

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 28, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Effell Williams, Sr.
Tabernacle of Praise Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilman Greg Bjelke, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw, and Councilman Corey Bowie. Others present were Mayor George Evans, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant, Ms. Brenda Smothers. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting, due to Military Duty.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the agenda items as written. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Williamson asked for the approval of the Minutes of February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2012. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Ms. Antanique Tubbs
People-to-People Ambassadors Programs, Incorporated
Re: Funding Request

Mrs. Claudia L. Wright
Selma Habitat for Humanity
Re: Funding Request - *Upcoming 9th Annual Fundraising Auction - Thursday, March 15th, at 6:00 p.m. - Carl Morgan Convention Center*

Mr. Charles H. Johnson
Friends of Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail
Re: Seeking Permission to Use Building Next to the Interpretive Center
A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the request made by Mr. Charles Johnson to use of the building next to the Interpretive Center. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

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Mr. Brent Harris
Re: Discussion on Riverview, Code Violations, Historic Preservation and City Image

Mr. Robert Walker (Reverend Jim Johnson, Associate Pastor)
Gateway Baptist Church - "Annual Walk-To-Calvary" March

Re: Permission to Use The Songs of Selma Park for Re-Enactment of *The Last Supper* Event

Mr. Walker stated he and the Church are seeking approval from the Council for their "Walk-To-Calvary". Mr. Walker further stated this year makes their 20th Annual Presentation, and he would like to take this time to thank the Council for allowing them to have this Re-Enactment each year. Mr. Walker further stated the Celebration begins on Thursday, April 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., and they are requesting permission to use the sidewalk out front of City Hall, near the Fountain, as they did last year, for the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. On April 6th, Good Friday, at 2:00 p.m., they also request permission to be on the steps of City Hall, to have the Trial, and then they will have the "Walk-To-Calvary", walking down Dallas Avenue (Highway 22) to Bloch Park, where the Crucifixion is Re-Enacted. And, on Easter Sunday, April 8th, at 6:00 a.m., a Sunrise Service is scheduled at Bloch Park, to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Mr. Johnson stated that he and the Gateway Baptist Church appreciates Mayor Evans and the Council for allowing them to do this every year, and they would like to continue. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to grant Gateway Baptist Church the requested approval and permit for the "Walk-To-Calvary" March, beginning on Thursday, April 5, 2012, including Good Friday on April 6, 2012, and ending on Sunday, April 8, 2012, with the Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. President Williamson stated to Mr. Johnson that the Council appreciates what he and the Gateway Baptist Church are doing with the *Annual Walk-To-Calvary* Easter Services. Mr. Walker stated he appreciates us, and on behalf of the Gateway Baptist Church, he invited the Mayor and Council, along with the Community, to come out and help Celebrate the Re-Enactment, during the Annual Celebration of the "Walk-To-Calvary", April 5th - April 8th, 2012.

Mrs. Querline Stsurin-Moore/Mr. Derriet Moore
Best of Student Shooters (B.O.S.S.) Youth Athletic, LLC
Re: Funding Request

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING

No one was present to make public comments. President Williamson stated that we will have another Public Hearing on Redistricting once we have gotten further along with our Plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to present and acknowledge the following Proclamation, and that each of them should also have a copy within their packets:

Proclamation Honoring Benjamin Obomanu, Receiver for the Seattle Seahawks.

Mayor Evans stated he would like to recognize and present a Proclamation, honoring "**Benjamin Obomanu, #2 Receiver for the Seattle Seahawks**". Mayor Evans asked Mr. Benjamin Obomanu to come forward to be presented with a Proclamation in his Honor. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states, "Whereas, Benjamin Ebenezer Obomanu was born on October 28, 1983 in Selma, Alabama, and is the Son of Mrs. Brenda Randolph Obomanu; and, Whereas, he attended Selma City Schools and Selma High School where he was a Letterman and a Starter in Football and Basketball, and was rated the #1 High School Football Player in Alabama, graduating from Selma High School in 2002, as Salutatorian with a 4.22 GPA; and, Whereas, he attended Auburn University where he played for the Auburn Tigers and was a member of the 2004 "Undeclared Team". He was a four-time Southeastern Conference All-American, and had the highest GPA among Auburn Football Players from 2002 - 2004. He graduated Cum Laude from Auburn University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, in Three Years, and received a Master's of Business in Finance Degree from Kaplan University; and, Whereas, Ben Obomanu was "Drafted" by the Seattle Seahawks in the 2006 NFL Draft, and made the Seahawks' Active Roster out of Training Camp in 2007. His First NFL Touchdown came in on October 14, 2007, in a Sunday Night Football Game against the New Orleans Saints; and, Whereas, in the 2010 NFL Season, he was promoted to the #2 Receiver Position. He signed a new 3-year Contract with the Seahawks in 2010; and, Whereas, Benjamin Obomanu has received many Awards and Honors including being named the "Selma Quarterback Club J. Harmon Carter Scholar-Athlete" in 2001, and the Y.M.C.A.'s Paul M. Grist "Boy of the Year" in 2002. He was a 2002 *Coca-Cola Scholar*, and Recipient of the Birmingham-Jefferson County C.W. Streit Award for the Highest Scholastic Record in 2005; and, Whereas, he is a Speaker and Mentor, and also a Member of Morning Star Baptist Church in Selma. Mayor Evans and the Council presented this Proclamation to Mr. Benjamin Obomanu in Honor, and Recognition of his Achievements, and urged all Citizens to join in this "**Acknowledgement**" of his many accomplishments, which was received with a "**Round of Applause**"!

