

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2020
5:00 P.M.

DRAFT

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session, via Teleconference, on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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Understanding What Is Really Happening.*

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". A motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, 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

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Three (3) Items, to be considered for tonight's Council Meeting. President Bowie further stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time if they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

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

- (1) To Approve to Purchase Banners in "Recognition" of Essential Workers and for Informational Purposes on the COVID-19 Virus, at a Cost of \$85.00 Each.
- (2) To Approve to Terminate, and Pay for the "Final" Services of Azimuth; Invoice in the Amount of \$7,308.78.
- (3) To Approve Authorization of Attorney Segall to Move Forward with Seeking the AG's Opinion, Concerning the Signage of Contracts When the Mayor Refuses to Sign.

President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt and approve the above Three (3) Items for Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, to approve and adopt the Three (3) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were eight affirmative votes for Consent Agenda Item, #1 and #2; one nay vote on Consent Agenda Items #1 and #2, one abstention on Consent Agenda Item #2; two abstentions on Consent Agenda Item #3. During roll call, Councilman Bowline stated, "I vote 'yes' on 3, and vote 'no' on 1 and 2." During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "I vote 'yes' on 1 and 2; abstain on 3." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "Yes, on 1; 2 and 3, I abstain."

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Continued.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she had asked to reserve the weekend of December 4, 2020, for Selma's "Bicentennial Celebration", but would like to change it to the Labor Day Weekend. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Councilwoman Benjamin, that she would like for this Event to be a part of her "Summer Series", and that she would also like for her to work with her on this. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to re-schedule Selma's "Bicentennial Celebration" from the "first" Weekend in December (December 4, 2020), to Labor Day Weekend in September. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilwoman Jackson "announced" that the Montgomery Public Library has just received the "Rosa Parks" Grant, in the amount of \$47,060.00, and that this Grant was "one" that Azimuth had worked on for them, and that she would like re-consideration of them as a "Grant Writer" for us in the future.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilwoman Jackson that she was sorry that Azimuth was not able to get the information from our Administration to get "Grants" such as those for the City of Selma, but that she hopes in the future that they can be "re-considered", and that they will be able to get what they need from the "Administration" to write "successful" Grants for our City, as well. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they continue to have the "Weekly, COVID-19" Community Meetings on Tuesdays, and the Call-In Numbers are, "6054755950; 040801, Access Code". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would also like to "remind" Everyone of "Jazz on the Grass", which is usually the "3rd Saturday" in June, but that she will be working on the "Calendar" to see what date it can be set for.

Councilman Randolph stated that he has purchased some Gift Cards, to help with Food for Citizens, and asked Council Members, if they have anyone in their Wards, that may need some food, and to let him know, so that he can get a "Gift Card" to them.

Councilman Leashore stated that during last night's Work Session, he stated that he would follow-up with asking City Attorney, Major Madison, about the availability of funds for Public Safety, (Police and Firemen), and the General Services/Public Works' Employees, in terms of hazardous duty pay. Councilman Leashore further stated that he is seeking this information during the Pandemic. Councilman Leashore stated that he was hoping that our City Attorney would be here, via Teleconference, on tonight, so that he could ask him to research the information on how to pursue this. Councilman Leashore stated hopefully they can get this information, to have for discussion by our next Council meeting. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to Councilman Leashore that the Council needs to "hear" from the Mayor, in terms of what the "needs" are; that they really need to sit down, and have a conversation about this.

