

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 29, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Jack Alvey
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 29, 2016, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl F. Bowline, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel (Sam) Randolph, Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael L. Johnson. Others present were Mayor Darrio Melton, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, and the Mayor and Chief of Staff's Executive Assistant, Ms. Saprina Simmons. Councilwoman Susan M. Keith was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Joyfulness":
Maintaining a good attitude even when faced with unpleasant conditions!*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bowie further stated to Council that they have before them the Agenda for tonight's Council Meeting, and stated, per the request of Councilman Bowline, that all of his "Business Items" will be "Removed" from the Agenda, until the next Council's Work Session. President Bowie asked if there were any additions and/or deletions? Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to add the "Item" of "Holiday House and the Movie Theater", under "Business Items". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the agenda, with amendments. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them Consent Agenda Items discussed during the Work Session; a total of Nine (9) Items under Consent Agenda, to be considered. President Bowie stated to Council that, as before, if they would like to take an Item, or Items, from the List once he names the Item or Items on the List, that they can feel free to remove an Item, or Items, from the List in order to vote on said Item(s) separately.

President Bowie named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Approve the Christmas Holidays for Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th, for City Employees.
- (2) To Approve Resolution #R135-16/17 - Weed Abatement, Phase I - Declaring Six (6) Pieces of Properties a Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement.
- (3) To Approve Resolution #R136-16/17 - Declaring Two (2) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.

- (4) To Approve Resolution #R137-16/17 - To Amend the 2016-2017 Council's Salary Line Item for Councilwoman Thomas - Voluntary Salary Reduction by Five Hundred and No Dollars (\$500.00), to Add to Her Discretionary Line Item in Ward 7.
- (5) To Approve Ordinance #O114-15/-16- Requiring the City of Selma Department Heads to Reside in Dallas County, Alabama.
- (6) To Approve Resolution #R139-16/17 - Appointing Mrs. Ivy Harrison as City Clerk for the Next Four (4) Years.
- (7) To Approve Resolution #R140-16/17 - Appointing Ms. Ronita Wade as City Treasurer for the Next Four (4) Years.
- (8) To Approve to Pay the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.) Statement in the Amount of Five Thousand and No Dollars (\$5,000.00).
- (9) To Approve Ordinance #O103-16/17 - Amending Standing Committees and Adding the Educational Committee.

Following the above discussion, President Bowie asked the Council for a motion to place Nine (9) Consent Agenda Items on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to state, as it relates to Consent Item #1, that we have always given the Employees Three (3) days, since he's been on the Council. President Bowie asked Fire Chief Stephens to come forward, and offer an "explanation" as to what the impact of Overtime would be as it relates to the Fire Department. President Bowie asked the Council to also keep in mind what the impact would be, as it relates to the Police Officers, as well. President Bowie stated to Council that in terms of Public Safety, we would be looking at \$4,200.00, in overtime, to allow the "extra" Christmas Holiday. Following discussion, President Bowie stated to Council that the "Chair" will entertain a motion to approve all Nine (9) Consent Agenda Items. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve said Nine (9) Consent Agenda Items. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Randolph cast a nay vote on Consent Agenda Item Number 1. During roll call, Councilman Randolph stated, "Everybody should get paid for the 25th." During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "Mr. Randolph, I understand what your concerns are; but, according to Policy beyond that, it would have to be a recommendation brought on by the Mayor, and we have not received a recommendation from the Mayor as far as I know. So, outside of the Policy, I have to go with 'yes'.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the November 7, 2016 Regular (Organizational) Meeting Minutes, and the November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. President Bowie asked the Council if they would like to take action on both sets of Minutes, simultaneously? It was the *Consensus* of the Council to vote on the Minutes, simultaneously. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Regular (Organizational) Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2016 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Christmas Parade and "Tree Lighting Ceremony". Mayor Melton stated to Council that the Christmas Parade will be held on this Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., and that the "Tree Lighting Ceremony" will also be held this Saturday Morning, at 9:00 a.m., at City Hall. Mayor Melton further stated to Council that during the "Tree Lighting Ceremony", there will also be an "Unveiling of the Historic Riverwalk, Phase I" Project. Mayor Melton "invited" the Council and the Citizens to come out and be a part of this "Special Presentation", that he would like to share with the City on that date. Mayor Melton stated that "Santa" will also be available during the "Tree Lighting Ceremony", to take Pictures.

