

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 24, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Will Jackson, Pastor
Summer Grove Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilman Greg Bjelke, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Benny L. Tucker 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. Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:15 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting, due to Military Duty. Councilman Thomas Atchison was absent from the Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the agenda items as written, with the exception of amending and moving the Item of the Beautification Award, under Business Items, to just after the Citizens' Requests. 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 January 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Ms. Mary Kissel

Re: Kissel Entertainment

Ms. Mary Kissel requested permission for amusement rides at the Selma Mall, February 27th - March 3rd, 2012. Ms. Kissel stated she has gotten everything that was required of her to operate the business, including her City's Business License. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to grant permission to Ms. Mary Kissel, Kissel Entertainment, to operate amusement rides at the Selma Mall, during the week of February 27th - March 3rd, 2012. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Mr. Joe Bumbrey

Re: "Unifying to Educate our Children"

Mr. Bumbrey stated that he is before the Council as a follow-up to his letter to the Council, to request of the Council that the Council and the Selma City School Board, meet together in a Work Session, at least once a year, preferably after the closing of school, and prior to the beginning a new school year, so that the Council can get a "picture" of what the School System looks like, and if they feel they can offer

some assistance, that they will have an opportunity to do that. Mr. Bumbrey further stated that he is calling on the President of the Council President, and the President (Chairman) of the School Board to come together to arrange said Meeting, at the convenience of the Council and the School Board, to ensure that everybody is on "equal footing" for that first meeting, and the meetings thereafter. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to adopt a Policy which will allow the Council and the School Board to hold a Work Session sometime between closing of the school term, and at before the beginning of a new school term, Effective after November 1, 2012, and Annually, thereafter. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Ms. Nancy Bennett

Re: Report on Old Y.M.C.A. Building

Ms. Bennett stated to the Council to report that the Selma Dallas County Historic Preservation Society and Mr. Tom Bolton have reached an Agreement, whereby they will purchase from Mr. Bolton the original Old Y.M.C.A. Building. Ms. Bennett further stated that it is with a tremendous amount of thankfulness and Prayers and work on the part of a lot of people that this came about. Ms. Bennett stated that there are Three (3) contingencies that must be removed prior to being able to close; two have to do with First Baptist Church, and one has to do with reasonable insurance costs, and that they are working on those. Ms. Bennett further stated that they have Ten (10) business days in which to remove those contingencies. Ms. Bennett stated that at this time she is requesting that no action be taken at least until after the Ten (10) business days run; that they have just reached this Agreement on today which has been signed by both parties. Ms. Bennett further stated that Selma has a bright future, if we all just pull together, and she thanked the Council, Ms. Charlotte Griffeth and Ms. Warren Hinson, and all others who were a part of making this happen. President Williamson concurred that this has been a joint effort on the part of a lot of people, and stated that he appreciates everyone who worked so hard on this. President Williamson stated that he is sure the Council is willing to wait Ten (10) Business Days, and asked that Ms. Bennett follow-up with he, and the Council, as to what the progress is with regard to this matter, and she stated that she would.

PRESENTATION OF THE "BEAUTIFICATION AWARD"

MR. JAMES HINES
AND
CHRISTIANS AGAINST TRASH
FOR
RESTORING A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL
HISTORIC SCENIC SELMA!

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING

No one was present to make public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Evans stated he wanted to again thank the Council Members for all of their efforts in working together on the Prayer Breakfast that was held this morning for Pastors and Ministers, and that many of them were there in attendance this morning. Mayor Evans further stated that there was a "Kick-Off" for this Initiative this morning, and thanked everyone for being there, and their support, of trying to create a "Cleaner City".

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

Proclamation - "Honoring Callie N. Nelson". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to recognize and thank Ms. Callie N. Nelson for what she has done offering her leadership with City Government, and would like to do so in the form of, a *Proclamation, "Honoring Mrs. Callie N. Nelson"*. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Citizens to join them in *Honoring Ms. Callie N. Nelson* with this Proclamation, acknowledging the services that Mrs. Nelson gives to the City of Selma and Dallas County. Mrs. Nelson received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama A&M University, and a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Montevallo. Mrs. Nelson has been employed with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for 20 Years, and serves as the County Extension Coordinator in Dallas County. Mrs. Nelson is a member of several organizations, and serves on numerous boards and committees. Mayor Evans stated that Mrs. Nelson was *Honored* with the *Distinguished Citizen Award* by the Selma Chapter of *The Links, Incorporated*, on January 16, 2012. Mayor Evans and the Council *Congratulated* Mrs. Callie N. Nelson upon receiving the *Distinguished Citizen Award*, and *Honor* her, for her Achievements and for Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Selma and Dallas County. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "*Recognition*", which was received with a "*Round of Applause*" to acknowledge this *Honor!* Mayor Evans presented said *Proclamation to Mrs. Callie N. Nelson*.

