

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 28, 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, November 28, 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, November 28, 2017, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison and City Attorney Jimmy Nunn. Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood was absent from the Council Meeting.

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The Inward Strength to Withstand Stress and My Best.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items; a Total of Five (5) Items, for consideration.

Council 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 \$6,246.50.
- (2) To Approve Tuesday, December 26, 2017 and Tuesday, January 2, 2018, as "Official Holidays" for City Employees.
- (3) To Approve the Continuation of the 2016/2017 Budget for an Additional Ninety (90) Days, Pending the Reclassification of Auburn University's Pay Plan.
- (4) To Approve Resolution #R113-17/18 - Approving the Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday Exempting Certain Covered Items from Municipal Sales and Use Tax During the Period

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018, and Ending at 12:00 Midnight on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

- (5) To Approve Resolution #R111-17/18 - Declaring the City of Selma Qualifies as a Political Subdivision of the State of Alabama for the Purpose of Operating a Public Aircraft.

Council President Bowie asked for a "motion" from the "floor" to approve all Five (5) Items on Consent Agenda. Councilman Leashore asked that Consent Agenda Item Number Five (5), be taken off of the Consent Agenda, for further discussion. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve and adopt the remaining Four (4) 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, Council President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, and hopefully Everyone has had the opportunity to peruse the said Minutes. Council President Bowie asked the Council if there were any corrections and/or deletions to the November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes? With there being no corrections, Council President Bowie stated that, at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to approve said Minutes of November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2017. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

MR. BENJAMIN BAYNES, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RECOGNITION OF, AND CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION WAS PRESENTED TO  
MR. BENJAMIN BAYNES ON BEHALF OF 24 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
CITY OF SELMA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE  
COUNCILMAN SAMUEL RANDOLPH, CHAIRMAN  
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE THOMAS, COMMITTEE MEMBER  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL JOHNSON, COMMITTEE MEMBER

"COMMENTS" WERE MADE BY PRESIDENT BOWIE AND  
THE COUNCIL, AS WELL AS, MR. BAYNES!

"CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES" ON A HAPPY RETIREMENT EXTENDED TO  
MR. BAYNES, WHICH WAS 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 for his Items on "Consent Agenda", and stated that he has a couple of "new" items for discussion.)

Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he would like to request an Executive Session for about 15 - 20 Minutes, to discuss the St. James Hotel. President Bowie stated, at this time, the "Chair" would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to "Recess" into an Executive Session, at 5:11 p.m., for about 15 - 20 minutes, to discuss the St. James Hotel. A roll call 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 Councilman Leashore, to "Reconvene" back into the Council Meeting at 5:35 p.m. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Letter of Intent:

A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to adopt the "Letter of Intent", as it relates to the St. James Hotel. A roll call vote was taken. Initially, there were four affirmative votes, two nay votes, and two votes which were "passed". Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Benjamin each cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Thomas "passed" on voting; President Bowie "passed" on voting, but after the "initial" roll call, "changed" his "pass" vote to an affirmative vote. Therefore, the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes, two nay votes, and one "pass" vote. Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Benjamin each cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Thomas "passed" on voting.

- A. Redevelopment Authority. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Mrs. Juanda Maxwell of the Redevelopment Authority Board is here tonight, and that he would like to ask that she come forward, and address the Council, as it relates to the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority Board. Mrs. Maxwell addressed the Council, and stated that the Board would like for the Executive Director who they have hired to be an employee for the City of Selma, so that she can continue receiving health insurance and retirement. Mrs. Maxwell further stated that they will reimburse the City for the Base Salary and any other expenses. President Bowie asked Mrs. Maxwell, do we have an "MOU" (Memorandum of Understanding)? Mrs. Maxwell answered, and stated that their Attorney will get with our Attorney, to draw up a Contract for reimbursement to the City, for Expenses. Mrs. Maxwell stated that the reimbursement of funds will be funded through a Grant, which they have for Three (3) Years. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, that this Council go on record supporting this endeavor for an Executive Director for the Redevelopment Authority Board, and that the City Attorney will bring back a Resolution outlining the same, at our next Council Meeting. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and three nay votes. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline and Councilwoman Benjamin cast a nay vote. During roll call, President Bowie stated, "I would have to review the Contract, prior to voting on it". During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "I concur with President Bowie; would like to see the contract, please." During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "I do not have the Contract to review prior to voting on this".
- B. Resolution #R111-17/18 - To Declare that the City of Selma Qualifies as a Political Subdivision of the State of Alabama for the Purpose of Operating a Public Aircraft. Attorney Nunn stated that this Item was taken off of the *Consent Agenda*, for discussion, and that he would like to ask Fire Chief Toney Stephens to come forward, and address the Council, regarding this Item in "detail". Fire Chief Stephens addressed the Council with an explanation, concerning the Aircraft (Drone). President Bowie and the Council "Thanked" Chief Stephens for the explanation. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve Resolution #R111-17/18, Resolution to Declare that the City of Selma Qualifies as a Political Subdivision of the State of Alabama for the Purpose of Operating a Public Aircraft. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- C. Resolution #R113-17/18 - 2018, Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- D. A.M.I.C - Reimbursement - \$6,246.50. Approved Consent Agenda Item.
- E. Resolution #R117-17/18 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1) - Six (6) Properties. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R117-17/18, Weed Abatement (Phase 1), for Six (6) Properties. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R117-17/18 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1), for Six (6) Properties. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- F. Resolution #R114-17/18 - A Resolution Approving an Application to Form a Public Building Authority. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R114-17/18, An Application to Form a Public Building Authority; that Three (3) Individuals; namely, Mr. James Andy Stewart, Mr. Paul Alexander, and Dr. Brett Woods, are making a request before the Council, to form a Public Building Authority. Attorney Nunn further stated that this is the "initial" stage in this process. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R114-