B. New WebSite Launch. Mayor Melton stated to Council that we are in the process of "launching" a new WebSite for the City, and that he would love to share with the Council where we are so far with this Project. Mayor Melton further stated that they will be reaching out to all of the Council Members for their information on the WebSite, and any input that they would like to share, so that they can have Citizens to be aware of what's going on in our City.

C. Application for Permit for Commercial Film. Mayor Melton stated that on this week we were contacted by a Filming Company of Australia in regards to a Permit that they thought they had applied for a while back, from his understanding, but that we just received it in the mail on yesterday. Mayor Melton further stated that he spoke with the City Attorney, and according to the City's Ordinance, there is a 30-day Application Process, that the Council recently adopted. Mayor Melton stated, at this point and time, he is asking that the Council waive the 30-day requirement for the Application Process, in an effort for the Filming Company to move forward. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve waiving the 30-day required Application Process for the Filming Company. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Councilman Randolph stated to Mayor Melton that work has started on Philpot Avenue and Lawrence Street within his Ward (Ward 5), and asked if he or Mr. Ray Hogg knew when the completion date was estimated to be? Mr. Hogg addressed the Council, and stated that it should be complete within Three (3) weeks once started, and that it is his understanding that they will start on the Project next week; that he was unaware that they had already started, as Councilman Randolph just stated, but that he will follow-up on this matter.

Councilman Johnson stated to Mayor Melton that he would like for the "two" of them to do a "drive-through" of Ward 8, within his Ward, and that he would like for him to look at his schedule, to see when they can possibly do this. Mayor Melton stated to Councilman Johnson that he would get with Ms. Simmons to see when it can be scheduled, and that he looks forward to them being able to do that.

Councilman Leashore stated to Mayor Melton that a water main broke in Ward 6, which was a major "break", and that he wants to compliment and "Thank" the Public Works Department and the Selma Water Works for their professional and diligence in taking care of the problem. Mayor Melton stated to Councilman Leashore, that he appreciates him for making that report, and was glad that everything worked out well with that.

Councilman Leashore also stated to Mayor Melton that lighting is a serious problem in Ward 6, and that the "Two" of them had talked about this before. Councilman Leashore further stated that it is dangerous and that he would like for him to prioritize lighting especially as it relates to the Plant Street area, near the Bypass. Councilman Leashore stated to Mayor Melton that it is his hope that he will move expeditiously to get this resolved. Mayor Melton stated that he would follow-up on this to try and get this done as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Thomas stated to Mayor Melton that there are a lot of problems with sewage and drainage on both ends in Ward 7, and that she would like for him to find a way to work with her to try and get this matter resolved. Mayor Melton stated to Councilwoman Thomas that he would be glad to work with her on this, and that the plan is to fix infrastructure in all Wards, as we move forward in our City.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council for placing most of his Items on Consent Agenda.)

- A. Resolution #R135-16/17 - Weed Abatement - Phase I. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- B. Resolution #R136-16/17 - Condemned Properties. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- C. Resolution #R137-16/17 - Voluntary Salary Reduction of Councilwoman Thomas. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- D. Ordinance #O114-15/16 - Residency Requirements for Department Heads. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- E. Resolution #R139-16/17 - Appointment of City Clerk. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- F. Resolution #R140-16/17 - Appointment of City Treasurer. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- G. A.M.I.C. Statement. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- H. Ordinance #O103-16/17 - Standing Committees. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- I. Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, during our last Council Meeting, it was requested that we look into the Water Board as it relates to the Appointments; that there were some questions concerning how many Appointments were "up" in terms of whether there were Three (3) Appointments or Four (4) Appointments. Attorney Nunn stated that it was also said that he would get with the Attorney for the Water Board, Attorney Prince Chestnut, and go over this information. Attorney Nunn stated that he had tried to contact Mr. Chestnut on last week, and again on this past Monday to try and get together before this meeting; however, he did state to him that if they did not get together on it, that he would be presenting the same to the Council, in an effort for the Council to take action on it tonight if they chose to do so. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is the research that he had performed, and he referred them to the information that he had just passed out to them. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that beginning with the first page of the information that he just handed out to them, they should have a copy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 12, 1966, and as can be seen Three (3) Members started off the Board in 1966, and on November 11, 1968, the "number" of the Members of the Board increased from Three (3) to Five (5) Members, via Ordinance Number 109. Attorney Nunn began explaining to the Council how the "Appointment Term" ran from 1966, up until where we are now. Attorney Nunn stated, as can be seen, the Appointment Term for Mr. Lee Goodwin expired for 2015/2016; that his Term expired on August 12, 2016. Attorney Nunn further stated that the last person that was Appointed was Mrs. Millie Vick, and her Term will end on August 12, 2018. Attorney Nunn stated that