Proclamation - "Honoring William H. Bowman". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to recognize and thank Mr. William H. Bowman for his outstanding service to the Citizens of Selma and Dallas County, and would like to do so in the form of, a *Proclamation, "Honoring Mr. William H. Bowman"*. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, and

asked the Citizens to join them in *Honoring Mr. William H. Bowman* with this Proclamation, acknowledging the services that Mr. Bowman gives to the City of Selma and Dallas County. Mr. Bowman is a motivational speaker, an author, and an advocate for the Visually Impaired. Mr. Bowman was born with Cataracts; developed Glaucoma at Age 9, and developed a Corneal Disease; which caused him to lose his sight. Mr. Bowman has had one Retina Detachment which caused him to go blind in his Right Eye. Mr. Bowman only has vision in his Left Eye, and is classified as Legally Blind. Mr. Bowman graduated from Selma High School in 1985; from Wallace College in Selma, and from Auburn University (Montgomery) in 1993, with a degree in Mass Communications, and a Minor in Speech. Mr. Bowman founded the V.I.P. Organization, Incorporated, in 1998 to educate the community about the needs of the Visually Impaired. Since 1995, Mr. Bowman has been a "Spokesman" for the Alabama Eye Bank, promoting the need for Eye Donors to help others see, and for more than 10 years he has promoted the need to screen for Glaucoma. On January 18, 2012, the V.I.P. Organization, Incorporated held a successful Low Vision Conference, Assistive Technology Expo and Glaucoma Screening, at the Carl C. Morgan Convention Center, that brought individuals, vendors, and low vision professionals together. Mayor Evans and the Council *Honor Mr. William H. Bowman*, for Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Selma and Dallas County, and for his lifelong dedication to helping the Visually Impaired to lead independent lives. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause" to acknowledge this Honor! Mayor Evans presented said *Proclamation to Mr. William H. Bowman*.

Proclamation - "Honoring The Dance Studio". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to recognize and Honor *The Dance Studio* for being selected to perform during the "Half-Time Show" on January 3, 2012, at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Mayor Evans further stated that the Dancers raised over \$20,000.00 to take Twenty-Four People to the Sugar Bowl by holding two yards sales, selling doughnuts and candles, and by holding a fundraiser at Zaxby's Restaurant. Mayor Evans stated that in New Orleans the Dancers were among 450 Girls across the United States, who were afforded an unparalleled opportunity to rehearse with Emmy Award-Winning Choreographer Bonnie Story, who choreographed all Three "High School Musical" Movies. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety. Mayor Evans and the Council *Congratulated* Ms. Rachel Colley, Owner, Operator and Choreographer of *The Dance Studio*, which was founded six years ago, and Dancers; Jayda Armstrong, Ashley Brown, Airel Brown, Gracie Colley, Carrie Dennis, Carol Elliott, Savannah Franks, Regan Hewitt, Sara Matthews, Kinsley Mott, Molly Nichols, Magan Watts, and Deandra Williams, for their talent and dedication to Dance, and for being selected to participate in the "Half-Time" Program at the Sugar Bowl. Mayor Evans and the Council "Saluted" them for serving as Ambassadors for the City of Selma, and asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause"! Mayor Evans presented said *Proclamation* to Ms. Rachel Colley and the Dancers of *The Dance Studio*. Also, Councilman Bowie, on behalf of himself and the Council, presented "Special Gift Bags" to Ms. Rachel Colley and the Dancers of *The Dance Studio*.

Proclamation - "Honoring Margie's Dance Center". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to recognize and Honor *Margie's Dance Center* for being selected to perform during the "Half-Time Show" on January 9, 2012, at the BCS National Championship in New Orleans. Mayor Evans further stated that Margie's Dance Center was the only group from the State of Alabama, among 200 total performers at the Title Game. Mayor Evans stated that the Dancers held several fund raising projects and were able to raise enough money to pay each Dancer's way in full, to pay for their outfits and rehearsals, along with travel and enough money to charter a bus. Mayor Evans further stated that during their trip to New Orleans, the Dancers of Margie's Dance Center donated more than 75 coats left over from their fundraising efforts to Unity of Greater New Orleans, which collaborates with other Agencies to provide clothing and other items to homeless people during cold weather, and sent two dozen coats to Sawyerville, Alabama, which was one of the Cities affected by the tornadoes that swept across Alabama last spring. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety. Mayor Evans and the Council *Congratulated* Ms. Margie Burk, Owner and Operator of Margie's Dance Center which has been in existence since 1980, and Dancers; Lauren Barnes, Zannesha Booker, Paullesia Crum, Jordan Cruz, Sarah Frasier, Ashley Friday, Erica Friday, Marley House, Jurni Owden, Shonovia Phillips, Lizzie Reeves, Sarah Reeves, Kayla Rooks and Leslie Schroeder, for their talent and dedication to Dance, and for being selected to participate in the "Half-Time" Program at the BCS National Championship. Mayor Evans and the Council "Saluted" them for their Charitable Giving, and for serving as "Goodwill" Ambassadors for the City of Selma, and asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause"! Mayor Evans presented said *Proclamation* to Ms. Margie Burk and the Dancers of *Margie's Dance Center*. Also, Councilman Bowie, on behalf of himself and the Council, presented "Special Gift Bags" to Ms. Margie Burk and the Dancers of *Margie's Dance Center*.