17/18, Application to Form a Public Building Authority. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

- G. Resolution #R115-17/18 - A Resolution Appointing Members to the Board of Directors of a Public Building Authority. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them, Resolution #R115-17/18, A Resolution Appointing Members to the Board of Directors of a Public Building Authority. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve Resolution #R115-17/18, A Resolution Appointing Members to the Board of Directors of a Public Buildings Authority. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- H. Ordinance #O103-17/18 - One Percent (1%) Increase in Sales Tax. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that if they recall, during our last Council Meeting, the Council took a vote to proceed in "drafting" an Ordinance for the increase of Sales Tax by One Percent (1%). Attorney Nunn stated that Ordinance #O103-17/18 is before the Council, for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to "Thank" his Colleagues for voting to proceed on this, but that he would like to "rescind" that, for further discussion. Councilman Johnson further stated that he would like to look at other ways of increasing revenue, and at this point and time, take this Item off of the "Table", to be discussed a later date. Councilman Johnson stated that we may have to "re-visit" this Item later, but for now he would like to take this Item off of the "Table". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to "rescind" the action taken by the Council to increase the Sales Tax, by One Percent (1%), in the form of Ordinance #O103-17/18. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- I. Antonio Parker and the City of Selma - Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as it relates to the City's Cemetery Wall on Dallas Avenue being damaged by a vehicle driving by Mr. Antonio Parker. Attorney Nunn further stated that Mr. Parker does not have a job, and that said Agreement reflects a payment plan for the cost to repair the Cemetery Wall. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the MOA in the amount of \$2,500.00, for payment plan for repair of the City Cemetery Wall on Dallas Avenue. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- J. Resolution #R116-17/18 - Rejection of City Departments' Uniform Bids. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R116-17/18, Rejection of the City Departments' Uniform Bids, regarding the purchase of Uniforms for the various Departments. Attorney Nunn stated that the City of Selma "solicited and accepted" bids during the Month of November, 2017, and Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, "opened" sealed bids on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, and only One (1) Company responded to the invitation to bid for the uniforms, for the various City Departments. Attorney Nunn stated that the City Clerk is recommending that the City of Selma reject any and all bids, and "solicit" new bids on the uniforms for the various Departments. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R116-17/18, Rejection of City Departments' Uniform Bids. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
- K. Ordinance #O104-17/18 - Increase in Penalty to \$200.00 for Garbage Violators. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Ordinance #O104-17/18, An Ordinance Amending Selma City Code Chapter 13, Article I, Section 13-20, relating to Penalties of such Article. Attorney Nunn further stated that this is an Amendment to our Garbage Ordinance and, at this point and time, it reflects the same as State Law does, as it relates to the penalties. Attorney Nunn stated that the penalty shall be not less than \$50.00, and no more than \$200.00; therefore, the Judge will have discretion between \$50.00 and \$200.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Ordinance #O104-17/18, an Increase in Penalty to \$200.00 for Violators of the Garbage Ordinance. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Councilwoman Thomas asked Attorney Nunn for an explanation of the City's Fire Ordinance, as it relates to "burning" in the City. Attorney Nunn asked Fire Chief Toney Stephens and Assistant Fire Chief Chris Graham, if they would please come forward, to address the Council with "questions" that they have on behalf of "burning" in the City. Fire Chief Stephens and Asst. Fire Chief Graham addressed the Council, and offered an explanation with regard to "burning items" within the City of Selma. As a matter of record, both

Chief Stephens and Chief Graham stated that there cannot be any burning in the City of Selma at all, unless approved by the Fire Department; that this is a violation of the City's Fire Code.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. UPDATE ON INCREASE OF TAXES**

This Item was "Covered" during the City Attorney's Report.