Former Councilman B. L. Tucker is no longer on the Council; that this does not mean that the Term expired then. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Term is still a Six-Year Term, and that someone else will have to be "Appointed" to complete that Term; that Former Councilman Tucker was not re-elected, and that Six-Year Term is not up until 2020; that whomever is "Appointed" to that Term will have Four (4) more years for that Term. Attorney Nunn stated that the Term that Mr. Roderick West is in, actually began in 2014. Attorney Nunn further stated that we did not do any "reappointments" except for Former Councilman Tucker, and that Mr. West's Term was never "reappointed", and he has been serving in that position for Two (2) years. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. West's Term should have been "reappointed" along with Councilman Tucker's Term. Councilman Leashore asked Attorney Nunn if Mr. West had been serving in a "defacto" status? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that State Law says, "You hold it until your Successor is appointed, unless you're a Council Member". Attorney Nunn further stated that we're trying to go back and straighten all of this; that the Terms are for Six (6) years; that Mr. West has been serving for Two (2) years, and that his Term will go to 2020. Attorney Nunn stated that the Term that is being held by Mr. Robert Allen will end in 2016; November 11, 2016, and upon "reappointment", that it will expire on November 11, 2022. Attorney Nunn stated that this is his conclusion from his research; that this will straighten it up, and give Everyone a Term of Six (6) years. Attorney Nunn further stated, as can be seen on the illustration that was handed out to them, they will see that "Positions 1 and 5" comes up at the same time; "Positions 3 and 4" comes up at the same time; and "Position 2" comes up by itself, for "Reappointments". Attorney Nunn stated that this is his conclusion and opinion, that there are Four (4) Positions that are "up" on the Water Board, and again, the Water and Sewer Board Attorney, Attorney Chestnut, has not reviewed this, but that he did give him an opportunity to come over and review it because he indicated to him that the Council did want to take some action on this matter on tonight. President Bowie "Thanked" Attorney Nunn for doing the research, and bringing the report of his findings back to the Council. President Bowie stated to Council that he would like to put together an Ad Hoc Committee that will be comprised of himself, Councilwoman Benjamin, Councilman Bowline, and Councilwoman Jackson, and that he would like to do it as it was done in the past, with an Interview Process, and if it is okay with Everyone, he would like to start taking Resumes on Monday, December 5th, through Tuesday, December 13th at 12 o'clock noon. Councilman Randolph asked President Bowie if they could proceed to appoint a Council Member to the Water & Sewer Board, since Councilman Tucker's position is now vacant? President Bowie "yielded" to Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Johnson stated that this is one of his Business Items on the Agenda, and if it was in "order" to do at this time, he would like to proceed with it, and move forward. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to "nominate" Two (2) Council Members to the Water Works and Sewer Board. During discussion, Councilwoman Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn if he could check for her to see if Mr. Robert Allen was reinstated in 2012, and Attorney Nunn stated that he was "Appointed" on November 26, 2012, for Six (6) years. Attorney Nunn further stated that when he was "Appointed", that was a "New Term" in 2010, and in actuality that Term expired. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like the record to reflect that with the discussion of a possible conflict of interest, and given the fact that she has not heard from the Ethics Commission nor the League of Municipalities on this, then it would not be in her best interest to take a vote at this time. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Councilwoman Benjamin cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Jackson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "No, to 2".