A. Housing Project Agreement. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a Project Agreement as it relates to the Green Solar Housing Project, but that he is not asking the Council to take any action on it at tonight's Council Meeting. Mayor Evans asked the Council to review, and that he will bring it back before the Council at the next Council Meeting, for discussion.

B. Alabama's Widest Yard Sale - May 31 - June 2, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that there is going to be an Alabama's "Widest Yard Sale" on May 31st through June 2nd, and that Selma is a part of

that. Mayor Evans further stated that it is going to be on Highway 80, extending all the way from Phoenix City, from the Alabama State Line on the East, to the State Line on the West at Cuba, and the Mississippi State Line. Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Sheryl Smedley of the Chamber of Commerce has been a part of that. Mayor Evans further stated that this will not cost the City of Selma any money to participate, and that they are still working on the final plans for this event.

C. Revenue and Expense Report - January, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have now a copy of the Revenue and Expense Report, which was not available to them during the last Council Meeting. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that this Report is being provided for their review, and any questions that they may have can be brought back during the next Council Meeting.

D. Riverfront Amphitheater Alternatives. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a Summary as it relates to alternatives for the Riverfront Amphitheater Project. Mayor Evans further stated that he is not asking for action on the part of the Council at this time, but that this information is being provided to them for their review. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that the Council will review this, and place it on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting, for discussion.

E. Resolution #R158-11/12 - Authorization to Submit a FY 2012-2013 Grant Application for the City of Selma Digital Opportunity AmeriCorps Program. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R158-11/12, Authorization to Submit a FY 2012-2013 Grant Application for the City of Selma Digital Opportunity AmeriCorps Program. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that this is a Program that we do annually, and get approved every year. Mayor Evans stated that we do not have to come up with any funds for this Program until the next Fiscal Year; total cost of the Project is \$475,443.00, and the maximum Grant amount is \$264,653.00 with the City of Selma pledging to provide approximately \$135,000.00 in cash match, and in-kind match in the amount of approximately \$73,213.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Resolution #R158-11/12, Authorization to Submit a FY 2012-2013 Grant Application for the City of Selma Digital Opportunity AmeriCorps Program, to be appropriated in the FY 2012-2013 Grant Match Fund. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Resolution #R157-11/12 - Authorization to Execute the Safe Routes to School Project Supplemental Agreement. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R157-11/12, Authorization to Execute the Safe Routes to School Project Supplemental Agreement. Mayor Evans further stated that we actually approved this some time ago, but that we have been forwarded an Amendment, and that he recommends that we move forward with the Safe Routes to School Project. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward to address the Council with an explanation. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council, and stated that they are trying to move forward with this Project. Ms. Griffeth further stated that at one time the City was under the impression that ALDOT would bid the Project, and they wanted to bid the project, but in speaking with Mr. Ray Matthews we are going to have a recommendation or resolution for bid for this Project during our next Council Meeting, so that when the Children get out of school, it will be ready for construction. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Resolution #R157-11/12, Authorization to Execute the Safe Routes to School Project Supplemental Agreement. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. Ordinance #O106-11/12 - Ordinance to Amend Marina Regulations. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Ordinance #O106-11/12, An Ordinance Relating to Marina Regulations and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that he is not asking the Council to take any action on Ordinance #O106-11/12 at this time, but for them to review. Mayor Evans further stated that Ordinance #O106-11/12 will give our Police Department authority to Fine, and have security over the ground area of the Marina; that our Police Department will now have jurisdiction over this area. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that they will review, and bring back to the next Council Meeting, for discussion.