**II. 2017 Disney Summer Service Grant Recipient - Caleb Smith**

Councilwoman Jackson "introduced" to the Council, Caleb Smith, who is the son of Mr. Gregory and Mrs. Crystal Smith. Caleb is a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at School of Discovery, and was recently awarded a \$500.00 "Summer of Service Grant from Youth Services of America and Disney", to help him carry out his task of, "making a difference in the community by starting a recycling initiative". Caleb addressed the Council, and offered "comments". Caleb came up with the "idea" of "Selma Recycles" to teach People how to "recycle", and about the importance of it. He is looking for "volunteers" to join the effort, to help with the initiative, which includes a "door-to-door flyer campaign" to raise awareness about "recycling". Two "Volunteer" Meetings are scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m., at the Selma-Dallas County Library. On January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Bloch Park, there will be "recycling days"; Caleb and his Mother are asking People to bring items labeled in "plastic one" or "plastic two", to be "recycled", which will be sorted out and then taken to a Company in Montgomery, that "recycles plastic". "Congratulations" and a "Round of Applause" was extended to Caleb, on behalf of this Honor! "Congratulations" to Caleb Smith, 2017 Disney Summer Service Grant Recipient; "Recycling Project". Comments were also made by the Council Members. We are so "Proud" of our very "own", Caleb Smith, on behalf of this Achievement, and "Wish Him the Best"!

**III. HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT**

Councilman Randolph stated to Council that he has talked about this on several occasions, about hostile work environments within the City of Selma, and that there have been too many Employees complaining about having to work in a hostile environment; in terms of how Supervisors are screaming at them, and disrespecting them. Councilman Randolph stated that he is trying to help this situation, and as a Council, they need to come up with a plan to address this matter. Councilman Randolph stated that it has also been stated by some of the Employees that they cannot come into City Hall, and talk to Mayor Melton, and as Citizens who pay their Taxes in the City, they should have a right to talk to the Mayor about any problem that they are having. Councilman Randolph stated that there are some Employees who are being harassed. President Bowie "Thanked" Councilman Randolph for bringing this Item to the Council, and that his suggestion would be to put his concerns in writing to the Mayor and HR Director, and request some type of training. Councilman Randolph asked if there was a way that they can place a "Suggestion Box" in the Council's Office? President Bowie asked Attorney Nunn to come forward, and address Councilman Randolph's question. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council, and "offered" an explanation of what has been discussed, as it relates to "General Complaints". Councilman Randolph stated to Council that, they may not can see this, but that Employees of this City are "down-spirited". President Bowie asked Councilman Leashore if he would place this Item in his Committee, in order to bring back a recommendation to the Council? Councilman Leashore answered, and suggested to President Bowie to form an Ad Hoc Committee, to research the Policies that are already in place. President Bowie asked, who would like to be a Member of the Ad Hoc Committee? The Ad Hoc Committee for discussion of this matter will consist of Councilman Bowline, Councilman Randolph, and Councilwoman Thomas.

**IV. ONE-HALF (½) CENT SALES TAX ACCOUNT**

Councilman Randolph stated that he placed the One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax Account Item on the Agenda, because this is where the Employees' One-Time Raise is going to come from; the One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax. Councilman Randolph further stated that the Council voted on this on February 26, 2013, so that we can give our Employees the One Time Raise. Councilman Randolph stated that the One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax is taken from October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>; that the Sales Taxes will be coming in. Councilman Randolph read a portion of Ordinance #O107-12/13, where the Council approved the request of Former Mayor Evans on behalf of the One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax for our Employees, a One-Time Raise. Councilman Randolph stated that we only need approximately \$350,000.00 to pay our Employees the One-Time Raise, because the Police and Fire Departments would be taken out, because they have already got their raise. Councilman Randolph stated that he wants to see some "figures", bank statements, etc. to show that the City is "broke". Councilman Randolph further stated, and asked, if the City is "broke", how could the City pay Alabama Department of Transportation on today, \$467,228.61? President Bowie answered, and stated that it has not been paid. Councilman Randolph stated, "It's going to get paid". Councilman Randolph stated that we are doing our Employees a disservice by not giving them their money. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, that we give our Employees the portion of the One-Half (½) Cent Sales Tax, for the One Time Raise. A roll call

