

MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 9, 2006  
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order  
Invocation: Pastor Daniel Martin  
Bethel Church  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present during roll call: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean T. Martin, Geraldine Allen, Samuel Randolph, Johnnie M. Leashore, Bennie R. Crenshaw and Jannie M. Venter. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Clerk Lois Williams, Assistant City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant Darlene Rudolph.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After review of the agenda items, a motion was made by Councilman Cain, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to add to the agenda a list of all City Employees and their salaries in the 2006/2007 Budget. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed due to lack of a majority vote. There were three ayes and six nay votes. Councilwoman Martin, Councilwoman Allen, Councilman Randolph, Councilman Leashore, Councilwoman Crenshaw, and Councilwoman Venter all cast nay votes. During discussion, it was stated a unanimous vote is necessary in order to add an item to the agenda for adoption. After further discussion and review of the agenda items, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council. (Please See Attached Discussion.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

After approval of the agenda, President Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2006 regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

President Evans then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2006 special call meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the minutes of September 29, 2006 as written. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mrs. LaTresha Woods (Selma High School Choir) - Following a wonderful choral presentation, Mrs. Woods addressed the Council with a request for assistance with the purchase of choir robes. It was the consensus of the Council to go on record in their support to Selma High School Choir and the purchase of choir robes. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Cain, to purchase choir robes for Selma High School Choir in the amount of \$3,750.00, from the Council's Special Project Fund. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

Selma Dallas County Youth Leadership - President Evans and the Council also recognized the Selma Dallas County Youth Leadership; they were asked to stand and be recognized. "Dallas County Youth Day" is tomorrow in the Council Chambers; the Council is asked to come at 9:00 a.m. to address the Youth Leadership. After being asked to stand again, the Dallas County Youth Leadership students were applauded for their efforts.

Ms. Linda Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Kelton (Foster Parent Association) - Mrs. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Kelton asked for support in purchasing Christmas gifts for the 90 children in foster care of 35 families who care for them. It was the consensus of the Council to assist in the ticket raffle, as well as, in making a donation to this organization in support of their efforts to assist in Christmas gifts for the foster children.

Judge Robert Armstrong and Mr. William Hasberry (Dallas County Fatherhood Initiative and Children's Policy Council) - Judge Armstrong and Mr. Hasberry requested assistance in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the cost to train facilitators, and for transportation. The program teaches fathers "how to be dads" by teaching parenting and job skills. President Evans and the Council applauded Judge Armstrong and Mr. Hasberry for their efforts, and stated the Council will circulate a form to get contributions from the Council members, and

notify them as to when the money has been collected for the Fatherhood Initiative Program.

Ms. Carrie Grider (Discretionary Request) - Selma AIR (Selma Aids, Information and Referral) - Educational Component. Ms. Grider requests \$2,500.00 to assist in the cost for 10 teachers to be trained in a curriculum designed to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. The \$2,500.00 represents the cost for educational materials for the teachers to be trained; this will include the teaching manuals, and supplemental teaching materials; such as, video tapes, books and other materials. This amount will also include the cost to pay two trainers who will be teaching the classes. President Evans and Councilwoman Crenshaw both request that the Council give \$500.00, or whatever they can give, to this cause. President Evans stated to Ms. Grider that the Council will get back in touch with her with a donation.

Mr. Pete Thomas (About Face - National Guard) - Mr. Thomas stated the program is 6 classes, and 6 weeks long. It is designed to teach students math and reading skills, and everyday life skills. This program also assists students in finding jobs. Mr. Thomas requests assistance with items the Federal Government does not assist with; such as, food snacks and noon meals for young adults, in the amount of \$3,000.00. President Evans stated he and the Council thank Mr. Thomas and Mr. Chestnut for their efforts with the About Face Program. He also indicated that the form would be circulated so that the Council members can state what they will contribute to this cause.

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A. Public Library - Utility Bills. Mayor Perkins stated he presented a memorandum from himself to the Council members at the work session, with carbon copies to Cynthia Mitchell, Lois Williams, Senator Sanders, and Becky Nichols, in reference to the Library. Mayor Perkins stated the Library's utilities are beyond the 2-month commitment. Mayor Perkins further stated a review of the minutes of the March 27, 2006 council meeting reflects the City's commitment to pay two months of the Library's utility bills for the remainder of fiscal year 2005/06. Mayor Perkins further stated the City has paid two months. Mayor Perkins stated a request to make a third payment was attached, but we do not have authorization to make payments beyond the two months. Mayor Perkins also stated he would recommend that the City pay the requested third payment and asked the Council approval of the same. Mayor Perkins further stated in the March 27, 2006 minutes, Senator Sanders stated "he is not at liberty to give any details, but all he can say is that the City will cover two months of the next six months, and the rest will be taken care of". Mayor Perkins stated that the proposal was approved by Council, and as a consequence of that, we have paid two months, and this will be a third month. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated he does not know of anything else that has happened since then. President Evans stated he would like for himself, the Mayor and the Council, to get together with Senator Sanders, to get some dialogue and clarification for the purpose of how to handle this situation, in terms of allocating funds to the Library. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, and seconded by Councilwoman Venter, to approve payment of this third bill in the amount of \$6,800.00, until other things can be worked out. After the recommendation was made to amend the budget to increase an appropriate revenue line item and a corresponding expense line item for the purpose of this service, Councilwoman Martin amended her motion to reflect this, with an amended second from Councilwoman Venter, to amend the budget for the purpose of this service, and approve payment of the third bill in the amount of \$6,800. 00. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.** President Evans stated that between the Mayor and himself, they need to touch "bases" with all of the sources to find out what they are going to do. Mayor Perkins further stated he recommends that the Council meet with the County Commission delegation and the Library to discuss the matter.