Councilwoman Thomas stated to Council that this is the week that they normally "honor" the Loved Ones who have lost their "Love Ones" to Gun violence and murder, with the "Stop the Violence in Our Community Event", but that it's having to be postponed. Councilwoman Thomas stated that the Community

is still grieving, and thinking about Mr. Charlie Sanders, and Others, who have lost their "Lives" to Gun Violence! Councilwoman Thomas stated as Leaders, they all care about this Community, and that People are dissatisfied about the conditions of our City in terms of overgrown grass and weeds in our City. Councilwoman Thomas further stated, as a Leader, she will continue to take care of our Community doing whatever she can because we care; that they are "pushing work orders", and they're being "pushed back". Councilwoman Thomas stated that she did talk to the Police Chief, and asked President Bowie about the Public Safety Committee Meeting that they were to schedule. President Bowie asked Councilwoman Thomas, if she would be available to meet on this Friday? Councilwoman Thomas answered, and stated that she will be available to meet. President Bowie stated that he will schedule the Public Safety Committee Meeting for this Friday, at 1:00 p.m., and asked if Councilwoman Youngblood would be able to attend, as well? Councilwoman Youngblood answered, and stated that she would be able to attend the Meeting this Friday.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilwoman Thomas that she does not mind changing the "date" to a Summer Date for the Stop the Violence Event, due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they will get tighter, and come up with a date.

Councilwoman Benjamin asked Councilman Johnson, if he knew when grass would be cut again, with the Public Works Employees, being back in place? Councilman Johnson answered, and stated that she would have to follow-up with the Mayor, and the Public Works' Department Director. Councilman Johnson stated that he had observed the Public Works' Employees working in Ward 8, but that the grass is still growing; not only in Ward 8, but all over the City. Councilman Johnson further stated that he thinks that the "Guys" are doing the best that they can with the limited Employees that they have out there. Councilman Johnson stated that he would love to see all of the Employees back that were laid off, so that Everybody's Ward can be what it's supposed to be.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Mrs. Juanda Maxwell

Re: SRA and Y.M.C.A. - Request to Vote to Restore the Lodging Tax to the Y.M.C.A.

(Mrs. Maxwell stated she is requesting of the Council to vote to restore the Lodging Tax to the Y.M.C.A., roughly in the amount of \$40,000.00; not, the Brown Y.M.C.A., but the Walker-Johnson Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Maxwell stated that the "Y" is closed now but is looking at reopening on May 11th, after "guidance" from the Government. Councilman Leashore stated that if the Council does proceed to vote and approve restoring the Lodging Tax/Fees to the Y.M.C.A., that he would like to see that the Lodging Taxes are divided between the Y.M.C.A., and the Edmundite Missions' Organization. Mrs. Maxwell also spoke on "SRA - Design Alabama, and "Selma, the 'Queen City'". President Bowie asked Mrs. Maxwell about the Reports? Mrs. Maxwell answered, and stated that the Reports have been completed and that she will be getting copies to the Council, along with the "recommendations" of the City, "adopting", the "Design Alabama", and "Selma, the 'Queen City'". Mrs. Maxwell stated to President Bowie that this will be coming to the Council, via Email. President Bowie asked Mrs. Maxwell to Email the Report and Recommendations to, Mrs. Carneetie Ellison, the Council's Administrative Assistant, and she stated that she would.)

FINANCE REPORT

President Bowie asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, to address the Council, with a Finance Report. Ms. Wade addressed the Council, and presented the Finance Reports, for the Months Ending in February, 2020, and March, 2020. During her Report, Ms. Wade stated that we are in receipt of \$202,065.00 in Oil Lease Funds, and that it was before the Council, to determine how to proceed. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to divide the Oil Lease Funds, \$202,065.00, by Ten (10) ways, which would be \$20,206.00 equally, for the Mayor and each Council Member. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney addressed the Council, to answer "Questions" from the Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report. (During his report, President Bowie "announced" that there will be a Public Safety Committee Meeting on this Friday, at 1:00 p.m.)

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During his Remarks, Councilman Leashore stated that he is "Thankful" that the City Attorney, Mr. Madison, was able to "Join" our Meeting, and that he is looking forward to a report of his "findings", as it relates to any funds that can be made available to the Public Safety Employees, both Police and Fire, as well as, the Public Works/General Services' Employees, regarding hazardous duty pay.)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

The Council approved to authorize the Office of Planning and Development, to submit a Grant in the amount of \$62,000.00 to the Department of Justice, for Overtime, Gloves, and Masks. A motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman, to approve said authorization of Office of Planning & Development to submit a Grant. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks. (During her remarks, Councilwoman Thomas appealed to Councilman Johnson to look into the concern that she has about the "Building" next to the Interpretive Center. Councilwoman Thomas stated that it appears to be a "safety issue", and asked Councilman Johnson to check on that mater, since it is in his Ward, and he stated that he would.)