was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes; three "passed" votes, and one "no vote". Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Johnson "passed" on voting. Councilman Leashore cast a "no vote". During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "Not that I don't think that they deserve a raise, but I'm going to 'pass' until I can get more information". During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "the vote has already been taken, several years back so I don't know what this vote is going to do to 'hurry', giving money to Employees. The vote was taken depending on money being in the bank. So, I'm not taking a vote". During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I'm going to 'pass' because we have already voted on it". Following roll call, Councilman Randolph stated this money is not just for our Employees; it's for our Retirees, too. President Bowie and Councilwoman Benjamin *Concurred*.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

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

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

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

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

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

Made a report./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

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks. (During his report, Councilman Randolph stated that one of the "potential" recommendations from the Committee Meeting was to see if Sea Coast can collect monthly bills instead of quarterly bills. Councilman Randolph stated that one of the Committee Members asked if he could check and find out whether the City could allow the Water Works & Sewer Board to collect the Garbage Fees. Councilman Randolph also stated that a Committee Member would like to know whether or not, Sea Coast can release a list of Citizens who are not paying their Garbage Bills, but he is not sure if this could be a "Liability Issue". Councilman Randolph stated that the Committee also asked if we could place cameras in "hot spots" where illegal dumping is occurring, in an effort to deter this. Councilman Randolph stated that the Committee will be having another meeting, and that he will be bringing back "recommendations" to the Council.)

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

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks. (During her report, Councilwoman Jackson "reminded" Everyone of the Christmas Parade on this Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 10:0 a.m.; "Christmas on the Avenue", after the Parade at Phoenix Park.)

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

No Report.

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

President Bowie stated that we have an ATRIP Grant that is pending, that was approved roughly 2 - 3 years ago. President Bowie stated that the Project includes Boynton Street, going down to Summerfield Road, and on to Woodrow Avenue. President Bowie stated that they need the Council to work with them, to make this Project a "fruition". President Bowie stated that currently, we have \$267,000.00 in the Municipal Gas Tax Fund, and that we need \$467,228.61 for this Project. President Bowie stated that he is asking the Council to make up the difference from the Occupancy Tax Fund for the Brown Y.M.C.A., in the amount of \$100,228.61. President Bowie further stated that he is also asking the Council to appropriate funds from their Oil Lease Funds to make up the remaining \$100,000.00 difference. Councilman Randolph asked President Bowie if he would check and see if we could use funds from the Red Light Traffic Fund, and also to see if there are any Matching Grant Funds in the Planning & Development Office, that we could use. President Bowie stated that he would follow-up and check into this. President Bowie stepped out of the Council Chamber, briefly. At this point and time, Council Pro Tempore Benjamin began to "preside". During discussion, Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Mr. Ollie Davison, Mayor's Chief of Staff, if he would come forward, and address the Council. Mr. Davison addressed the Council, to answer questions the Council had. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Mr. Davison, if he would find out what is available in the Planning & Development Office, in

Matching Grant Funds, and bring back a report to the Council. Mr. Davision stated that he would do so. Upon his return, a motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the amount of \$100,228.61 from the Occupancy Fee Tax Fund for the Brown Y.M.C.A., to go towards this Project. A roll call was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that Ms. Temekia Sykes, Administrative Assistant, is going to provide them with an Oil Lease Fund Form, to "pass" around, for the Council Members to contribute. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she would be willing to give \$10,000.00. Councilman Johnson stated that he is willing to also give \$10,000.00 of his Oil Lease Funds. Councilman Leashore stated that this Project is valuable to our City, and that he is willing to give whatever it takes to get this Project done. Councilman Leashore stated that he will give 10% towards this Project. While "presiding", Council Pro Tempore Benjamin reiterated to the Council that an Oil Lease Fund Form will be circulated, and asked Everyone to please see Ms. Sykes before leaving tonight, in an effort to get their amount on the Oil Lease Fund Form.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks. (During her report, Councilwoman Thomas stated that she has 3 "cave-ins" in the Ward 7 area. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Mr. Sean VanDiver to look into the "cave-ins" that Councilwoman Thomas mentioned, and follow-up with her, with an "update". Mr. VanDiver stated that he would do so.)