H. Proposal for Police Promotional Exams for a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a Proposal for Police Promotional Exams for Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captains. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that this is a Register that he is trying to put in place for those Police Officers who may be eligible to become Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captains. Mayor Evans stated that funds for this Exam are in the Budget for the Personnel Department, which the Council approved \$22,000.00 for promotional Police Exams in the Personnel Department FY 2011-2012 Budget, under Line Item, #1.6015 51032. Mayor Evans stated to Council, as they know, we do not have additional funds in the Budget to promote anyone, unless someone leaves; however, if we approve this Proposal that means all those who qualify and pass the Exam would be eligible for a promotion, provided a slot becomes available or funds become available. Mayor Evans further stated that this Register would be for a period of Two (2) years. Mayor Evans asked Police Chief Riley and Ms. Valeria Jones, Personnel Director, to come forward to address the Council, and provide answers to questions that they had. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he wanted to clarify that if anyone takes the written test, what they are doing is taking the test to be eligible as positions become available, or if funds become available, because at the present time, there

are no funds currently in the Budget for those positions. Mayor Evans stated in order for someone to be promoted into one of those positions, we would have to have a Register, and if we do not have a Register, then they cannot be promoted. Chief Riley stated currently there no Captains within the Police Department, and that those positions go from "Chief to Lieutenant". President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that they have just received this information on last night, and that he is unsure as to whether all of the Council Members have had a chance to read it. During discussion, it was discussed that the Council needs time to review this Proposal before taking any action, and President Williamson stated this Item, unless there is objection, will be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting. Mayor Evans stated to Council that a Proposal for the Fire Department Promotional Exams will be brought before the Council in the near future, as well, which will need action from the Council.

I. Sewer Cave-In on Broad Street, In Front of Pancake House Restaurant. Mayor Evans stated to Council that there is a Sewer Cave-In on Broad Street, in front of the Pancake House Restaurant, and that Mr. Tommy Smith, Director, and the Public Works Department are working, trying to repair it, and that he hopes it will be completed real soon.

J. Update on Marie Foster Street. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Ray Hogg to provide the Council an update on the Marie Foster Street Project. Mr. Hogg stated that he talked with the Contractor this morning, and that the culvert is set to be shipped on Thursday, and that it should be here Friday or Monday. Mr. Hogg further stated that we have been given thirty (30) days for the estimated time that we will need to close the street, based upon the weather, but that he thinks we will have the street back together in 7 - 10 days. Mr. Hogg stated that he and the Contract will be meeting on Monday to discuss this further. Mayor Evans stated that we have got to make sure to let the Public know that the street is going to be closed so that people will have this information for travel routes to work, or whatever the case may be, in plenty of time. Mayor Evans further stated that it is going to be a one-way street to enter and exit while this repair is going on. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Hogg to let him know as soon as he knows when the street is going to be closed, so that he can get it to the radio and newspaper. Mayor Evans stated that he would like to have at least 4 or 5 days notice to the Public before the street is closed, so that we can let the Public know what to expect, and that they will need to take alternative routes. Mr. Hogg stated that he would let Mayor Evans know after he meets with the Contractor on Monday.

K. Update on Trailways Transportation System. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he wanted to give them an update, that Trailways Bus Lines did come through on yesterday, and again he wanted to publicly thank Trailways for re-locating back in Selma, along with Ms. Smedley for her efforts, as well. Mayor Evans stated that he did meet them at 5:00 a.m. on yesterday morning, to "Welcome" them into our City, and that there was one passenger on the Bus from Mobile. Mayor Evans further stated that the Trailways Office will not be open for a while, and for now, they are parking every morning at the Coffee Shoppe, and every evening at approximately 7:15 p.m. Mayor Evans stated that the Trailways Bus Lines is operational, departing from Mobile and making a stop in Thomasville, then to Camden; and, then come up to Selma; and from Selma to Brent, and then to Tuscaloosa. Mayor Evans stated that this will be the "return" route, as well.

L. Update on City Wide Clean-Up Day. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he thinks the City Wide Clean-Up Day went very well, and he appreciates everyone for their participation and assistance with this Clean-Up. Mayor Evans further stated he wanted to especially thank the Council Members, Citizens and Volunteers who came, and helped with this Event. Mayor Evans stated that we had Ministers, Army, and Young People who came, and he wanted to thank all who came and participated, and for their support in this effort.

M. Selma Cover Story in AAA's Alabama Journey Magazine. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the AAA Alabama Journey Magazine has us on the "Front Cover Story", "Bridging History . . . Reflecting on the March that Changed Our Nation". Mayor Evans stated that they chose to "cover" us on their own, that we are proud of that!