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- April 28, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

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CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Seven (7) Items, to be considered for tonight's Council Meeting. President Bowie further stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time if they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

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

- (1) To Approve to Waive the Late Penalty Due to the COVID-19 Virus, for March, April, and May, 2020, for Small Businesses Who Average Retail Sales During the Previous Calendar year at \$62,500.00, or Less.
- (2) To Approve the Temporary Closure of the Service Road on North Broad Street, Near the Chevron Service Station. (Located in Ward 4, Councilwoman Benjamin's Ward)

- (3) To Approve an Additional \$1.75 Per Hour for Hazardous Duty Pay for Public Safety Employees; Police and Fire, During this Pandemic, for One (1) Month (Essentially, Four (4) Weeks).
- (4) To Approve Payment for Tri-County Construction Company for Emergency Work in Ward 2, in the Amount of \$3,700.00.
- (5) To Approve Resolution #R114-19/20, Authorizing Council to Proceed to Obtain an Attorney General's Opinion, Authorizing an Alternative Signature of the President of the City Council, to Sign Contracts When the Mayor Refuses to Sign.
- (6) To Approve to "Earmark" \$1 Million Dollars During the Pandemic.
- (7) To Approve the Following Purchase Orders; \$5,895.44 for Truck Repair, Public Works Department; \$8,050.71 for Dump Truck Repair, Landfill Department; and \$7,749.50 for Truck Repair, Police Department.

President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt and approve the above Seven (7) Items for Consent Agenda. Councilman Leashore asked that Consent Item #3 be "Removed", for further discussion. Councilwoman Benjamin Consent Item #7 be "Removed", for further discussion. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve and adopt the "Remaining" Five (5) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Continued.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she has heard from Mrs. Juanda Maxwell, as it relates to Selma Redevelopment Authority (SRA), and that everything is ready to be signed. Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that it is for the use of the "Logo" for the "Queen City", for the SRA, working under the auspices of the City of Selma. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she would like to make a "motion", which was seconded by Councilman Leashore, for SRA to move forward with this Project, using the City's "Logo", for "trademarking" Selma, as the "Queen City". During discussion, Councilwoman "Withdrew" her "motion", and Councilman Leashore "Withdrew", his "second" to the "motion", and this matter was "Tabled", until the Council has had a chance to review the same.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Madison stated that he does not have a report for tonight's meeting.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Madison that she was checking up again with him, about her request from "April 3rd". Attorney Madison asked Councilwoman Benjamin, if she was referring to the "Employees' Pay", and Councilwoman Benjamin replied, "Yes". Attorney Madison stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that he intended to send her the "answer", via email, but that the "answer" is, the Employees are still being paid at the same rate, per information he received from the Treasurer's Office. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Madison, that her request to him was, to please send a "recommendation" concerning the Defunded Positions. Attorney Madison stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that he thought the Council voted on the Positions, and had already passed a Resolution regarding it. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Madison, "I want to make sure that you understand my request, that when we talked on April 3rd, you had made a 'recommendation' that resulted in checks that were 'halted' on Contract, for Contracted Workers. My request was, if it works like that, would you make a 'recommendation' on those Defunded Positions; of Employees working in Defunded Positions that continue to receive the pay out of a Defunded Position. I wanted to know your 'position and recommendation'." Attorney Madison stated, "I just stated my 'position'; that if the Council passed a Resolution to defund those Positions, the 'record' stands as the Council 'voted'." Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "That they should not be getting paid?" Attorney Madison answered, and stated, "According to the Resolution the Council passed, that's correct." Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Madison, "Since you were going to email me the "answer", could you forward the email that you meant to send to me, regarding the Defunded Positions?" Attorney Madison answered, and stated, "I will. And, could you also confirm your email?" Councilwoman Benjamin answered, and stated "It's the same as it's always been, but I will." Councilwoman Thomas asked Attorney