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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 Leashore, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
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COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:

  
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W. S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:

  
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DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017  
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,  
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation Led by School of Discovery Students, "FBLA"; Comments and Gratitude were expressed by the following Students; Ms. Kyah Anderson, President, FBLA, Mr. Frank York, Vice-President, FBLA, and Ms. Ashton Young, on behalf of School of Discovery, "FBLA". We appreciate Mrs. Cicely Curtis, Principal, Ms. Kathryn Dozier, and Ms. Crystal Boykin, FBLA Advisors, and the Students for this Wonderful Presentation!

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated at this time, the "Chair" will entertain a motion to approve the Agenda, and asked for a "motion" from the "floor". Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would like to add, "Sink Holes and Drainage Issues in Ward 2". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the agenda, as amended. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, for consideration that they discussed during last Thursday's Work Session. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin further stated that she is not sure if the Mayor is here at tonight's Council Meeting, but that the Mayor is usually the "Voting Delegate" at our National Conference, and that she would like to "add" this Item to our Consent Agenda, pending whether he is going to attend, or not. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that



Facility at 2614 Citizens Parkway. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R109-17/18 - Special Use Permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 2614 Citizens Parkway, on behalf of Verizon Wireless. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

- E. Resolution #R106-17/18 - A Resolution of the City of Selma, Alabama, Authorizing, Approving and Directing the Employment of Certain Law Firms to Represent the City in Potential Litigation Against Contributors of Opioid Addiction Crisis. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R106-17/18, A Resolution of the City of Selma, Alabama, Authorizing, Approving and Directing the Employment of Certain Law Firms to Represent the City in Potential Litigation Against Contributors of Opioid Addiction Crisis. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, they discussed this in detail during our Work Session. Attorney Nunn further stated that Attorney Barry Walker is here, and that he was also here during last Thursday's Work Session. Attorney Nunn stated that this matter has been before the Council several times, and has been in discussion within the last month. Attorney Nunn stated that this matter is up for discussion and consideration at tonight's Council Meeting. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to Council that this Item has been discussed extensively, and called for a "motion" from the "floor", before we discuss it, in an effort to keep to a "brief" discussion, if they can. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R106-17/18, A Resolution of the City of Selma, Alabama, Authorizing, Approving and Directing the Employment of Certain Law Firms to Represent the City in Potential Litigation Against Contributors of Opioid Addiction Crisis. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and three nay votes. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin, Councilman Bowline, and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote.
- F. Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he would like to request an Executive Session for about 15 Minutes, to discuss legal matters. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to "Recess" into an Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to Recess into an Executive Session, at 5:18 p.m., for about 15 minutes, to discuss legal matters. A roll call 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 Johnson, to "Reconvene" back into the Council Meeting at 5:38 p.m. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Legal Matters Discussed, and Considered, During Executive Session:

1. A motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, that we continue our relationship with Gamble, Gamble, Calame & Jones Law Firm for legal representation regarding the St. James Hotel, with a Retainer Fee in the amount of \$7,500.00. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.
2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to settle the National Trust for Historic Preservation Lawsuit in the amount of \$3,000.00, via the Planning & Development Office's Tourism Line Item. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. FORENSIC AUDIT**

Councilman Leashore stated to Council that they talked about this matter during our Work Session. Councilman Leashore further stated that he thinks that a Forensic Audit will give us a firm understanding of where our finances are for the City, and with that being said, he would like to make a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, that the City of Selma will move forward with having a Forensic Audit. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that her vote will be the same as the previous meeting, going on the fact that the only reason that our Treasurer is out is because we are conducting the Forensic Audit, and she's out because of that sole reason only. Councilman Leashore stated that he would also like to include in his "motion", that the Forensic Audit go back Three (3) years, in order to get a firm feeling and clearer understanding of where our finances are. Councilman Leashore stated that the Mayor should bring to this Council, how the Forensic Audit is to be paid for, before it is approved by the Council.

Therefore, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and two nay votes. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote.

## II. OPIOID LAWSUIT

This Item was "Covered" during the City Attorney's Report.

## III. SPEEDING CAMERAS

Councilman Leashore stated to Council that he would like for the Council to take a "vote" to allow Legislators to support the idea of speeding cameras in our City. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to allow Legislators to support the Item of Speeding Cameras, with introduction of a Bill in support of the same. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Thomas abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Thomas stated, "I'm going to abstain until I can get more information".