President Bowie proceeded to ask for "Nominations from the Floor": Councilman Johnson nominated Councilman Leashore for the position of former Councilman Tucker. Councilman Randolph nominated Councilman Johnson for the position of Rev. Lee Goodwin. President Bowie stated personally for himself he is going to only vote for One (1) Council Member, and whomever gets Four (4) votes, he will cast the Fifth (5th) vote.

Councilman Leashore: There were two affirmative votes, two nay votes, two abstentions, and two who "passed" on voting at this time. Councilman Bowline and Councilwoman Benjamin cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Leashore abstained from voting. President Bowie and Councilwoman Thomas "passed" on voting at this time.

Councilman Johnson: There were five affirmative votes, one nay vote, and two abstentions. Councilman Bowline cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting.

Following the above roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, traditionally, there has been a history whereas the Council would always allow the Mayor of this City to bring forth Two (2) Names presented to the Council to serve on the Water Board. Councilman Leashore further stated that the Mayor should be allowed to bring Two (2) People, as "Recommendations" to the Water Board, irregardless of this Ad Hoc Committee. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to allow the Mayor of this City to bring forth Two (2) Names of Recommended Individuals to this Council, to serve on the Water Board, outside of the Ad Hoc Committee. 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, four nay votes, and one abstention. President Bowie, Councilman Bowline, Councilwoman

Benjamin, and Councilwoman Thomas cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Jackson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "No, we've already set up Committee Members."

Following the above roll call, President Bowie stated, as was stated, the Council will begin receiving Resumes` from Individuals who wish to be considered for the Water Board on Monday, December 5th through Tuesday, December 13th, until 12 o'clock noon; further, that the Resumes` should be forwarded to the City Council's Office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. FIRST WARD 3 MEETING - DECEMBER 12TH - 6:00 P.M. - BLUE JEAN CHURCH LOCATED AT 431 CHURCH STREET

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to "Invite" all of the Citizens to come out to the First Ward 3 Meeting on December 12th at 6:00 p.m., which will be located at the Blue Jean Church, at 431 Church Street.

II. REMOVAL OF SPEED BREAKERS

Councilwoman Keith is absent from tonight's Council Meeting - This Item is *Continued*.

III. SAFETY CONCERNS

This Item was *Covered* during the Mayor's Report.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS ON WATER BOARD

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

V. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

This Item was *Covered* during the Consent Agenda.

VI. PURCHASE ORDER PROCEDURE

President Bowie stated to Council that he would like to encourage all of the Council Members to please follow the Purchase Order Process, to make sure that all of the documentation has been signed off on, and also, prior to the purchase, please obtain a purchase order in advance. President Bowie stated that it is very important that we follow this process.

VII. WATER BOARD INTERVIEWS

This Item is *Continued*.

VIII. UPDATE ON THE ST. JAMES HOTEL

This Item is *Continued*.

IX. OLD DEPOT TRAIN STATION

This Item is *Continued*.

X. SEVENTY-FIVE CAMERAS' PURCHASE

This Item is *Continued*.

XI. RIVERFRONT DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

This Item is *Continued*.

XII. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONTRACT

This Item is *Continued*.

XIII. CITY HALL SECURITY MEASUREMENTS

This Item is *Continued*.

XIV. SALE OF FIRE TRUCK TO SELMA DALLAS COUNTY RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that she was approached by Mr. Baity of the Selma-Dallas County Rescue Volunteers as to the sale of a Selma Fire Department Fire Truck, in the amount of \$1.00. Fire Chief Toney Stephens was asked to address the Council, with an update. Chief Stephens addressed the Council, in support of the sale of the Fire Truck to the Selma Dallas County Rescue Volunteers. During discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to surplus the Fire Truck that is currently within the Selma Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

A motion was then made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the sale of the Fire Truck to the Selma Dallas County Rescue Volunteers in the amount of \$1.00.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

XV. HOSPITAL ADOPT-A-FLOOR - DECEMBER 18TH - DECEMBER 26TH

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that each year, for several years, we have been adopting a "Floor" in the Hospital, either the Nursery or the Children's Floor, and that she thinks that it will be the Children's Floor this year. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that they have helped out with this effort before, and she is again, appealing to the Council for donations, and also requesting that they "visit" the Hospital and visit the Children and their Parents. Councilwoman Benjamin also made an "appeal" to Citizens of Selma to "join in", with this effort. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is passing around a Discretionary Request Fund Form to the Council, and asked for their assistance, and also stated to Mayor Melton that she would like for him to be a part of this Project, as well; that she feels that he will enjoy it. Mayor Melton stated that he would like to be included.