Madison, "Have the letters been 'drafted' to the Property Owners on Cedar Drive?" Attorney Madison answered, and stated, "Yes, and I will send copies to you on tomorrow morning." Councilman Johnson asked Attorney Madison, "Is there something that can be 'drafted' to put in the 'media' to Property Owners, concerning overgrown grass needing to be cut, and lots needing to be cleaned?" Attorney Madison answered, and stated, "Yes. I will also be sending a Letter to all Council Members, regarding a "Form" that I will be using to "track" requests, so that I can efficiently and effectively respond to their 'requests'."

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3:

To Approve an Additional \$1.75 Per Hour for Hazardous Pay for Public Safety Employees; Police and Fire, During this Pandemic, for One (1) Month; (Four (4) Weeks).

Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie that when this subject was brought up several weeks back, there was concern by some, but not all, as to whether or not the COVID-19 Pandemic had any effect on the work that was undertaken by Public Works and General Services' duties. Councilman Leashore stated that he received some information last night that had about 10 or 15 Counties and Cities that showed how they had authorized Hazardous Duty Pay for several of their Departments; some Cities for Police, Fire and Public Works/General Services; some Cities, only for Police Officers. Councilman Leashore further stated that his point is that he thinks that the duties of Public Works/General Services here in the City of Selma also need to be included in the Hazardous Duty Pay of the \$1.75. President Bowie stated that they arrived at the rate of \$1.75, at the recommendation of our Police Chief, and also our fire Chief. President Bowie further stated to Councilman Leashore, that he is not in any opposition against the Public Works, but what he would suggest is that he have a Committee Meeting, and get with Mr. Steven Hendrieth, Public Works Director, and then come back with a recommendation from the Committee Meeting because he may want more than the \$1.75. Councilman Leashore stated that he will do that, and that he thinks that it is a good suggestion but that he does not think that Mr. Hendrieth would come back asking for a different amount of pay. Councilman Leashore stated that he feels it should be the same. President Bowie stated that it could also be an issue with the Budget. Councilman Leashore stated that he does not think that the Budget should be an issue because there is a reserve that they're looking; that if it's not in the Public Works Budget that he thinks it should be paid out of the \$1 Million Dollar Reserve for the Pandemic that the Council has approved. Councilman Leashore further stated that he also feels that the hazardous duty pay should not extend beyond Ninety (90) days for any of the Departments, Police and Fire, and if the Public Works/General Services' Department is included. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Councilman Leashore to explain how the Public Works' Employees fit in with the Hazardous Pay situation, so that she can better understand this within his Committee Meeting. Councilman Leashore asked Councilwoman Benjamin to be a part of the Committee Meeting once it is scheduled, and extend her "question" to the Public Works' Employees. Councilman Leashore stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that he will be getting with her to coordinate the Committee Meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that he will be having the Committee Meeting, and will be bringing back a recommendation after the Committee meets, regarding the Public Works' Employees. Councilman Randolph stated that he is not being a "scrooge"; that he already realizes that the Public Works' Employees are being underpaid, but that he does not agree to Public Works being a part of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Councilman Randolph stated our Police Officers are not able to practice the "6 ft. rule", because of all of what they have to do; "pulling drivers over, being in 'domestic relations' situations, etc." Councilman Randolph further stated, if you want to give them a raise, just give them a raise. Councilman Randolph stated, "When the Mayor brought the Guys back from the layoff, he brought them back at minimum wage. And, that wasn't fair. In talking about fairness, he needs to give them their wages/money at the rate they were at, when they were laid off. I don't feel it was fair that when the Mayor brought them back, after the layoff, they were brought back making less money. That is crazy. So, if you want to put them back on, where they're supposed to be, I'm all for that." Councilman Leashore stated when he initially brought up the subject about hazardous duty pay, it was a subject matter that was close to one of his Colleagues, and he shared the concern with him, and therefore, he brought it before this "body". Councilman Leashore stated to Councilman Randolph, "When I got the information last night it is apparent that in some Cities the duties of Public Works/General Services are impacted by COVI-19. So, this is not an attempt by me, and I'm hoping, nobody else, to give Public Works a raise, but an opportunity give them some benefits because their daily responsibilities are impacted by COVID-19. Once again, this is not an attempt by me to give a raise to anybody but to afford them some benefits that other Communities are affording to their Workers doing the same type of work. Councilman Bowline stated, "President Bowie, recently, we had a tree to fall over the weekend, and there have been trees that have been needing to be cut for some time now. I really appreciate the Selma Fire Department for getting there, but Public Works showed up, and they were working "side-by-side", of the Fire Department. So there are some areas for Public Works as being part of the Pandemic Pay, as seen from my own experience on this past Saturday. They were alongside of the Fire Department." Councilman Johnson stated to President Bowie, "I have also experienced seeing how the Public Works Employees are taking care of things, and feel they meet the requirements for the hazardous pay, as well. I'm the one who brought the subject up to Councilman Leashore." During discussion, President Bowie stated, "At this point and time, the "Chair" will entertain a "motion" from the "floor". During more discussion, Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie and the Council, that she would like to "offer" that this action automatically end (terminate) in One (1) Month, and if they do not bring it back before the Council, that it ends (terminates) PERMANENTLY. President Bowie Concurred. Councilwoman Jackson asked