N. Reminder, and Announcements. Mayor Evans stated he would like to announce, and advise the Council of the following:

- (1) *Boys and Girls Club Kick-Off Luncheon – February 29, 2012, at 11:45 a.m. – St. James Hotel*
- (2) *Bridge Crossing Jubilee Welcome Reception – March 1, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. – St. James Hotel*
- (3) *Bridge Cross Jubilee – March 1 – 5, 2012*
- (4) *Selma-to-Montgomery March Re-Enactment – March 5 -9, 2012*
- (5) *Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Tour – March 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m., PAL Center*

- (6) *Inaugural Alabama River Chili Cook-Off – March 8, 2012, 5 – 8 p.m., Water Avenue*
- (7) *Historic Selma Pilgrimage – March 16 – 17, 2012*
- (8) *Arts Revive Juried Art Exhibit – March 16 – 18, 2012, Carneal Building*
- (9) *Selma City Schools Butterflies and Bridges 8K Race and Fun Walk – April 14, 2012 – S.H.S.*
- (10) *Mayors' Charity Ball – April 19, 2012, 6 – 10 p.m.*
- (11) *Battle of Selma – April 26 – 29, 2012*
- (12) *AHSAA Track Meet – May 4 – 5, 2012*
- (13) *Arts Revive StreetFest – May 4 – 5, 2012, Water Avenue*
- (14) *Selma Walton Theater Coming Attractions*
- (15) *Pray for Selma Every Wednesday, between the Hour of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

View the City of Selma Calendar at www.selma-al.gov and the Chamber of Commerce Calendar at www.selmaalabama.com for details and upcoming events.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Invoice - Weatherford and Associates. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Invoice from Weatherford and Associates, in the amount of \$700.00. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council, if they recall, per the request of the Council, we had a Public Hearing as it relates to the Old Y.M.C.A. Building in which we invited Mr. Danny Raines of Montgomery. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Raines was the Engineer who came down and explained to the Council his report that he had done for the Historic Commission. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of said Invoice. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the Invoice of Weatherford and Associates in the amount of \$700.00, with regard to the Old Y.M.C.A. Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

B. ABC License Application - Selma Curb Market - 115 U. S. Highway 80, East. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to the Selma Curb Market, for a Retail Beer/Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License, which is located at 115 U. S. Highway 80, East; within the Police Jurisdiction. Attorney Nunn further stated that we want to thank our City Clerk, Mrs. Ivy Harrison, who has also implemented another addition to the application process, which now includes a photograph of the site, as well as, directions to the location of the site, which will assist us in locating the site. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of the Selma Curb Market, on 1st Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. ABC License Application - TNK Package Store - 1400 Marie Foster Street. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to TNK Package Store, for a Lounge Retail Liquor - Class II License (Package), which is located at 1400 Marie Foster Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. Councilman Atchison stated that he just wanted to thank Mrs. Harrison, for the picture and the directions, and that he thinks it is a great idea to include those with the applications. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of TNK Package Store, on 1st Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. Peddler's Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he is still in the process of researching information as it relates to a Peddler's Ordinance for the City of Selma, and hopefully will have it to present in "draft" form by the next Council Meeting.

E. Redistricting Update. Attorney Nunn thanked everyone who came out to the Public Forum held on last night, and stated that he thinks that it was a great public meeting. Attorney Nunn further stated that he thinks that we learned a lot, that the Council learned a lot from the Citizens. Attorney Nunn stated, as

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was stated last night, we did make the Maps and the Telephone Numbers available to anyone who needed them, and that a couple of Citizens stopped by on today and picked up some Maps. Attorney Nunn stated, again, the Maps are located here in the Council Chamber, and we have also, per Mayor Evans on last night, placed the Maps on the WebSite. Attorney Nunn further stated that the same information can be seen on that WebSite, that they presented last night during the Public Forum. Attorney Nunn stated we do have an Election scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th of this year, and we have to have approval from the Justice Department at least sixty (60) days from the Election; actually, sixty (60) days before candidates begin to qualify for the Election. Attorney Nunn further stated qualifying begins on July 1st, and when the date is backed up sixty (60) days, that would be about May 1st that we would have to have something approved. Attorney Nunn stated we would have had this placed on 1st Reading, 2nd Reading, and placed in the newspaper by May 1st. Attorney Nunn further stated all of that must take place within the next month and one-half, including if it is the desire of the Council to have more Public Hearings. President Williamson stated for certain we will have at least one more Public Hearing. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she was very sorry that she was not able to attend the Hearing on last night but she understands that it was great attendance, and that there are some people who have some real concerns. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked "where are we going from here with that? What are we going to do about what the People feel about with what is going on with the Maps? Do we have in plan, another Hearing at all possible, or when will the Public know the decision of the Council on the Maps?" Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that on last night we did state that Map #5 is just a "base" Plan which probably will change and it may not look like either one of the Maps that are located up there. Attorney Nunn further stated that we are hoping that the Council will come together at some point and time, whether it is in the Council Chamber, or in Montgomery, and come up with some type of Map by this date, that we can present to the Justice Department. Attorney Nunn stated that he does not think that anything is final at this point. President Williamson stated that the plan is, that we are going to have a Work Session with all of the Council Members, and go over what we are going to do. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked President Williamson, what is the timeline for them to come together as a Council, and asked did he have a date at this point? President Williamson answered, and stated that he does not have a date, but will be scheduling a date. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked when does the final Map have to be in to the Justice Department? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he is pushing for it to be in to the Justice Department by May 1st, which will give us sixty (60) days before the July 1st date to qualify as a Candidate for the August 28th Election. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked President Williamson at that time, when we have this meeting of the Council, are they going to bring all of the concerns that the People have, and are they going to take under consideration any of those concerns? President Williamson answered, and stated that he definitely thinks that they will be foolish to not listen to the People. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson that a lot times they don't, and she just asked the question. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she took a lot of notes at the Meeting, and there were two (2) basic concerns; two (2) moves to be made on the Map and she thinks it's settled. President Williamson stated after the Council reaches a Consensus, he wants to have a Hearing on their Consensus, unless there is some compelling reason, they will go with the Plan that they approve. Councilwoman Keith stated to Attorney Nunn that she wanted to compliment he and President Williamson for doing a wonderful job last night at the Public Hearing. Councilwoman Keith stated, and she thinks the Public needs to understand this, when they were in Montgomery, the Lady in the Redistricting Office, really focused on moving the whole plat, and then they learned that that was not necessarily the case. Councilwoman Keith stated that she felt like it was important for people to understand that. Councilwoman Keith further stated that she would like to say to the Public, that if they have concerns to go first to their Council Person, and maybe to the President, because there is a lot of misinformation that may not necessarily be so. Councilman Tucker stated that he received a lot of calls last night, with concerns from People who had been told a lot of misinformation, and that it needs to be a "stop" to that. President Williamson stated that he thinks the important thing that was stated, and pointed out by Attorney Nunn, is that no Plan has been adopted, and nobody has been moved. Attorney Nunn concurred, and stated that, moreover, the Council recognizes the issue with Christian Outreach being in Ward 6 now, but the Council has not taken any action, and that several other issues were brought out about the Old Town Historic District last night. President Williamson stated that the only requirement in this Plan is that to not deviate more than 5% either way from the figures based upon the 2010 Census, and we have to do that by Law. President Williamson stated that his philosophy has been, and is, to let every Council Member set the lines for their Ward because they are the ones who have to run it, and he thinks that that is essentially what they are doing. President Williamson stated that they will have a Work Session and discuss it further.

MAYOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

Following the City Attorney's Report, Mayor Evans stated to President Williamson and the Council that he would like to address the Council, and would like to, for the record, make some things clear. Mayor Evans stated what he would like for the Council to do, since he has been labeled as not getting his job done, is that he would ask the Council to please put in writing to him, when they ask him for something. Mayor Evans asked that the Council put it in writing, with a date, and he will respond to them in writing. Mayor Evans stated that he is requesting this publicly because that type of accusation, he does not like and does not need

that. Mayor Evans further stated that he has basically tried to do a good job; that he has maybe done it the way that they would not have done it, but that he has done it based upon what he believes is fair and right, and that he will always do that, to the best of his ability. Mayor Evans stated since he has been accused of not doing some things and so forth, he would like to have that in writing so that he can respond to the public of the things that he has failed to do. Mayor Evans stated if he has failed to do some things, he will stand before them and admit it. Mayor Evans stated that it is unfortunate that they have gotten to this point, that he has had a very good relationship with all of them. Mayor Evans stated that he believes in trying to do a good job, and when he is accused of things like this, it bothers him. Mayor Evans further stated that he needs to have that so that he can clear his "name" because he does not treat people like that. Mayor Evans stated that if they check the record, they have never done that to anybody; that he has tried to work with the Council by doing a good job but by the same token, everybody has rights. Mayor Evans further stated that he plans to do it right, and that he does not have the authority to go into the Police Department and jump on anybody without going through the Chief of Police, or any other. Mayor Evans stated that he does not do that, that he does what he believes is fair and right; to ask for a meeting, talk about it and address it, and then come back and make a decision. Mayor Evans stated that he will continue to do that, and all the things that they have given to him, that he has failed to do, to please put it in writing with a date, so that he can know what he failed to do so that he can respond to it publicly, so that it can clear up that type of accusation. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they accept all of what he said but that business is business, and that he knows her, that she is a writer; "I email and I text." Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she will pull out all of the old things that he has been written. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they accept what he has said, and that he is right; nobody has a right to go to a Police Officer and do anything, and by the same token, Police Officers have no right whatsoever to go into a home and do what she has told him, has happened. Mayor Evans stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that he agrees with her, that he does not like that, and he does not care whose child it is, that there is a procedure that they must follow. Mayor Evans stated when you fail to do that there are consequences, and that is what he would like to find out; what actually happened. Mayor Evans stated he would like to get the "other side", and address it from there. Mayor Evans stated that he has no fear from doing that, but he would just like to treat people the way that he would like to be treated. Mayor Evans stated that he is not perfect, but he tries to do the best that he can, and when he falls short of not doing that, he will tell them, "I'm sorry; I made a mistake and didn't get it done". Mayor Evans stated that everybody has a different way of doing things. Mayor Evans asked that everybody give him a chance to take care of things.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated that he wanted to just remind everyone to be mindful that we still have a Noise Ordinance.