B. Resolution #R104-06/07 - Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement for Bids for Construction. Mayor Perkins stated this resolution addresses the advertisement for bid for construction for the sanitary sewage and drainage improvements in the East Selma area. Mayor Perkins stated this is a matter of formality that needs to take place prior to announcing the bid, to be made a part of that bid for ADEM audit's purposes. Mayor Perkins asked Council favorable consideration of said resolution in order to move forward with this project. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, seconded by Councilwoman Venter, to approve said resolution. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

C. Resolution #R106-6/07and Traffic Light at Jeff Davis Avenue and Church Street - Update. Mayor Perkins stated he had spoken with the Municipal Clerk and had gotten some bad news, and would like to make the Council aware of the status of the accident involving the traffic light at Jeff Davis Avenue and Church Street. Mayor Perkins further stated if the Council recalls the City had filed the appropriate documentation against the driver's insurance company. But, after contacting the insurance company, the City was advised that he had insurance but that it has expired. Mayor Perkins also stated with the driver's insurance expiring, traffic lights are not part of our policy. Mayor Perkins stated, first, we have to get the traffic light repaired, and

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secondly, the City Attorney needs to be authorized to pursue civil action to try and recover any funds possible. Mayor Perkins also stated that the Council should have in front of them Resolution #R106-06/07, which makes a recommendation of source of funds to get the traffic light repaired. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve said resolution in the amount of \$23,111.10 for repair of the traffic light, with the correction made to state Church Street, instead of Lauderdale Street as stated in this resolution. The motion was amended to include authorization for the City Attorney to pursue civil action against the driver. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

D. Mayor's Executive Secretary Position. Mayor Perkins stated the Personnel Director did post a corrected bulletin for this position, and he hopes the issue is a clerical issue with this. Councilman Williamson stated the posted figure at the bottom of the bulletin is \$23,449.00, and the Council did not approve this amount in the budget. Councilman Williamson asked if the Council needs to amend the budget to reflect this amount - it is about \$8.00 off? Councilman Williamson stated the Council needs to know what she is going to be paid so that they will know how much to amend the budget for. Councilman Williamson also asks does the time expire today? Mayor Perkins stated he did not know what the Council's concerns were until now; he has to go through the applications. Mayor Perkins further stated when the Personnel Director gets back, he will address that issue.

E. Land Acquisition. During a lengthy discussion, Mayor Perkins stated the Council had been invited to go and walk the land, stating he and President Evans had walked it together a couple of times. Mayor Perkins further stated from the beginning there was no specific purpose defined beyond the need for extra land for a cemetery. Mayor Perkins also stated recognizing this was a valuable piece of land, in the heart of town, and that it would not be a bad investment for the City to have control of that land, it could be used for housing, mixed-use with that of a cemetery, we pretty much walked down the purchase of the land trail with those basics in mind. Mayor Perkins stated it was only when the Bank Attorney stated it was time to pull together the closing documents for this transaction, at that time it became apparent that there needed to be a specific use for the property declared. Mayor Perkins also stated the Bank Attorney and the Banker indicated it was necessary to state a purpose because it was necessary to do that because the purpose would affect the terms of the mortgage rate; if the loan was for a strict public purpose then the loan transaction would be tax-free to the City. If it was for a commercial or mixed-use purpose, then we could lose the tax exemption on the loan, and it would increase our cost. Mayor Perkins stated it was in that spirit that they began to publicly talk about the possible public uses for the property. Mayor Perkins stated that there had been some discussion with the Superintendent and some members of the Board of Education about the possibility of utilizing the property about a needed high school, and a needed early childhood development center. Mayor Perkins stated with the need of specifying use for the land, he started calling Council members; that is also when the memorandum surfaced about the Special Call meeting. Mayor Perkins further stated we were moving to expedite the transaction, in order to take advantage of cash in the last fiscal year. Mayor Perkins also stated if there was cash available, he wanted to use it to make a down payment on the land so that we would not carry that cost into the new budget. Mayor Perkins stated in his prior conversations with President Evans, he thought it was the consensus that they were going to take the approach that had been prescribed in the memorandum that he had circulated to the Council. Mayor Perkins further stated subsequent to him leaving town, President Evans had left a message but he did not get it, and took a message to his office, stating he had reversed his position about what they had talked about, and felt that they needed to bring it before the Council to be discussed. Mayor Perkins also stated that he had received a letter from Councilman Williamson, indicating he took exception to the process that had been prescribed; the process was akin to a meeting and it was a violation of the Sunshine Law. Mayor Perkins stated having all of that develop at that time, he chose not to force it because of the confusion. Mayor Perkins also stated he felt we were giving up a major savings to the transaction, but he felt it was in the best interest of all, to not move forward on it. Mayor Perkins stated he still feels that we need to move forward with this transaction. Mayor Perkins further stated it was only when the attorneys called and stated that we needed to specify a purpose for the land; it was only a function of negotiating to try and get the closing documents. Mayor Perkins also stated this was not an attempt to conceal anything; the transaction was moving fast to try and get the cash savings. Mayor Perkins stated he will be addressing the Board of Education on Thursday, to talk some specifics about the vision for the school and the construction of the school, and he would invite the Council members to come. Mayor Perkins also stated he wants himself and the Council to stay on "track" with this land acquisition. Councilman Williamson asked Mayor Perkins if he would address the Council,