## IV. RADIO BROADCAST

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that President Bowie is out, but that they discussed this Item during the Work Session. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that Three (3) Bids came in, and that she is unsure if President Bowie wants this Item handled at tonight's Council Meeting. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Ms. Sykes if President Bowie had stated how he wanted the Council to handle this item, in terms of whether he wanted it "continued" over to the next Council Meeting, or not? Ms. Sykes answered, and stated that President Bowie had stated that he would like it taken care of at tonight's Council Meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that WHBB came in with the lowest bid, and that he had stated to President Bowie, that he would like to proceed with the "lowest bidder, and, "in all fairness, service should be given to the lowest bidder". Councilman Leashore further stated that they have done this service before for us. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Councilman Leashore that she does not think he was with us, when we had a lot of technical issues with that Company, and that the Company that we are with now is able to broadcast with minimal interruptions, and better sound quality. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that she was not able to be here for the Bid Presentation, and is unaware if the other Station has the updated equipment as our present Provider has. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she was here for the Presentation, and that she took "notes" on what was provided by each Company. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that she concurs with Councilman Leashore about going with the lowest bidder; but, in this case, she does not feel that it is in our best interest to do so; that the technical infrastructure that is currently in place by the Company we are using has provided an exceptional radio broadcast of our Council Meetings. Councilman Bowline stated that he agrees with Councilman Leashore, but that he listened to the Presenters, and that all of them were not going to be able to meet all of the Specifications ("Specs") that were outlined in the Bid; that there were some things that they were not going to be able to guarantee; such as, whether the meetings would not be used in the "future", and could be taken out of "context", if used. Councilman Johnson stated that he was sorry that he was unable to be at the Presentation, but as a "Businessman" himself, he would have to go with the lowest bidder. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she was present at the Presentation, and that each Individual was given the opportunity to speak, and give what they could offer to us in that service. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated, as it relates to the Specifications of this Bid, that they have to consider whether the "Specs" have been met regardless of how "low" the bid comes in, compared to other Bid Offers. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that our "Specs" included that we wanted the latest and updated technology, in the Bid Process. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin further stated that the Bid Offers came in as follow: \$7,000.00, FM 105.3; \$6,000.00, FM 96.3; and \$3,000.00 from WHBB, AM. Councilman Leashore stated to the Council that he highly recommends that the Council support the lowest bidder. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn, if it would be better to call for a "motion", or should they just name the Radio Station that they are voting on? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that she can call for a "motion", and that they can state in the "motion" which Radio Station. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin called for a "motion" from the "floor", for the Radio Broadcast of the Council Meetings. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Jackson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to continue the Radio Broadcast Services of our Council Meetings with 96.3 FM, in the amount of \$6,000.00, and that they will need to determine how they will pay for the Broadcasts. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes, one abstention, and a "no vote" cast. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. "No Vote" was cast by Councilman Leashore. During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "Due to me being a Businessman, I'm going to have to abstain". Following roll call, Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that President Bowie will pass around a Discretionary Form for payment of the Invoice, per a "Note from President Bowie".

## V. AUBURN UNIVERSITY PAY PLAN CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

Councilman Randolph is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

VI. ½ CENT SALES TAX FUNDING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES - ONE-TIME RAISE

Councilman Randolph is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

VII. UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Councilman Randolph is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

VIII. TEMPOARY BLOCKING OF RACE STREET

Councilman Johnson stated to Council, that he would like a "temporary" closing of Race Street, as he did on Alabama Avenue, until we can get control of the trash situation in that area. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve a "temporary" closing of Race Street, until the trash situation is resolved. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