Resolution - "Honoring The Tuskegee Airmen". Mayor Evans stated that he is convinced of what Coach Saben said after the BCS Championship Victory, concerning the movie, "The Red Tails", and the fact that it had an impact on people all over America, and more particularly, as he indicated after he had taken all of the Players to see the movie, "The Red Tails". Mayor Evans stated that Coach Saben stated that those "Airmen" showed a type of commitment that inspired all of his Players to go and do what they did the next night against LSU, which led to the BCS Championship Victory. Mayor Evans read said Resolution, *Honoring, The Tuskegee Airmen* in its entirety; which states, "Whereas, during World War II, the Armed

Forces in the United States were still segregated by Race; . . . and in 1941 the Federal Government established the 66th Air Force Flying School at Tuskegee Institute to train African-American Pilots for the war; that from 1941 through 1946, almost 1,000 African-Americans trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Alabama; 450 of the Men who completed training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field were sent overseas for combat duty; the Pilots who trained at Tuskegee Institute were known as "Tuskegee Airmen"; the 99th Fighter Squadron, the fist class trained at Tuskegee Institute, was sent to North Africa in the spring of 1943 for combat duty; the Tuskegee Airmen compiled an outstanding record, which included completing more than 1,500 missions, destroying 260 enemy aircraft, sinking an enemy destroyer, and demolishing other enemy installation areas; the Tuskegee Airmen achieved an exception record for escorting bomber crews and earned the respect of their fellow bomber crews and their military leaders; the Tuskegee Airmen were nicknamed "Red-Tail Angels" after the Red Tail Markings on their aircraft; during the war, 676 Tuskegee Airmen were killed in action, and 32 were held as Prisoners of War, including Dallas County Native Captain Mac Ross who died on July 10, 1944 when his P-51 Mustang crashed while out on a mission; the success of the Tuskegee Airmen helped end segregation in the military in 1948; . . . the Tuskegee Airmen were awarded numerous honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross (150), Legion of Merit (1), Silver Star (1), Purple Heart (8), Soldier Medal (2), Air Medal and Clusters (7414), and the Bronze Star (14); in 1945, the 332nd Fighter Squadron received a Distinguished Unit Citation for "Outstanding Performance and Extraordinary Heroism"; Whereas, the Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony with President George W. Bush on March 29, 2007; and on January 20, 2012; Whereas, Governor Robert Bentley signed a Proclamation Honoring The Tuskegee Airmen for their heroism during World War II; and Whereas, "Red Tails", the long-anticipated movie about the Tuskegee Airmen opened to Worldwide Acclaim and grossed more than \$19 Million to finish second at the Box Office for the Opening Weekend. Mayor Evans and the Council wish to Honor the Memory of the Tuskegee Airmen who fought valiantly and gave their lives while rendering service to our Country during World War II, and pay Tribute to Tuskegee Airmen Veterans, for their Bravery and Sacrifice, and asked all Citizens to join in this "*Honor and Recognition*", which was received with a "*Round of Applause*"!

Mayor Evans stated, at this time, he would like to thank Mr. Tim Reeves, who did an outstanding job serving as Master of Ceremony, at the Ministers' Prayer Breakfast this morning, and again, he thanked Mr. Reeves, along with Mrs. Carolyn Powell, and the Selma-Dallas Leadership Class XVIII "Team" for all of what they did to make that Program a success! Mayor Evans further stated that he can not thank "enough" Mrs. Ivy Harrison who helped put all of that together, as well; that she is also a part of Selma-Dallas Leadership Class XVIII. Mayor Evans also thanked Mrs. Harrison for making the "Display of Bibles" as Centerpieces for the tables.

Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Angela Hurst, as well as, Mr. Kevin Stewart are present at tonight's Council Meeting, and asked that they come forward, to be introduced to the Council. Mayor Evans further stated that they are both managing the St. James Hotel, and that Ms. Angela Hurst, will be taking the "lead" as Manager of the St. James Hotel. Ms. Hurst addressed the Council and stated that she is actually from Montgomery, but was very proud to be here in Selma to represent Gourmet Services, the Company that manages the St. James Hotel. Ms. Hurst further stated that she and Mr. Stewart have some great ideas that they would like to see happen at the St. James, but with all of that, they will still need the support of the community. Ms. Hurst invited all to come and experience the new changes that they are putting into place. Ms. Hurst also thanked Mayor Evans for coming over to the St. James and introducing himself, as well as, Ms. Charlotte Griffeth. Ms. Hurst stated that they look forward to the wonderful partnership that they will have with the City of Selma. Ms. Hurst and Mr. Stewart were "Welcomed" to the City of Selma by the Council. Mayor Evans stated that he believes that there will be some good things that will continue to happen over at the St. James.

A. Financial Reports - December, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their information a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of December, 2011. President Williamson stated that he thinks that they have seen something similar to this during the previous Meeting, but that it is certainly encouraging that we can see an increase in our Sales Tax Revenue for the first three (3) months of this fiscal year, in the amount of \$157,092.30.

B. Resolution 11/12 - Trillion Communications Corporation South Central Alabama Broadband Grant. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them information as it relates to Trillion Communications Corporation South Central Alabama Broadband Grant, and that they are coming before us tonight to request that the City permits them to move forward with their Fiber-Optic Broadband Project from Water Avenue and Lauderdale Street, down to Dallas Avenue. Mayor Evans stated that the two Gentlemen are here; Mr. Brian Watkins and Mr. Jerrod Rector, are here at tonight's Council Meeting, and asked that they come forward to address the Council in the event that they had any questions. Mr. Brian Watkins, of A2D Incorporated, along with Mr. Jerrod Rector, EVP of Infrastructure, addressed the Council, and stated that what they have before them is an overview of the intent of the Project, which is the result of a Federal Grant, out of the Department of Commerce, and administered through the National Telecommunications and Information Agency. Mr. Watkins further stated what the total project is intended

to do is, to build out a fiber optic, or high capacity telecommunications backbone and infrastructure throughout eight Counties of South Central Alabama, and one of those includes Dallas County. Mr. Watkins stated that the goal in building that is to also connect those anchor institutions; such as, Butler, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Escambia, Lowndes, Macon, Wilcox, and, of course, Dallas. Mr. Watkins further stated that they are working with schools and government agencies, and right now they are in the preliminary stages of their "network build"; that they started in December in the Marion Junction area, and are building down Highway 5 to Highway 22, here towards the City of Selma, and "once we get here", they will then build down Lauderdale Street, and then go underneath via the Alabama River, and at this point he will ask Mr. Rector take over, to discuss the construction implications there. Mr. Jerrald Rector addressed the Council, and stated that they will be placing infrastructure down Lauderdale Street, to extend the backbone from that location down Lauderdale Street under the river, and head towards Montgomery, to get to an IT Piering point for this particular network. Mr. Rector further stated that they have submitted Drawings to the City, and he is hoping that the Council has had an opportunity to look at them as well, but it is a simple application, and should be a low-impact construction on the City, along the sidewalk. Mr. Rector stated that they are bringing infrastructure along the State Highway (Dallas Avenue/Highway 22), which they have gotten approval from the State, and bringing infrastructure from Marion Junction (Highway 5), down Highway 22 and ends up in the City. Mayor Evans stated that our IT Department is "on-board" with this, and that they have been a part of this process the entire time. Mayor Evans further stated that we have had several meetings as it relates to this, and met as recent as today, to make sure that we are all on the "same page". Mayor Evans stated that our City Attorney was also a part of that meeting, and he is "on-board" with this, as well. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to approve Trillion Communications Corporation South Central Alabama Broadband moving forward, for the purpose of their Fiber-Optic Broadband Project from Water Avenue and Lauderdale Street, down to Dallas Avenue, a total of Four (4) Blocks; that before any further action is taken and approved, that it will have to be brought back before the Council, to allow for Public Hearings relative to the same. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

C. **Update on New Retail Stores.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that Ms. Sheryl Smedley is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and asked that she come forward to address the Council, to give an update to the Council and Citizens, about how much Retail has gone on in our City recently, and what Businesses are coming to our City. Ms. Smedley addressed the Council, and stated that she is excited to say that on Wednesday, February 1st, that Steele's will be opening at the Selma Mall; the "Sister" Store to Goody's that recently opened, and asked that everyone come out and "Let's Celebrate" a new shopping experience for our Community. Ms. Smedley further stated that the Chamber is going to go on a "road trip" next month, February 6th, at Orange Beach, Alabama Lifestyles Expo, which allows Cities and Communities throughout our State to meet, and that Selma and Dallas County will be represented there, and that she is real excited to show-off all of the "positives and 'happenings'" that are going on in our Community. Ms. Smedley stated that next month is about to be really busy, as we put together our Black Heritage Tour; also, our upcoming Jubilee Crossing, which brings one of our biggest "crouds" to our Community, and we are excited to be a part of that; and also, the National Parks Service has brought by a nice "flyer" for us to have, which will be on hand at the Interpretive Center, as well. Ms. Smedley stated that our "Diamond" that we have down on the River, The St. James Hotel, is under new management; that everybody when they come to town wants to "check" out the St. James Hotel; we have a new Sports Bar downtown, and we have New Orleans Bar & Grill by the Riverwalk, along with all of our other Restaurants in the Community that are benefiting from all of this. Ms. Smedley stated that she looks forward to everybody coming out and supporting all of these Businesses, and further stated, "Selma, keep on shopping locally . . . think Global".