President Bowie, if this action would need to be put in "Resolution Form"? President Bowie answered, and asked Attorney Madison, if the Council could move forward and "vote" on tonight, and bring back the Resolution with the "language" for this "action", to be signed off on? Attorney Madison answered, and stated we could move forward, and that he would "draft" the Resolution. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve an additional \$1.75 per hour for Hazardous Duty Pay for Public Safety Employees; Police and Fire, during the Pandemic, for One (1) Month (Four (4) Weeks), to be brought back for review, before extending it beyond the One (1) Month. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Following roll call, Councilman Leashore stated that he's going to be looking at having the Public Works' Committee Meeting at City Hall, Council Chambers, with the Governor opening the State with limited restrictions, and hopefully the Committee Meeting can be held on Thursday, April 30th.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #7:

To Approve the Following Purchase Orders; \$5,895.44 for Truck Repair, Public Works Department; \$8,050.71 for Dump Truck Repair, Landfill Department; and \$7,749.50 for Truck Repair, Police Department.

President Bowie stated that Consent Agenda Item #7, was to approve Purchase Orders; that the money is already available, but the Council just needs to "vote" to move forward. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she asked that the Item be taken off of Consent Agenda, for discussion as it relates to the urgency. President Bowie asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, to "offer" an explanation. Ms. Wade "offered" an explanation of each Purchase Order, per Department, and stated that she is requesting "approval" because the Items are for Contractual Services in excess of \$5,000.00; namely, (1) \$5,895.44 for Truck Repair, Public Works Department; \$8,050.71 for Dump Truck Repair, Landfill Department; further, that according to the Director, there will be an inspection by A.D.E.M. in May, and the Dump truck is necessary for transfer of dirt, to stay into compliance; and \$7,749.50 for Truck Repair, Police Department. Ms. Wade stated that she spoke with Chief Fulford about the truck for the Police Department, for a motor overhaul for a Ford Expedition. Ms. Wade stated that one of the new trash trucks which is down, and in need of repair, in Public Works Department. Councilman Leashore *Concurred*. Ms. Wade also stated that although they are "new" trucks, warranty does not cover normal "wear and tear", and abuse, and suggests to Council that they follow up with the Mayor to request that Department Heads come and explain in more detail, what the repairs are for, if needed. Ms. Wade further stated that the funding is available in their line items, and that no budget amendments are needed; just that they need to approve due to Contracts being in excess of \$5,000.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the following Purchase Orders; \$5,895.44 for Truck Repair, Public Works Department; \$8,050.71 for Dump Truck Repair, Landfill Department; and \$7,749.50 for Truck Repair, Police Department. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report. During his report, Councilman Johnson "Congratulated" the "Young Man" from Orrville, Mr. Lachvious Simmons, on being chosen by the "Chicago Bears", for the "NFL Draft". Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to do something to "honor" him, along with the Mayor of Orrville, Mayor Lumpkin. Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to "open" the Swimming Pool, and get it prepared, once we're approved to "open"/Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report. During his report, President Bowie made a "motion", which was "seconded" by Councilman Johnson, to approve the Annual Contract for the Dallas County Task Force Agency, in the amount of \$7,500.00, to combat crime in the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