II. OLD Y.M.C.A. BUILDING

Councilman Bjelke stated that he is glad to announce that the Selma Dallas County Historic Preservation Society is now the new Owner of the Old Y.M.C.A., which was received with a "round of applause". Councilman Bjelke stated that the paperwork has been finalized this week, and Ms. Nancy Bennett wanted him to officially announce it tonight. Councilman Bjelke further stated that they will be meeting with an Engineer from Mobile on tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m., to start the process. Councilman Atchison stated, on behalf of Mr. Buddy Swift, "God's Speed on getting it going". Councilman Bjelke stated that he has been notified personally. President Williamson stated that this is "good news", and that we're delighted! President Williamson thanked everyone who worked to bring this about, and stated that he thinks this is a good example of what can happen when everybody gets together, and work together!

III. RECYCLING

Councilwoman Keith stated she is proud and real excited to announce that the equipment has been ordered, and as soon as they get the equipment in, that they will be setting up sites, and that they will be reporting on where these sites are located. Councilwoman Keith stated that they will have a single stream drop-off recycling program, and we will have the first half of the Selma-to-Montgomery Historic Trail Recycling Program that will go from Selma to Lowndes County, and then hopefully next year, we will be able to follow it on to Montgomery.

IV. 4TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the 4th Annual Black History Celebration was a great success, as before, and thanked everyone who came out and participated in this Event. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the Black Man Heal Symposium was the "Kick-Off", and that there was a great crowd. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that was placed on President's Day this year, and she thinks that they will continue to keep it scheduled on that date in the future. Councilwoman Benjamin stated later that day they

had a "Book Signing", by Mr. Donald P. Stone, and that was wonderful. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Concordia College Band Ensemble was phenomenal! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they had some wonderful "Acts" for the 4th Annual Black History Celebration, and especially the Young People from the Clark Elementary School Choir. Councilwoman Benjamin invited everyone to come to the 5th Annual Black History Celebration next year!

V. POLICIES & PROCEDURES OF THE SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Item was discussed during the Mayor's Report. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Mayor Evans and Chief Riley that there is a matter within the Police Department that we need to take care of. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated two weeks ago she lost a First Cousin, and she was buried on Tuesday. Councilwoman Benjamin stated right before that, on Saturday, one of her Cousin's sons came down, who has been a member of the Freedom Foundation for a long time, and he wanted to take the Children to Denver, Colorado; so, there was a threat to call the Police. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that Officer Roper, she thinks, came to the scene, and shortly thereafter Officer Cody Clark came to the scene. Councilwoman Benjamin stated she had been called on the telephone, to advise her of what was happening, and she in turn called Chief Riley, to ask of him, what they needed to do. Councilwoman Benjamin stated in talking to Chief Riley, he stated that he would be sending over a Supervisor, and in the background she could hear Officer Clark saying to her Cousin, that he will just come in and take both of the Children, but that no Judge had told them to come in and get the Children, and no Case Worker was on the scene from the Department of Human Resources, and the Police did not call the Department of Human Resources. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she called Judge Armstrong but he was not available at the time on that Saturday, and by this time a Police Supervisor was on the scene. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Judge Armstrong did return her call, and called her back, and when he called, she gave the telephone to the Supervisor because he was in charge, and Judge Armstrong stated to him that no child should be touched, and that the Children would have to come before him. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is saying this to say, all the things that you hear about people, you just don't put it out there if you don't know, "but now I do know". Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that Judge Armstrong has said that the Children will not be taken to Colorado, and that their Brother can come down to visit with them, if he wants to. Councilwoman Benjamin stated she would like to know why Officer Cody Clark would come on the scene, to take the Children? Councilwoman Benjamin further stated in her opinion Officer Cody Clark should have removed himself from the situation. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that "enough is enough". President Williamson asked Chief Riley if he wanted to respond? Chief Riley answered, and stated first of all, if there is an issue with any Police Officer, there is particular protocol that has to be followed. Chief Riley further stated that we have an Internal Affairs Division, Supervisors, along with himself, and then there is also his Boss, the Mayor. Chief Riley stated that he does not know of any instances where they have had past situations where there have been Police Officers who took Children from Parents. Chief Riley stated to Councilwoman Benjamin when she called him, he immediately called the Supervisor, who was the "Lieutenant" who indicated to him that he had not too long before left there, and that he thought they had gotten the situation straightened out. Chief Riley further stated that when it comes to the fact of dealing with Kids and dealing with custody, Law Enforcement is always caught in the "middle", and they always recommend and refer them to a Judge, to get something to show who has "Temporary Custody or Joint Custody". Chief Riley stated that they are Sworn to uphold the Laws of the State of Alabama, the Ordinances of the City of Selma, and the United States Constitution. Chief Riley further stated that he is not going to say that none of his Officers will not make a mistake, but the whole key to that is, if an Officer does something wrong, there is a process where they can look into it, and determine what happened. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is speaking on protocol, and process, and asked how come a Case Worker was not called, in this instance? Councilwoman Benjamin further stated the process is, to call the Department of Human Resources. Councilwoman Keith stated that she wanted to reiterate what Chief Riley stated that Police Officers are caught in the "middle" in domestic situations; however, as Councilwoman Benjamin stated there are procedures in place; there are Laws in place; there are Case Workers in place who should be trained on what to do, and should do that. Councilwoman Keith further stated if that situation happened as Councilwoman Benjamin said, that it is totally inexcusable. Councilman Tucker asked President Williamson since this matter deals with name and character, should they not be in Work Session? Councilwoman Keith stated that she thinks they should; Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she thinks they should, too. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she is listening to all of this, and it is a lot involved here. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated there are two sides, and in talking to Chief Riley he probably has a "side", and she thinks that they need to curtail this because they are getting into a lot of legal issues, and that it is a very sensitive situation, and she thinks that at some point and time they need to go into an Executive Session. President Williamson stated that they can go into Executive Session if it is what the Council wants to do to deal with this. President Williamson stated to Chief Riley, "We're going to deal with it, and you keep protecting these people and your own head is going to be on the line. Let me tell you . . . you asked about it and I'm going to tell you, and you know about it . . . when there was the alleged rape at the Church, after the service down there on Selma Avenue. They took the Kid to Denver, so you could not question him for a long time".

