discussion to vote the Item of Ordinance #O105-16/17, "up or down". Councilman Randolph stated to President Bowie, that he didn't have a problem with Citizens coming before the Council, but that he would like to amend the motion to give Citizens the option of either coming before the Council during a Council Meeting or Work Session, and that if Citizens are requesting funds *only*, that they come before the Council during the Work Session, to make those requests known to the Council. President Bowie stated, before casting his vote, that he would like to state, that the main purpose of moving Citizens to the Work Session, was to try and streamline the Council Meetings; that roughly 182 Citizens came before the Council in 2015, and that of that number, 92 (44%) were funding requests. President Bowie further stated if action was required on behalf of the Citizens, with them coming to the Work Session, a "vote" could be taken at the Council Meeting, following the "Thursday's" Work Session, and that, otherwise, they would have to wait until the next Council Meeting, which would be an additional Two (2) weeks. President Bowie stated that from January, 2016, through December, 2016, we

had 67 Citizens to come before the Council, with 18 requesting funding; "basically, 27%". President Bowie stated beginning with January, 2017, up until now, we have had 23 Citizens to come before the Council, and that of that "number", 35% had asked for funding. President Bowie stated, "If Citizens come to Work Session it is more effective, and more efficient, and this is just my opinion, and at this point and time, my vote will be 'No'". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve Ordinance #O105-16/17, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #O106-12/13, Adoption of City Council Rules and Procedures. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed due to a "Tie" vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes, and four nay votes. President Bowie, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Following roll call, Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that, "This is a 'Body' of Elected Officials, elected by the Citizens, to come to City Hall, to do their 'business; afterall, Citizens' business is what we/do here, and if a Citizen cannot be allowed to come before this Council to make a request for speed breakers, or whatever, then we're giving Citizens a disservice to not allow them to come and engage us. I stand firmly that we should always allow Citizens to engage in a discussion with us." President Bowie stated, "We do allow them to engage us; at the Work Session".

Upon Councilman Bowline's arrival to this Evening's Council Meeting, Councilwoman Youngblood asked President Bowie, if she was in "order" to ask Councilman Bowline, if he would like to "vote" on the Item of, Ordinance #O105-16/17, Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #O106-12/13 and Amending Ordinance #O102-04/05? President Bowie answered, and stated that he was about to ask Councilman Bowline the same question; therefore, Councilman Bowline was asked if he wanted to "vote" and take action on said Ordinance #O105-16/17? Councilman Bowline answered, and stated, "My vote is 'No'". Therefore, a roll call vote was taken and the motion failed due to lack of a majority vote of the Council. There were four affirmative votes, and five nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Following said "action" of the Council, Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie, that he would like to change his "vote" on said "action" from an affirmative vote to a "No" vote. At this point and time, there are three affirmative votes and six nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilman Leashore, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Further, Councilman Leashore stated, "I would like to change my 'vote', in the affirmative, to a "nay vote", in an effort to be brought back up. This issue is not going to 'die' as long as I'm on this Council; that, whatever it is going to take to keep this issue on the 'Table' where I can bring this back up for a "vote" is where I stand on this; this is for the Citizens' business. Let the record reflect the reason why I'm changing my 'vote'".

- B. Resolution #R190-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase I). *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- C. Resolution #R191-16/17 - Condemned Properties. *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- D. Resolution #R192-16/17 - Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday. *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- E. Request to Purchase Two (2) Lots from the State of Alabama. *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- F. Resolution #R194-16/17 - Weed Abatement (Phase I). *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- G. Ordinance #R195-16/17 - Condemned Properties. *Approved Consent Agenda.*
- H. Resolution #R193-16/17 - Retirement of Officer Ray Moore - Release of Duty Badge and Weapon. *Approved Consent Agenda.*

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. ORDINANCE #O105-16/17 - REPEALING ORDINANCE #O106-12/13, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE #O102-04/05
This Item was "Covered" during the City Attorney's Report.
- II. WARD 4 UPDATES
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 stated that they would love for all of us to attend! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Ms. Towanda Friday who works with the Dallas County Courthouse, and is "Owner" of the Ice Cream Shop" is here, and "invited" her to come forward to offer an "update" to the Council. Ms. Friday addressed the Council, and presented an

"update" on where we are with the "Jazz on the Grass" Event. Following Ms. Friday's "update", Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Mrs. Nicole Washington, Mr. Anthony Moore, Mrs. Ainka (Sanders) Jackson, and "Others" are here, and that she is glad to see them in the audience. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she will be getting with them along with other Members of the "Jazz on the Grass" Committee, as well as, Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Youngblood, and all who are on this "Panel". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she "applauds" the "Private Citizens", because without them, we could not offer this as a free event to the Public. We are very appreciative of all of them!

IV. ONE HOT SUMMER SERIES III

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that *One Hot Summer Series III*, starts the beginning of June, through September (Labor Day Weekend). Councilwoman Benjamin further stated if anyone wants to place an "event" on the calendar, to please feel free to contact her, to get their "event" on the calendar.

V. UPDATE ON ST. JAMES HOTEL

President Bowie stated to Council that there will be a "Representative" from "Fubu" here on this Friday, to give the Council an "update". Councilman Leashore stated that he was hoping that a "Representative" from the Gamble Law Firm would've been here during the Work Session to give us an "update" on where they are with the St. James, and the Legal Fees we've incurred, and so forth. President Bowie stated to Councilman Leashore, and the Council that he will make contact with the Gamble Law Firm, and ask that they be at our next Work Session to bring forth an "update" to the Council.