XVI. WARD 4 END -OF-YEAR REPORTING, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & AWARDS - DECEMBER 19TH - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER - 4:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council and Citizens that they are all "Invited" to the Ward 4 End-of-Year Reporting, Acknowledgements & Awards Celebration on December 19th at the Performing Arts Center, beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

XVII. SAVE THE DATE: WARD 4 QUARTERLY MEETING - JANUARY 30, 2017

XVIII. SAVE THE DATE: 9TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION - FEBRUARY 27 - 28, 2017

XIX. HOLIDAY HOUSE AND MOVIE THEATER

Councilman Randolph stated that the Council has waived the fee for the Holiday House for Two (2) Weeks at the Performing Arts Center, and that he thinks that it is unfair to continue receiving the same contractual amount from the Movie Theater Contract, during this same 2-Week period. Councilman Randolph further stated that he would like the Council's consideration to do a 2-Week proration of fees, that would be due from the Movie Theater Contract Cost for the same 2-Week period. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to do a proration of fees due and owing from the Movie Theater Contractual Cost, for the 2-Week Period, that the Holiday House will be utilizing the Performing Arts Center. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Bowline and Councilwoman Jackson cast a nay vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairman

No Report./No Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Chairman

Councilman Leashore stated that he will be calling a Committee Meeting soon./Made Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairman

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

Councilwoman Keith is absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

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

No Report./Made Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairman

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she is looking forward to a Committee Meeting soon./
Made Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairman

Councilman Johnson stated that he will have a Report when the Committee has had a Meeting./
Made Closing Remarks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairman

President Bowie stated that on next Wednesday or Thursday, he will be calling a Finance Committee Meeting to talk about different Revenue "Streams". President Bowie "appealed" to the Council, and stated, as a Council, that he would like for them to "Adopt an Angel from the Angel Tree", through the Salvation Army. President Bowie further stated that he will be passing around a Discretionary Fund Request Form for the Edmundite Missions, and asked the Council to please give towards this cause.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairman

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would love to one day, see "Selma" on the "ballot" to be chosen as a City to have a Small Conference on behalf of the National League of Cities; just to give them an opportunity to see a "Little of Selma"!

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairman

No Report./No Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 13, 2016 - 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 Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14, 2016
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

President Bowie stated to Council that beginning with this Council Meeting, he is going to start placing on the "Agenda", a "Character Trait", and the "Character Trait" for this Month is *"Joyfulness": Maintaining a good attitude even when faced with unpleasant conditions.*

"Moment of Silence for Veterans"
Also, In Recognition of Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore and Councilman Samuel L. Randolph,
Who Are Veterans, and Whom We Thank for Their Service!

Invocation: Council President Corey D. Bowie

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Bowie further 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? During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the agenda, as written. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