IX. INCREASE OF TAXES

Councilman Johnson stated that we have a problem in our City as it relates to the funding and Revenue in our City; that Businesses and Industries are not here as they used to be. Councilman Johnson stated that we do not have the Tax Base now, as we had back in "years" past, and that we are "struggling". Councilman Johnson further stated that we are going to have to come up with solutions to try and update our equipment and services in our City. Councilman Johnson stated that he is asking his Colleagues to assist him in this effort; that we need more "Man Power and Equipment" to do the things that are needed in our City, and that his recommendation would be an increase in taxes, even if we have to do it "temporarily". Councilman Johnson further stated that it will be earmarked strictly for Public Safety and Public Works Infrastructure for our City. Councilman Leashore stated that the resources are just not there, and we don't have the funding to do the services that we need to do. Councilman Leashore stated that he would not be opposed to increasing the taxes for 2 - 3 years, but that he would hope that we would look at Ad Valorem Taxes, also. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that the State of Alabama has the lowest of property taxes in the Nation, and asked if it would be appropriate to have Attorney Nunn write a Letter to State Representative Chestnut, about increasing our Ad Valorem Taxes? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that we would need to do a Resolution for the Mayor to proceed, and that if this is what the Council would like to do, he can go ahead and get a Resolution done to present to our State Representative for this District, on behalf of the Ad Valorem Tax. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, for Attorney Nunn to prepare a Resolution giving Mayor Melton authority, to proceed with delegation, to write a Letter to State Representative Chestnut, on behalf of our Ad Valorem Taxes being increased; and that it be earmarked for Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Public Works. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During more discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to increase Sales Tax from 10 Cents to 11 Cents for Three (3) Years. Attorney Nunn stated to increase the Sales Tax, we must do it by Ordinance, and place it on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, first. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that she will be voting against this one because she would prefer a Public Hearing, and, further, being able to cast a vote representative of what the Citizens want, where this matter is concerned. Councilman Leashore stated that he would also recommend a Public Hearing, in moving forward on this, so that the Citizens would know why this increase is so needed. Councilman Bowline stated that the Businesses are already paying a lot, and an increase in taxes, would run Businesses out of town, in his opinion. Councilman Bowline further stated that he supports an increase in something else; such as, Business Licenses, but that he does not know what our financial position is, and that they have not had anybody to tell them what it is; but, until they have some sort of clarity of our financial position in the City, that it seems unnecessary to put the burden back on Citizens to pay additional fees for things that they are already supposed to be getting in the first place. Councilman Bowline stated that he is speaking from a "Businessman's position; that they are already struggling. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she thinks that they need to get input from the Businesses. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she concurs with everything that has been said, but that she requests that they get the projections on all of the other taxes that the City receives. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn if he could get this information, and bring back a report to the Council. Following more discussion, Councilman Johnson amended his earlier motion, which was seconded by Councilman Leashore, to increase Sales Tax from 10 Cents to 11 Cents for Three (3) Years, *pending a Public Hearing to "hear" from the Public*. A roll call was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and three nay votes. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin, Councilman Bowline and Councilwoman Thomas each cast a nay vote. Following roll call, Attorney Nunn asked for clarification from the Council in terms of this matter. Attorney Nunn received said explanation from the Council that he will prepare a "draft" Ordinance to increase sales tax, to be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, at the next Council Meeting, on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and then bring it back to be considered for approval, after the Public Hearing. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Councilman Johnson if he could meet with Councilman Randolph, and they coordinate the Public Hearing for this matter. Councilman Johnson stated that he would do so.

X. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY

Councilman Johnson stated that our current Contract ends in 2019, and that funding has been found through USDA for our new Public Safety Building. Councilman Johnson stated, in order for them to move forward, that we need to put in place a Public Building Authority, to give the Mayor authority to move forward in forming and creating a Public Building Authority, comprised of Three (3) Members. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve authority for the Mayor to move forward in creating a Public Building Authority. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

XI. CITY TREASURER

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she had asked during the Work Session, that Attorney Nunn bring to the Council some information on the bonding of the Individual who is working in the City Treasurer's Office. Councilwoman Thomas stated that Councilman Randolph had stated that Mr. Cunningham was not bonded, and with her being "new" to the Council, she wanted to ask the question, because according to the Code, Section 11-43-13, no one should be in that position unless they are bonded. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she had asked Attorney Nunn, if he could tell her if Mr. Cunningham was bonded at the time he was placed in the office, and that Attorney Nunn told her that he was bonded. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council, and stated that he had spoken with Councilwoman Thomas and that she was trying to bring clarification as to whether or not Mr. Cunningham was bonded, as it relates to the Law, that states that he had to be bonded. Attorney Nunn stated that he told Councilwoman Thomas, that he had been bonded, and that he thinks that Councilwoman Thomas wants to bring clarification to this matter, that Mr. Cunningham is bonded through the Insurance Company. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she thought that when they reinstated Ms. Ronita Wade by Five (5) votes, that would have made the position that Mr. Cunningham was in, where he would no longer be serving as the Part-Time Treasurer. Attorney Nunn stated that when the Treasurer was terminated by the Mayor, the Mayor had the right, at that point and time, to proceed in appointing a temporary person in that position. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Cunningham was appointed on a "temporary basis". Attorney Nunn further stated once Ms. Wade was brought back into that position, after the Council voted to "reinstate" her, the next day or soon thereafter, she was placed on Administrative Leave. Attorney Nunn further stated even though she is placed on Administrative Leave, she still holds the "Title" of City Treasurer; that she is still in the position as "Treasurer". Attorney Nunn stated that the question was also asked, what position is Mr. Cunningham "holding"? Attorney Nunn stated that he told Councilwoman Thomas that this was an "HR Question", and that she would have to go to Mr. Jim Herring, HR Director, to find out what position Mr. Cunningham is in. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she had gone to Attorney Nunn's office on yesterday to get some questions answered, because she is "new". Attorney Nunn stated that he told Councilwoman Thomas that Mr. Cunningham is bonded. Councilwoman Thomas asked Attorney Nunn if he is bonded for One (1) Year? Attorney Nunn asked Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk, if he is bonded for One (1) Year? Mrs. Harrison answered, and stated that she does not know if he is bonded for One (1) Year, or not, and that she would have to call the Insurance Company back, and find out an answer to this question. Mrs. Harrison stated, for clarity, that upon receiving the phone call from Attorney Nunn on yesterday, concerning Councilwoman Thomas' question when she was in his office, about Mr. Cunningham being bonded, that she did call the Insurance Company, and the Insurance Company confirmed that Mr. Cunningham is bonded. Mrs. Harrison further stated that, on today, she received Mr. Cunningham's bond from the Insurance Company. Attorney Nunn stated that he thinks that it is for about a year. Councilman Bowline asked if anyone knows how long Ms. Wade will be on Administrative Leave? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he thinks, if he is correct, that President Bowie is checking on this with HR. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that she will be asking President Bowie to get with the Mayor, in terms of the "time frame" that Ms. Wade will be absent on Administrative Leave.