D. **Update on the Community Safe Room (Storm Shelter) Project.** Mayor Evans stated that he would like to ask that Ms. Rhonda Abbott come forward to address the Council as it relates to an update on the Community Safe Room (Storm Shelter) Project. Mayor Evans stated that at this point and time we are only eligible for one Storm Shelter, and that initially we had thought we were going to get three (3) based on Grant Funds, but he received a copy of a letter today, that notifies us that we are only eligible for one (1) Storm Shelter; one (1) for Dallas County; and one (1) for the City of Valley Grande, a total of three (3). Ms. Abbott addressed the Council, and stated that they knew that when they submitted for this Grant Funding, that they were submitting high "totals". Ms. Abbott further stated that the State received over 500 applications for Storm Shelters for 67 Counties, and there was just not enough money there to fund everything that was requested. Ms. Abbott stated that our total Federal share was \$339,057.00, and the Stated wanted EMA to sit down with everybody, and work it out, to make it work for the three (3). Ms. Abbott stated the funds received were just enough for the City of Selma, the City of Valley Grande, and the County of Dallas to each receive one (1). Ms. Abbott further stated that they should each have a copy of what the Shelters look like, and that they are very safe, and will hold between 200 and 250 people. Ms. Abbott stated to Council that it is up to them as to which direction they would like to take with this, and if they would like to move forward, that they are looking at roughly \$141,000.00 with a 25% match, and that they can use In-Kind Services towards the match. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the Community Safe Room (Storm Shelter) Project for a total cost of \$141,000.00, with a 25% match, which could be In-Kind Services towards the match. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

E. Resolution #R149-11/12 - Award of Riverfront Warehouse Phase I Construction Bid. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R149-11/12, Award of Riverfront Warehouse Phase I Construction Bid. Mayor Evans asked that Ms. Charlotte Griffeth come forward to address the Council in the event the Council had questions. Mayor Evans stated that he would like for the Council to approve accepting the Riverfront Warehouse Phase I Construction Bid, but to allow us to go back and negotiate with the lowest Bidder, because it is over the amount that we were expecting to get. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council and stated inasmuch as she would like to ask for the acceptance of the Bid, she would like to at this time get approval from the Council to negotiate, because it is too far above the Budget that she had set for this Phase. Ms. Griffeth stated that there are two (2) options; (1) to do some "Value" Engineering to certain aspects of the Amphitheater so that we can look at the same thing, without changing anything which would involve the Engineers working with the low Bidder to do that; and (2) to reject all of the Bids, and Re-Bid. Ms. Griffeth stated that when we do the "Value" Engineering we look at those things that would not change the scope of work, but would help to reduce the cost. Ms. Griffeth stated that her request this evening is get permission to negotiate, and if in the negotiation they do not reach an amicable amount, then she would like to bring it back before the Council during the next Council Meeting, and request that it be Rejected, and Re-Bid. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to grant permission to "Value" Engineer with the low Bidder, as it relates to the Riverfront Warehouse Phase I Construction I Bid, represented in the form of Resolution #R149-11/12, to be brought back before the Council for consideration and approval. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Resolution #R150-11/12 - Award of Recycling Trailer and Container Bid to Pro-Tainer of Alexandria, MN, in the Amount of \$56,295.00. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have Resolution #R150-11/12, Award of Recycling Trailer and Container Bid to Pro-Tainer of Alexandria, MN, in the amount of \$56,295.00. Mayor Evans stated that Councilwoman Keith did an outstanding job in working with Lowndes County (Hayneville and White Hall), with the Historic Civil Rights Trail Recycling Program Project. Councilwoman Keith stated that it is the Historic Civil Rights Trail Recycling Program, and that eventually it is going to go all the way to Montgomery. Councilwoman Keith further stated that this is the first phase of starting Recycling in Selma, which will start the "basics" for Recycling for us. Mayor Evans stated that Bids were Let on January 18, 2012, and Pro Tainer of Alexandria, MN, was the lowest responsible Bidder for Recycling Trailer and Container Bid, in the amount of \$56,295.00, for a total of Three (3) Containers, which will be here in Selma, White Hall, and Hayneville. Councilwoman Keith stated that this is a Regional Project, and Selma is the Sponsoring Agent, and the Grant has been completely funded, with In-Kind Services from us. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Resolution #R150-11/12, Award of Recycling Trailer and Container Bid to Pro-Tainer of Alexandria, MN, in the amount of \$56,295.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. Approval of the Contract between the City of Selma and Smitherman Brothers Construction Company, Incorporated for the Jeff Davis Landfill Remediation. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Contract between the City of Selma and Smitherman Brothers Construction Company, Incorporated, for the Jeff Davis Landfill Remediation Project. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that they tried hard to get them to accept the change with A.D.E.M., but they did not allow it, and indicated to them that they are going to have to move forward with this. Mayor Evans asked Council's approval and consideration of the Contract in the amount of \$110,250.00. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson that she would like for the Contractors to talk with A.D.E.M. to see if there is any way that we can estimate this Project being done, and how long should it last. Mayor Evans stated to President Williamson and the Council that he would like to ask Ms. Sarah Sightler, our Project Manager of CDG Engineers and Associates, to come to a Work Session, to speak with the Council as it relates to this Project. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that we would Recess this Council Meeting, and by next Tuesday, January 31st, we will Reconvene and vote on this Contract, if she can be here. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would ask that they move forward and vote on this Contract tonight, because we are going to have to move on this regardless. Mayor Evans further stated that the purpose of having Ms. Sightler at the Work Session to explain to us what all is involved with this, and how we can be assured that this possibly will not happen again in the future. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the Contract between the City of Selma and Smitherman Brothers Construction Company, Incorporated, for the Jeff Davis Landfill Remediation. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. President Williamson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is "No", with the understanding that she needed to get information as it relates to \$110,250.00 being spent; what will be the guarantee that it will not come back, and exactly what is being done there. Following roll call, President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he would appreciate if there are going to be Contracts, that the Council can have them ahead of time. Mayor Evans stated that he would check and find out, but that he thought the Contract was included in the packet of information that the Council received during the last Council Meeting. President Williamson stated he is not sure if they did or not, but if they are going to be voting on Contracts to please forward them to the Council ahead of time. Councilwoman