Following the above action, President Bowie stated that the "Interviews" for the Municipal Court Judge were conducted over a month and a half ago; that they had Three (3) Candidates to "Interview"; namely, Attorney Brandon Wooten, Attorney Tarackia Phillips Barge and Attorney Leopold B. Babin. President Bowie further stated that he had spoken with Circuit Court Judge Marvin Wiggins, and that he stated that Court is not "Closed"; that they are having "Virtual" Court. President Bowie stated, however, that no Court will be "opened" in May, and that they will slowly "phase in" Court, in June. President Bowie stated that he is also pleased that the "questions" have been "answered". Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "Mr. President, there are 'questions' that I would like to get the 'answers' to; that Everybody evidently has gotten the 'answers', but me. I'd like to get the 'answers' that Everybody has gotten. Could you all forward me the 'answers'?" Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie, "If you want to go on to the next 'Committee Report', I can text her real quick, what you all were concerned about." President Bowie "Thanked" Councilwoman Benjamin for texting Councilwoman Youngblood, the 'answers' to the 'questions' that they had 'concerns' about. President Bowie proceeded to the remaining "Standing Committee Reports".

Following the "Committee Reports", President Bowie asked Councilwoman Youngblood, "Did you get the information?" Councilwoman Youngblood answered, and stated, "Yes, I did. Thank You."

President Bowie stated, "At this point and time, the 'Chair' will entertain a 'motion' to move forward with the Appointment for Municipal Court Judge. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to appoint Attorney Brandon Wooten, as Municipal Court Judge, for the City of Selma. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she would like to "offer" continuing action on this matter, on tonight, until we can have some measures in place. Councilwoman Jackson further stated that they need to determine "measures"; that they have not re-appointed Judge Hagood, with his "Appointment". Councilwoman Benjamin "Thanked" Councilwoman Jackson, and stated, "My motion will remain the same. I like what you have presented; but, we do need to consider what you have 'offered' for the next 'round'. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one "pass" vote. During the "initial" roll call, Councilwoman Jackson "passed" on voting. Following the "initial" roll call, Councilwoman Jackson changed her "pass vote", to an "abstention". Therefore, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilwoman Jackson abstained on voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I'm going to abstain at this time."

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report. During her report, Councilwoman Benjamin "reminded" Everyone that they continue to have the "Weekly, COVID-19" Community Town Hall Meetings on "Tuesdays", at 12 o'clock noon; that they had another "Wonderful Meeting" on today. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that all Work Orders and Requests for Ward 4 have been submitted, but are going unanswered. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the reason she questioned Hazardous Duty Pay for Public Works, is because she's concerned that their Work Orders are being unanswered. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she's being told, however, they they're working diligently every day. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she wants their Work Order Requests to be "honored", as well, Councilwoman Benjamin "reminded" Everyone to be Safe and Healthy, and further, "if you're not essential, and don't need to be out, Stay at home"!/Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Prior to "Adjournment", President Bowie "Announced" that the "Summary" of this "Teleconference" Council Meeting will be on the Council's Facebook Page, Selma Post Herald, and Mr. David Blackmon's Facebook Page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*