XII. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Councilwoman Thomas stated that she had intended to take this Item off of the Agenda, because she is scheduled to have a Capital Equipment Meeting on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

XIII. "CHRISTMAS ON THE AVENUE"

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she wanted to first "Thank" Everyone for their participation in the *OktoberFest*; that it was a successful event! Councilwoman Jackson stated that they will be continue "On the Avenue" with "Christmas Plans" for the Downtown Area. Councilwoman Jackson stated that the Children and Families' Committee will be meeting on tomorrow at Charlie's Place at noon, regarding "Christmas on the Avenue". Councilwoman Jackson stated that there will be a "Gingerbread Village in Phoenix Park", and that she is asking each Council Member to have someone or a business to sponsor, on behalf of the Ward, a "Gingerbread House, or a "4-Ft. Gingerbread Man" ("Gingerbread Men"). Councilwoman Jackson stated that they would like to have it set up on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, in time for the Christmas Parade, and that it remain "up" until after the Christmas Holidays! (Reminder: Deadline to "Register" for the Christmas Parade is Friday, November 10, 2017. Councilwoman Jackson also "announced" that they will have T-Shirts available for "Christmas On the Avenue", in Red or Green.)

**XIV. SINK HOLES AND DRAINAGE ISSUES IN WARD 2**

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that, for the first time in 9 years, she is going to have to ask for the "charity" of her Colleagues for some of their Oil Lease Funds; that she has horrible problems with sink holes and drainage problems in certain areas within her Ward. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that the pipes are coming loose in some areas, and it is going to cost \$126,000.00 to go in and re-do the pipes. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that it is a "safety issue", with those sink holes. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin asked Councilwoman Youngblood if she had a Form tonight? Councilwoman Youngblood answered, and stated that she does not have a form on tonight; that she really just wanted to give her Colleagues a "heads-up", concerning this matter and the fact that she is going to need their help with some of their Oil Lease Funds. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she will be bring the form back, once she gets all of the information.

Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated that there is also a very large pot hole on Agee Avenue, and they have turned in a Work Order Request for this, but that her Work Order Request came back; that they have been told that the City is unable to buy asphalt. Council Pro Tempore Benjamin advised Citizens to take an alternate route if they can, because this is a dangerous pot hole

**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**

No Report./Made Closing Remarks. (Council Pro Tempore Benjamin stated to Councilman Johnson, that she had just received a request of her to ask for "extra" patrolling during the Christmas Holidays, from President Bowie. Councilman Johnson stated that he would get with them about this request.)

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

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

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

Councilman Randolph is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

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

Made a report./Made Closing Remarks.

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

No Report.

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

President Bowie is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson**

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson**

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

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

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"  
TO COUNCILMAN LEASHORE WHO IS CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY ON TODAY!**

"HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY" TO COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE BENJAMIN;  
HER BIRTHDAY WAS ON YESTERDAY!

"BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY" TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT BOWIE!

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 Leashore, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

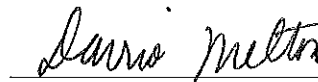


ANGELA BENJAMIN *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:

  
W. S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:

  
DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*