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Mayor Evans further stated that when Councilwoman Benjamin brought this matter to him, he contacted Chief Riley and stated to him that he would like to have a meeting with he and Officer Cody Clark, to discuss this matter. Mayor Evans stated that this is not the place to discuss this matter, that there is a procedure that we must follow in dealing with issues such as these. Mayor Evans further stated that he is going to do what is right, and that everybody has a right to be heard. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she agrees with Mayor Evans, that "right is right", and "wrong is wrong", but there is an issue here, and it does need to be heard. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mayor Evans, "How long do we have to keep on calling these kinds of things to folks' "attention", and we're still having a meeting, and with all due respect, we're still having a meeting; this goes back 'a ways' with this particular person we're talking about, and the meeting has not happened yet . . . how long, then?" Mayor Evans answered, and stated to Councilwoman Benjamin that he addresses everything that comes to his attention, but if it is something that he fails to do, to please put it in writing to him, and give it to him, and he will get her an answer. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Mayor Evans, that she will do it again. Mayor Evans stated that his goal is to treat everybody right, and that he will do whatever he needs to, to get to the "bottom" of the problem. Mayor Evans stated that he has spoken to Chief Riley, and stated to him that he would like to meet with him, along with Officer Clark, to try and get to the "bottom" of this matter. Mayor Evans further stated that he is going to do what he needs to do, and what he believes is right. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he really wish that they would have allowed him to do his investigation, as it relates to this matter. Councilwoman Keith stated to Mayor Evans that there has been investigation upon investigation, and that people have come to them about things, and they have gone to him and asked. Councilwoman Keith further stated when nothing happens, People come back to them, for answers. Councilwoman Keith asked Mayor Evans when are they going to get answers? Mayor Evans asked Councilwoman Keith, what answers does she need? Councilwoman Keith answered, and stated that they just need to go into Executive Session to discuss this further. Mayor Evans stated to Councilwoman Keith that he wished that she would get the questions to him, so that he could provide her with the answers she need. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she thinks that those questions need to be in writing, and that if it is anything that deals with the Council, she thinks that they need to know. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there is a lot going on here and she would like to just stay focused. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated to Chief Riley that what she is interested in, are the Policies and Procedures of the Police Department, and why they did not know what the Procedures were. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "You know . . . there's a lot going here and I'd like to just stay focused . . . I'm not interested in 'witch hunts', neither am I interested in 'hearsay'". Councilwoman Benjamin further stated what is important to her is what she said, and that is, the "Policies and Procedures of the Police Department", and why they didn't know. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Lot going on up here . . . I heard some new stuff, too. . . back to my Business Item, Policy and Procedure, is what I'm talking about". Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson that she thinks that they need to move on from this; that if it is something that is in writing that they need to see as a Council, she thinks that they need to have those things if they don't have them, and if it's something that they need to talk about in an Executive Session because of good name and character, she thinks they need to do that, but that she would like to offer that they move on to the next "thing" unless they plan to deal with this at some point and time tonight; if not, she would like to see us move forward. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, whether we move forward or not, "finally, I'd like to say, my Parents are in the Audience, and it's their 43rd Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Rose) White"!