Crenshaw stated that this is very important right here, and that she has gone through all of her information and would not have forgotten that. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that this is the first time that she has had the opportunity to look at it within her packet, and stated to Mayor Evans that they did not have it before; that they had just gotten it tonight. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that it has been voted on now, but that they just want to be sure that what was voted on, will be carried out by the people who are supposed to perform these duties. President Williamson concurred.

H. Update on the Security Camera Locations. Mayor Evans stated to Council that everybody has not turned in their Security Camera Location Listing as of yet, and would still ask that they turn those in to him. Mayor Evans further stated that out of the ones that he has received, it appears that everybody is in agreement with the ones on the Listing, and what he would like to do is get a Consensus from the Council before we move forward.

I. Mr. Glen Ford - Introduction. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Mr. Glen Ford is here, and that he would like for him to come forward and be introduced to the Council. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Ford wants to build houses in Selma, "Model Homes" in Selma. Mayor Evans further stated that the Program is called Green Solar, and that he has met with Mr. Ford on several occasions. Mayor Evans stated that he is not asking the Council to take any action tonight, but that they want to build 41 Homes in Selma. Mayor Evans stated that the "second" home that they build will be a "Give Away", and the "first" home will be a Model Home. Mayor Evans stated what he is asking the Council to do is consider donating some of the Properties that have been donated to the City of Selma, to them to build a "Model Home", which they will fund. Mayor Evans further stated after that they will build 41 Homes in our City, in designated areas, for Individuals to purchase. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Glen Ford to come forward, and address the Council with an overview of how the Program works. Mr. Ford, the CEO of Green Solar Company, addressed the Council, and stated that their Firm is based in Birmingham, Alabama, and that they are primarily involved in community development, design and construction, and manufacturing of structurally insulated homes. Mr. Ford further stated that they have been speaking with Mayor Evans, and Ms. Charlotte Griffeth about developing 41 homes in the City of Selma. Mr. Ford stated that they are not asking for anything today, but would like to have the opportunity to talk to the Legal Staff, Economic Development, and the Council, to further explain what it is that they are exactly trying to do. Mayor Evans stated to the Council that they are at a point now where they will build and sell the homes, and will build more and more, but what they need is land. Mayor Evans further stated that the land that we donate to them will be an in-kind service with the understanding that whatever is negotiated and decided on will include our City Attorney and the Council's approval. Mayor Evans asked President Williamson to appoint a Committee of Council Members to be a part of our meeting between now and the next Meeting that we have, to discuss this further. President Williamson stated that he would just invite all of the Council Members, when that meeting is set, since everybody is going to be involved in this. Mr. Ford stated that they do want to work with the City of Selma, and that they are putting their "money where their mouth is", to do that.