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President Bowie named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Approve Resolution #R130-16/17 - Authorizing Mayor Melton to Submit an Application on Behalf of the City of Selma, to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Requesting \$300,000.00 for Brownsfield Assessment.
- (2) To Approve Resolution #R131-16/17 - Authorizing Mayor Melton to Apply for an A.L.D.O.T. Grant with the Maximum Grant Amount Being \$400,000.00 with the City of Selma Providing \$175,959.00 in Cash Match, Split in Half Over Two (2) Budgets for an Amount of \$88,000.00 for Boardwalk. (Second Phase).
- (3) To Approve a Contract with Superior Security & Consulting Services, LLC, for 90 to 120 Days for Security at the Front Entrance of City Hall in the Amount of \$14.89 Per Man Hours with Funding Coming from Two (2) Line Items Earmarked for Policemen Salary.
- (4) To Approve a Contract with Superior Security & Consulting Services, LLC, to Provide Consultancy Services at the Police Department in the Amount of \$14,999.00.
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R133-16/17 - To Create the Position of Chief of Staff at a Salary of \$47,476.00 and the Position of Constituent Services Representative, at a Salary of \$32,563.44, within the Mayor's Department.
- (6) To Approve Resolutions #R134-16/17 - To Create a Public Relations Director Position and a Retail Developer Position, Pending the Availability of Funding for Both Positions.
- (7) To Approve Resolution #R114-16/17 - Declaring Eleven (11) Pieces of Properties for Weed Abatement, Phase 1, Public Nuisance and for Immediate Abatement.
- (8) To Approve Resolution #R115-176/17 - Declaring Six (6) Pieces of Properties as Unsafe Structures.
- (9) To Approve Resolution #R132-16/17 - Declaring 2017 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday, Starting at 12:01 a.m., on Friday, February 24, 2017, and Ending at 12:00 Midnight on Sunday, February 26, 2017.
- (10) To Approve Ordinance #O103-16/17 - To Place on 1st Reading, Amending Standing Committees.
- (11) To Approve Ordinance #O114-15/16 - To Place on 1st Reading, Change in Residency Requirements for Department Heads.
- (12) To Approve Resolution #R116-16/17 - #R129-16/17 - To Place a Lien on Fourteen (14) Pieces of Properties Demolished by the City of Selma.

President Bowie asked for the approval of the said Twelve (12) Items under Consent Agenda.

Following the above discussion, President Bowie asked the Council for a motion to place Twelve (12) Consent Agenda Items on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to discuss Consent Item #4, that he would like to make a comment on said Item. Councilman Randolph stated that he does not want to remove Item #4, and that he appreciates and understands what is taking place in the Mayor's Office, but that he would like for them to try to find a way to give their Administrative Assistant a pay raise. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to remove Consent Items; namely, #4 and #6, for further discussion. President Bowie stated to Council that with said change, the "Chair" will entertain a motion to approve all Ten (10) Consent Agenda Items. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve said Ten (10) Consent Agenda Items. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them the Minutes of the October 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the October 28, 2016 Special Called Meeting Minutes. President Bowie asked the Council if they would like to take action on both sets of Minutes, simultaneously? It was the Consensus of the Council to vote on the Minutes, simultaneously. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2016 and the Special Called Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2016. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Introduction
of
Mr. Ollie Davison,
Chief of Staff,
Mayor's Office

A "Warm" Welcome Was Extended to Mr. Davison!

A. To Approve a Contract with Superior Security & Consultant Services. Mayor Melton stated to Council that what they have before them is a Contract with Superior Security Consultant Services, LLC, to provide consultancy services at the Police Department, in the amount of \$14,999.00. Mayor Melton further stated that this Contract will also provide for One (1) Security Officer at City Hall, and that the Consultant Services will help the Police Department identify weaknesses and areas that need improvement. Mayor Melton stated that Attorney Nunn is still in the process of reviewing the Contract. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the Contract for Superior Security Services, LLC, in the amount of \$14,999.00. President Bowie amended the motion, to request that the Council be provided an itemized list of the services provided, in said Contract. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

B. To Approve Resolution #R134-16/17 - To Create a Public Relation Director's Position and a Retail Developer, Pending the Availability of Funding for Both Positions. Mayor Melton stated to Council that they should have before them, Resolution #R134-16/17 - To Create a Public Relation Director's Position and a Retail Developer. Mayor Melton stated that these positions were once in the Planning and Development Office, and that as "Leaders" in this City we need to move towards creating a more viable "Downtown Area" within our City. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R134-16/16, To Create a Public Relation Director's Position, and a Retail Developer Position, pending available funding for both Positions. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

C. Safety II - November 26th - 10:00 a.m. County. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Mayor Melton, that this is one of the "Business Items" on the Agenda, and that it was placed there in an effort to try to arrange for him to come to this Event. Mayor Melton asked Councilwoman Benjamin to please arrange to check with Ms. Saprina Simmons, his Executive Assistant, to schedule said meeting. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would follow-up with Ms. Simmons.