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Rose) White were Congratulated and Applauded by Everyone,
On their 43rd Wedding Anniversary!*

VI. UPDATE ON POLICE PRECINCT IN G.W.C. HOMES

This Item was discussed during the Mayor's Report. Councilman Bowie asked Mayor Evans if Chief Riley could come forward to address the Council with an update as it relates to the Police Precinct in G.W.C. Homes. Chief Riley addressed the Council, and stated that the computer equipment has been ordered but it has not come in yet, but once it comes in, they will be able to move in. Councilman Bowie asked Chief Riley if it was possible that we could open the Precinct up, pending the arrival of the equipment, because we have been looking at this for about a year? Chief Riley answered, and stated that this is not a Police Department Function, that they are having to working around the Selma Housing Authority, and that we might need the Housing Authority to come in, and offer us an explanation. President Williamson stated to Chief Riley that we have been discussing this for about a year now, and asked what is the "problem"? Chief Riley answered, and stated that we have placed our "orders" in terms of what is needed, and it is a matter of the Contractors making sure that they have everything in place, and bringing all of this together. Chief Riley further stated that as soon as we can get our order of equipment in, and get everything placed and mounted, we will be ready to move forward. President Williamson asked Chief Riley if he had an estimated timeline? Chief Riley answered, and stated that they were hoping to have everything in place for the Jubilee Weekend, but there are some wiring issues, and we had to run some more, so that is going to cause a delay. Mayor Evans stated to the Council that he will check with Mrs. Lola Rogers, Selma Housing Director, on tomorrow, to find out where we are on this, and have a detailed update during the next Council Meeting. Mayor Evans further

stated that this is a "Housing Authority" Project, and he will follow-up with Mrs. Rogers on tomorrow, to find out the status and update, and bring back a report to the Council.

VII. SPEED BREAKERS ON EUGENE AVENUE

Councilman Tucker stated that this Item has gone to the Committee, Chief Riley and the Selma Police Department through Sgt. Doug Stewart. President Williamson stated that the Policy adopted in 2006 for Speed Breakers does require that the Petition come back to the Council. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to Mayor Evans, and asked that it be made a part of the record, that she did request that Speed Breakers be placed on Gamble Avenue.

VIII. NEXT MEETING, "MARCH 20, 2012"

President Williamson stated to Council that most of them already know that our next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th, which is also the date of the "Election Day", and he would like to have a motion to move that meeting from Tuesday, March 13th to Tuesday, March 20th. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve rescheduling the Council Meeting from Tuesday, March 13, 2012, to Tuesday, March 20, 2012. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

IX. COUNCIL PRINTING POLICY

President Williamson stated that this is "Political Season" and a "word to the wise" is that we don't want to use any of the City Council's equipment, computers, printers, to print any political material because he thinks that would be contrary to the Ethics Law, and asked that everybody please be aware of that. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson that she did have a "flyer" done to address some Citizens about the Hearing, and she also sent a letter out to Citizens, and she thinks that that is within the boundaries. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated to President Williamson that he needs to see the things that she did, so that she can determine if she is within the boundaries of doing what she needs to do. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she is against Map 5, and she wants people to understand her position on that. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she does not like for Citizens to be disenfranchised or mistreated, so she takes a position. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that there are a lot of People who are not computer savvy, and what she has to do, she has to do for herself, and if it's an Ethics violation maybe she needs to ask the Ethics Commission if it's okay for Citizens to get information that they need. President Williamson stated that they don't need to be printing political flyers on City equipment, whether he does it, she does it, or anybody else does it. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she just wants to make sure that whatever she prints, he'll know what she is printing, because she wants to stay within the guidelines. President Williamson stated to Councilwoman Crenshaw that he does not think that they will do it that way, that he'll just tell the Council Secretary not to print anything for her until he sees it. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she can show it to him. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated to President Williamson that she agrees with him on that, that she doesn't have a "devil fire or angel fire" that she can go through as a coward, and she really wants people to know what she is doing; so, she'll just bring it to him and let him see it; that she likes that. President Williamson stated, "let's do it that way, so that there won't be any trouble". Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, "I like that; thank you."

X. DISCRETIONARY

President Williamson stated that we had a number of Discretionary Requests, and Ms. Sykes will have those if anyone would like to see them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

President Williamson stated Councilman Randolph is on Military Duty.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman

No Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

Councilwoman Keith made a report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Greg Bjelke, Chairperson

Councilman Bjelke made a report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

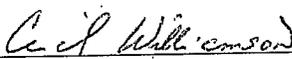
SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

Councilwoman Crenshaw made a report.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

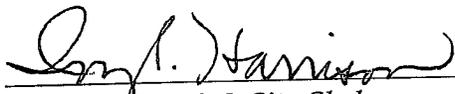
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



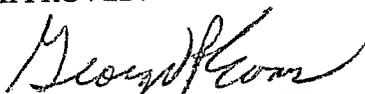
DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*