J. Trash Trailer Locations. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a schedule for the Trash Trailer Locations for the Months of January and February, for Wards Four, Five and Six:

- January 27th - 30th - Ward 6;
- February 3rd - 6th - Ward 5; and
- February 10th - 13th - Ward 4.

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

- (1) *Softball and Baseball Registration - "Open" - Memorial Stadium*
- (2) *"State of the City" Address - January 30, 2012, Carl C. Morgan Convention Center, 12 o'clock Noon and 5:30 p.m.*
- (3) *Deadline for Submission of Arts Revive Exhibition Entry Forms - January 31, 2012*
- (4) *Follow-Up: "A Call to Action" Meeting - February 6, 2012, Carl C. Morgan Convention Center - 6:00 p.m.*
- (5) *City-Wide Clean-Up Day - February, 2012 - TBA*
- (6) *Bridge Crossing Jubilee - March 1 - 5, 2012*
- (7) *AHSAA Track Meet - May 4 - 5, 2012*
- (8) *Mayors' Ball - April or May, 2012, Date TBA*
- (9) *Prayers for the City of Selma Every Wednesday Morning at 10 o'clock*

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. ABC License Application - Sugar Shack - 1215 Alabama Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to Sugar Shack, for a Lounge Retail Liquor - Class I License, which is located at 1215 Alabama Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1st Reading during our last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated that no one has filed any type of objection to the approval of the ABC License Application for Sugar Shack. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Sugar Shack, for a Lounge Retail Liquor - Class I License. **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 one abstention. President Williamson abstained from voting.**

B. ABC License Application - Z TEC 678 - 3766 U. S. Highway 80. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to Z TEC 678, for a Retail Beer/Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License, which is located at 3766 U. S. Highway 80, West; within the Police Jurisdiction. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1st Reading during our last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Z TEC 678, for a Retail Beer/Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) License. **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 one abstention. President Williamson abstained from voting.**

C. Ordinance #O102-11/12, Amendment to Business License Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Ordinance #O102-11/12, Amendment to Business License Ordinance, under Chapter 16 Art. II Div. 1 of the City of Selma Code of Ordinances. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council if they recall this Amendment is on behalf of our Chief of Police, asking for a revision of the language from the "Expiration of Six (6) Months", so that it will state that whenever the Council shall Revoke the Business License of a Licensee, that no such License that has been Revoked shall be issued again to such Licensee until after the "Expiration of One (1) Year from the date of such Revocation", instead of a Six (6) Month Expiration. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Ordinance #O102-11/12, Amendment to Business License Ordinance, was placed on 1st Reading during our last Council Meeting, and asked Council's consideration to approve the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Ordinance #O102-11/12, Amendment to Business License Ordinance. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

D. #O101-11/12 - Amendment to Cemetery Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Ordinance #O101-11/12, Amendment to Cemetery Ordinance, under Chapter 7, Art. II Div. 1 of the City of Selma Code of Ordinances, as it relates to Cemeteries and Burials. Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall, Mr. Michael Pettaway did a brief overview of what Ordinance #O101-11/12 was about, which deals with grave digging and cremating remains and interments of a deceased person. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Ordinance #O101-11/12, Amendment to Cemetery Ordinance, was placed on 1st Reading during our last Council Meeting, and asked Council's approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Ordinance #O101-11/12, Amendment to Cemetery Ordinance. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

E. Resolution #R148-11/12 - Weed Abatement - Phase 2 - Authority to Abate. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R148-11/12, Weed Abatement (Phase I), declaring public nuisance and immediate abatement. Attorney Nunn further stated that this is where Code Enforcement has determined that certain properties within the City of Selma have noxious and dangerous weeds that are growing on the properties herein listed. Attorney Nunn stated that Certified Letters have been forwarded to the Property Owners, as it relates to weeds that have been declared a public nuisance, and they have refused and have not abated the nuisance. Attorney Nunn further stated that Resolution #R148-11/12, Weed Abatement - Authority to Abate (Phase 2) gives the Code Enforcement Officer authority to proceed in addressing the nuisance, and abatement of the property. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bjelke, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R148-11/12, Weed Abatement (Phase 2). **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