D. Street Lighting in Ward 4. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mayor Melton if Mr. Tommy Smith, Public Works Director, was still here, and if he could come, and explain the process on how this Item is done. Mayor Melton asked Mr. Smith to come forward, and address the Council. Mr. Smith addressed the Council, and offered an explanation as to how the process on street lighting works, as it relates to a Work Order, and proceeding from that standpoint.

E. Time Line for Traffic Light Repairs and Replacements. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mr. Smith to also explain the process as it relates to the "time line" for Traffic Light repairs and replacements. Mr. Smith addressed the Council, and offered an explanation as to how the "time line" is processed for traffic light repairs and replacements.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Attorney Nunn "Thanked" the Council for placing all of his Items on Consent Agenda.)

- A. Resolution #R114-16/17 - Weed Abatement - Phase I. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- B. Resolution #R115-16/17 - Condemned Properties. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- C. Resolution #R132-16/17 - Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- D. Ordinance #O103-16/17 - Amending Standing Committees. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- E. Ordinance #O114-15/16 - Change in Residency Requirements for Department Heads. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*
- F. Resolution #R116-16/17 Through Resolution #R129-16/17 - Resolution to Place Lien for Properties Demolished by the City of Selma. *Approved Consent Agenda Item.*

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- I. SAVE THE DATE: 8TH ANNUAL WARD 4, END OF YEAR AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - DECEMBER 19TH

II. WARD 4 SAFETY SESSIONS AND REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING - NOVEMBER 21ST - 5:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. - CEDAR PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Councilwoman Benjamin "REMINDED" Everyone of the Ward 4 Safety Sessions and Regular Quarterly Meeting on November 21st, and invited Mayor Melton to come and be a part of it, as well.

III. SAFETY II - NOVEMBER 26TH WITH THE COUNTY: 10:00 A.M.

This Item was Covered during the Mayor's Report.

IV. STREET LIGHTING IN WARD 4

This Item was Covered during the Mayor's Report.

V. TIMELINE FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

This Item was Covered during the Mayor's Report.

VI. WORK ORDER REQUEST UPDATES

This Item was Covered during the Mayor's Report.

VII. ELLWOOD GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Councilwoman Keith stated that the Ellwood Girls' Basketball Team is in need of uniforms, and that she would like to "remind" the Council to look "kindly" at the request of discretionary funds that's going around as it relates to this Item.

VIII. USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Councilman Leashore stated that he thinks that they have gotten this Item resolved. Councilwoman Keith asked that the Public Buildings Manager get a list to the Council of the Governmental Agencies that customarily use the Public Buildings.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS (President Bowie stated that he will assign Committees by our next Council Meeting.)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES/CEMETERY COMMITTEE

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

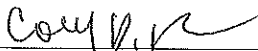
PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.


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SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016
5:00 P.M.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016
5:00 P.M.**

OATH OF OFFICE - SWEARING-IN CEREMONY - MS. LINDSEY ROGERS, MODERATOR

At 5:00 p.m., on Monday, November 7, 2016, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Selma were Sworn-In, as follows:

- Council President Corey D. Bowie, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Honorable Judge Prince Chestnut
- Councilman Carl F. Bowline, Jr., Ward 1, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Pastor Jerry Light
- Councilwoman Susan M. Keith, Ward 2, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Reverend Jack Alvey
- Councilman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Ward 3, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Honorable Judge Robert Armstrong
- Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Ward 4, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Bishop James M. Marshall
- Councilman Samuel L. Randolph, Ward 5, Sworn-In by Administer Officer, Reverend B. T. Booker and Mrs. Vera Booker
- Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Ward 6, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Honorable Judge Marvin Wiggins
- Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Ward 7, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Honorable Judge Prince Chestnut
- Councilman Michael L. Johnson, Ward 8, Sworn-In by Administering Officer, Honorable Judge Prince Chestnut

- Mayor Darrio Melton - Sworn-In Earlier by Administering Officer, Honorable Judge Prince Chestnut

Immediately following the Swearing-In Ceremony, the Selma City Council met in an Organizational Session in the George Patrick Evans Reception Center on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order Mrs. Ivy S. Harrison, City Clerk