VI. COMMUNITY GARDENS

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they have reached their "goal" of Seven (7) Gardens, and that they will need some help with weeding and watering. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that if anyone is interested in "Fall" Planting, to please let her know.

VII. WARD 4 REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie and the Council, that she has forwarded a request to meet with Mayor Melton, as it relates to her Ward, and that she is awaiting a response to her request.

VIII. SELMA HIGH SCHOOL "FIRST SIDEWALK SALE" - MAY 6TH - 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Councilman Randolph "Thanked" Everyone for coming out and supporting the "First Sidewalk Sale", at Selma High School, this past Saturday; that the School "raised" approximately \$900.00 in sales!

IX. K-9 DOG - SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

President Bowie stated to Council that he will be getting with Police Chief Collier to ask questions as it relate to how many K-9 dogs we have, and how much is the cost to "train" the K-9 Dogs. President Bowie further stated that he is concerned, and that they need to make sure that the 2-Year Contracts with the K-9 Dogs are not "broken". President Bowie asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, to inform him when the City of Selma has been "billed", and that once he gets a report, he will be bringing it back before the Council.

X. PETITION FOR SPEED BREAKERS

Councilwoman Thomas stated that safety is important to her in the Ward, and that it is her duty to serve her Constituents of her Ward; that they did a "Petition" and followed the "steps" for speed breakers which was turned in to the Mayor's Office to get processed. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that the Citizens of that Ward have asked her to still try to get the Speed Breakers. Councilman Johnson stated that there was a Public Safety Committee Meeting, as it relates to the request for speed breakers, and that the Fire Chief and Police Chief gave "reasons" for not having speed bumps in that area. Councilman Johnson stated that their recommendation was to not place speed breakers down in that area. Councilman Johnson stated that Chief Collier did state that they will be monitoring that area, for drivers who may be "speeding". Councilman Johnson stated that he is trying to "honor" what the Police Chief and Fire Chief have recommended to us. Councilman Johnson stated to Councilwoman Thomas, that he was "with" her; that public safety is important to him, also. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she would have liked to have made a recommendation on the kind of speed bump that would have been good for that area, but that they didn't give her a chance to do so. During discussion, Councilman Johnson stated that he is going to schedule another Public Safety Committee Meeting, to re-visit this matter.

XI. TRAFFIC CAMERA ON SUMMERFIELD ROAD AND WOODROW AVENUE

Councilwoman Thomas stated that Citizens in the area of Summerfield Road and Woodrow Avenue asked that she would check into having a Traffic Camera installed at the intersection of Summerfield Road

and Woodrow Avenue, due to the fact that a lot of accidents have occurred there. President Bowie stated that he will get with Sgt. Nix of the Police Department, to get some feedback, as it relates to a Feasibility Study. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she agrees with Councilwoman Thomas, because what happens on her "side" of Woodrow Avenue, affects "my" side of Woodrow Avenue. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that it is a very dangerous traffic light, and that it is often "out"; that she has often put in work requests for that problem. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is against traffic cameras being put up all over the City, but that she definitely feels one needs to be there. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Traffic Cameras at intersections cause a lot of "rear" end accidents, in her opinion, but that particular traffic light is a danger, and she agrees with Councilwoman Thomas on this matter. Councilman Johnson stated that during the Public Safety Committee Meeting, this matter was discussed. Councilman Johnson further stated that this traffic intersection is already on the "List", and that he thinks a Feasibility Study has already been done on this traffic light.

XII. 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Councilman Randolph stated that he would like for the Council to set aside funds for the 4th of July Holiday Festivities, in the amount of \$10,000.00, via the "M30-Special Projects Fund Account". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the amount of \$10,000.00 for the "4th of July Holiday Festivities", via the "M30-Special Projects Fund Account". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were eight affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Bowline cast a nay vote.

Councilman Randolph also asked that we Pray for the *Family of Mr. Charlie "Lump" Sanders*, and our Prayers are with them!

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RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Leashore "announced" that there will be a Ward 6 Meeting on Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m., at Macedonia Community Center.)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During her Report, Councilwoman Youngblood asked Attorney Nunn to check into the legality of whether or not Bell Road can be "extended" with an "extra" lane; that some concerned Citizens have asked her if there could be a "turn arrow" lane at Bell Road and Medical Center Parkway. Attorney Nunn stated that he would check into that for her, and follow back up with an "answer".)

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

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During his Closing Remarks, Councilman Randolph stated that he would also like to "partner" with Councilwoman Youngblood, to work with him on the "4th of July Festivities". Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would be happy to do so, and would start with planning the "Festivities" on tomorrow.)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report./ (During his report, President Bowie stated to Council that he will be writing a letter to Mayor Melton, asking for a Meeting with Municipal Court, Tax & License, Finance and Recreation Departments, about establishing some financial procedures in day-to-day operations.

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President Bowie stated that he would also like to "Wish" all of the Mothers, "A Happy Mother's Day"!

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks. (During her Closing Remarks, Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to say, "Happy Graduation" to "All of the Graduates" who are about to "Graduate"! "Happy Mother's Day" to All of the "Mothers"!!!)

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

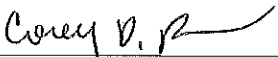
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EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

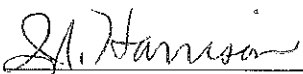
NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

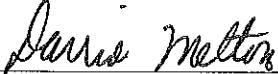
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*