F. **Resolution #R147-11/12 - Declaring Certain Properties as Unsafe Structures.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R147-11/12, Resolution Declaring Certain Properties as Unsafe Structures, which deals with dilapidated houses and unsafe structures; properties that have been classified as "dangerous buildings" and/or a "nuisance" under the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Code Enforcement Officer has visited the site and classified these certain pieces of properties as dangerous buildings and/or a nuisance pursuant to Section 6-101 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma, and Section 11-53B-1 through 11-53B-16 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as last revised. Attorney Nunn stated that there are Two (2) pieces of Property, located in Ward 8, which have been identified by the Code Enforcement Office, that this is the initial stage, which gives the City Clerk authority to proceed with forwarding notices, via certified mail, notifying each property owner and, further advising that said Property Owner has Forty-Five (45) days in which to rectify the condition of said property, and if the property is not brought into compliance, then the City shall move forward in rectifying the "dangerous" building in accordance with State Law. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R147-11/12, Resolution Declaring Certain Properties as Unsafe Structures. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. **Redistricting and Election Update - Dates for Public Comments.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council to please be mindful that February 28, 2012 will be the last day for the Council to change the Salaries for the Mayor and Council. Attorney Nunn further stated that February 28, 2012 is also the last day for the Council to decide to elect Council Members At-Large. Attorney Nunn stated that we do need to start scheduling meetings for Public Comments, and suggested Tuesday, January 31st at 5:00 p.m., and on Thursday, February 2nd at 12 o'clock noon, to take comments on all Five (5) Plans. During discussion, President Williamson stated that we will take Public Comments on Tuesday, January 31st at 5:00 p.m., and during our next scheduled Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that after the next set of Public Comments, that the Council will need to take a vote, and then we will have at least Two (2) Public Hearings on that One (1) Map Plan. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that if it is the desire of the Council to take another trip to Montgomery, that they will need to plan to go before the Council takes a vote. Following discussion, Attorney Nunn stated to President Williamson, following the consensus of the Council, that he would mark out the plan to have Public Comments on Thursday, February 2nd, which would leave the One (1) scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st, for Public Comments on all Five (5) Plans.

G. **Ordinance #O104-11/12 - Amendment to Standing Committee Ordinance #O106-08/09.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should before them Ordinance #O104-11/12, Amendment to Standing Committee Ordinance #O106-08/09. Attorney Nunn stated that this Ordinance deals with Article II, the Administration of Mayor and Council Standing Committees. During discussion, President Williamson asked Councilwoman Crenshaw to meet with Attorney Nunn, as to the language for this Amendment, and that they will consider Ordinance #O104-11/12, Amendment to Standing Committee Ordinance #O106-08/09, during the Reconvened Meeting on next Tuesday, January 31, 2012. President Williamson asked that they meet.

H. **Clubs on Water Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he will be meeting with Chief Riley and Ms. Griffith as it relates to putting some restrictions in place for Clubs on Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that he needs some input from the Council, to see how we should proceed. Attorney Nunn stated that it does also have to go before the Planning Commission, but would like Council's input prior to that. President Williamson asked Councilwoman Keith and the Community Development Committee to work with them on that.

I. **Reimbursement of A.M.I.C. Deductibles.** Attorney Nunn stated that he needs to research this Item for further clarification, and that he will bring it back before the Council during the next Council Meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated that we still have one.

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

President Williamson stated the Council has postponed taking action on this Item until the next Council Meeting, to allow the requested Ten (10) days by Ms. Nancy Bennett. Councilman Bjelke stated that he is glad that Ms. Nancy Bennett and Mr. Tom Bolton have come to an agreement, and that he looks forward to seeing the details of it.

III. RECYCLING

This Item was addressed during the Mayor's Report.

IV. BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Councilwoman Keith stated that Quarterly, each Ward will be awarding a Beautification Award, and asked that each Council Member select a Committee for their Ward, because we are going to start doing this again.

V. WAIVER OF FEE FOR "GIRL OF THE YEAR"

Councilwoman Keith stated that the "Girl of the Year" is coming up again in May of this year, and asked that the Fee be waived at the Convention Center. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to waive the fee for the "Girl of the Year" at the Carl Morgan Convention in May, 2012. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

VI. WARD 4 FOURTH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 20 - 21, 2012

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Ward 4 Fourth Annual Black History Program will be February 20 - February 21, 2012, and asked that everyone "mark" their calendars and note this.

VII. WARD 4 QUARTERLY MEETING - JANUARY 23, 2012

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there will be a Ward 4 Quarterly Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012.

VIII. DISCRETIONARY

President Williamson stated that we did have some discretionary requests, and that they can follow-up with Ms. Sykes to see what was given by each Council Member.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

President Williamson stated that Councilman Randolph is still on active military duty right now.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman

President Williamson stated that Councilman Atchison was in Trial today.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

Councilwoman Keith made a report.

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

Councilman Bjelke made a report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

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

Councilwoman Crenshaw made a report.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

Following the above discussion, President Williamson stated that this Meeting would recess and reconvene on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.



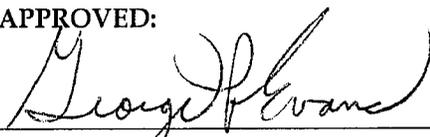
DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*