Invocation: Honorable Billy Young, Deacon
First Baptist Church

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Ivy S. Harrison, City Clerk

The following Members were present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie and Council Members: Councilman Carl F. Bowline, Jr., Councilwoman Susan M. Keith, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel L. Randolph, Councilman Johnnie M. Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson, Sr. Others present were Mayor Darrio Melton, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, and City Attorney Jimmy Nunn.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

City Attorney Nunn presented the following Resolutions:

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

I. Resolution #R106-16/17 - Appointment of Council President Pro Tempore. Attorney Nunn read Resolution #R106-16-17, Appointment of Council President Pro Tempore, in its entirety. During discussion, Nominations were made on the Appointment of Council President Pro Tempore. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to nominate Councilman Randolph, as Council Pro Tempore. Following said action, Councilman Leashore made a motion that the said action be "closed". During discussion, Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to decline the nomination at this time; stating, "it's not for me at this time". Councilman Leashore rescinded his "motion". President Bowie opened the "Floor" for nominations. Councilman Leashore nominated Councilwoman Keith. Councilman Randolph nominated Councilwoman Benjamin. Councilman Leashore stated, Mr. President and Council, "the reason that I feel that it would be in the best interest to nominate my Colleague, Councilwoman Keith, is because representation in City Government is being diminished; in the City of Selma which is 85%, perhaps 90% Black, I just want my 'Brothers and Sisters' in the 'White Community' in our City to know that we are a Government for all of the People. I want Councilwoman Benjamin to know that my nomination of Councilwoman Keith has no bearing, or reflection, on her ability, or her character. I just want, for the record, to make that clear." Councilwoman Keith stated to Councilman Leashore, "I certainly do appreciate the confidence, Councilman Leashore; it's more meaningful than you can imagine. But, I really want to make this statement, Mr. President, for the record; I think that it's important that we recognize that we are all just as capable, irrespective of race; irrespective of gender. We are all here to serve Selma, and to serve all of you."

During discussion, President Bowie asked the Council to proceed to take action, and vote on the "Nominee" for Council Pro Tempore. President Bowie further stated that his vote will be the "Fifth" vote for any Nominee who receives a total of Four (4) votes. President Bowie asked the Council to proceed to take a vote on the "Nominee" of their choice: President Bowie - Initial Action - "Passed"; Councilman Bowline - "Councilwoman Keith"; Councilwoman Keith - "Councilwoman Keith"; Councilwoman Jackson-Tolbert - "Councilwoman Keith"; Councilwoman Benjamin - "Councilwoman Benjamin"; Councilman Randolph - "Councilwoman Benjamin"; Councilman Leashore - "Councilwoman Keith"; Councilwoman Thomas - "Councilwoman Benjamin"; and Councilman Johnson - "Councilwoman Benjamin". Following the votes of each Council Member, President Bowie took action and cast the Fifth Vote for "Councilwoman Benjamin". President Bowie stated that the Council President Pro Tempore is "Councilwoman Benjamin" by a majority vote, per said Resolution #R106-16/17.

II. Resolution #R108-16/17 - Establishment of Rules and Procedures of the City Council. Attorney Nunn read and presented Resolution #R108-16/17, Establishment of Rules and Procedures of the City Council, in its entirety. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve said Resolution #R108-16/17, Rules and Procedures of the City Council. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

III. Resolution #R107-16/17 - Designation of Depositories of the City of Selma. Following the presentation of Resolution #R108-12/13, Designation of Depositories of the City of Selma, and reading of the same, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R107-16/17, Designation of Depositories of the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

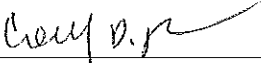
IV. Resolution #R109-16/17 - Continuation of Positions and Employees Under City Council's Authority to Appoint. Following the presentation of Resolution #R109-16/17, Continuation of Positions and Employees Under City Council's Authority to Appoint, and reading of the same, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R109-16/17, Continuation of Positions and Employees Under City Council's Authority to Appoint. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

IV. Resolution #R110-16/17 - Establishment of Time and Place for Holding City Council Meetings. Following the presentation of Resolution #R110-16/17, Establishment of Time and Place for Holding City Council Meetings, and reading of the same, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R110-16/17, Establishment of Time and Place for Holding City Council Meetings. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

CLOSING PRAYER: Honorable Billy Young

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*