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possibly at the next Council meeting, in terms of why the City has to take the "lead" in building a new school; Councilman Williamson also asked Mayor Perkins if he would address the Council in terms of cost comparisons of other schools, how this can be structured, and how the school would be paid for. Mayor Perkins stated he would address those issues in more detail. President Evans stated that he hopes everyone can be at the Board meeting on Thursday for further dialogue on this issue.

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A. Conference Call. Attorney Nunn stated per the Council's request on Thursday night to set up a conference call with the Attorney General's office sometime this week, he would try to call the Attorney General's office on tomorrow to try and get the conference call set up to talk more in detail. Attorney Nunn stated that he, President Evans, Mayor Perkins, Attorney Pettaway, along with one or two other persons, have stated that they all want to be a part of the conference call. Attorney Nunn further stated he would try to get at least two times that that the conference call can be set up, for the convenience of everyone. He also stated that the conference call may have to be held here at City Hall.

B. Resolution #R105-06/07. Attorney Nunn stated to the Council that they should have before them Resolution #R105-06/07 as it relates to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Selma, Alabama Appointments. Attorney Nunn further stated that he has received a letter from Mr. Hobbs, stating the need to appoint three members to the Board: (a) due to the change in residency of Mr. Elam Holley, a recommendation is made to appoint Andy Reeves as his replacement; Mr. Edward McCurdy and Mr. Archie Reeves' terms expires on April 24, 2006, and the request is made to reappoint these two members, retroactive April 24, 2006 through April 24, 2012. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve said resolution. During further discussion, President Evans stated he had written Mayor Perkins about a month and a half ago, about giving the Council a list of all board appointments that the City has involvement with, so that the Council would know what appointments would be coming up so that the Council would have some discussion on it prior to the night a decision is expected to be made on. President Evans stated this was during the time that Mrs. James was there, and they were working on that. President Evans also stated he would follow-up with another request of a list of all the Boards that the City Council appoints, for the purpose of the Council having knowledge that these appointments are coming up. President Evans further states, for clarification purposes, he would like the Council to be made aware of whether or not the board appointments are made by the Council, or whether the appointments are in the form of recommendations from the Mayor, and he asks Attorney Nunn to research this issue. After discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

C. Resolutions #R101-06/07, #R102-06/07, and #R103-06/07. Attorney Nunn stated Resolution #R101-06/07 represents property at 1211 Green Street which has been demolished in the amount of \$350.00, and asks Council approval to place a lien on the property. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve said Resolution #R101-06/07. An amended motion was made by Councilman Cain, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to adopt all three resolutions at the same time which would include Resolutions #R101-06/07, #R102-06/07, and R#103-06/07. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

D. Resolutions #R107-06/07 and #R108-06/07. Attorney Nunn stated Resolutions #R107-06/07 and Resolution #R108-06/07 both represent re-appointments of City Judges Christmas Green and Valerie Chittom, serving for two year appointments, retroactive from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008, and asks Council approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve said resolutions. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

E. Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.) - Legal Fees. Attorney Nunn stated he is in receipt of the invoice for the legal fees on the Tower case (City of Selma, Alabama v. Dallas County, Alabama) in the amount of \$13,954.25. Attorney Nunn stated if the

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Council recalls he was requested to bring this before the Council. During discussion, Councilman Williamson asks what account would this be paid from, and will it be on last year's budget or this year's budget. Attorney Nunn stated the bill has been submitted to the Finance Department and should already be paid. Councilman Williamson stated if the bill has been paid, he moves that the Council ratify the payment, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Martin. If the bill has not been paid it will be charged to last year. Councilman Williamson asks if this could be found out by next meeting, which year it has been charged to. Mayor Perkins stated the bill has already been paid. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

F. Kindaka Sanders, et al. v. Officers Josh McDaniel, et al. - Permission to Appeal Case. Attorney Nunn stated the trial for this case was during the week of September 25, 2006. The jury came back with a verdict later Friday night in the award amount of \$310,000.00. Attorney Nunn further stated about four Council members were in attendance during the trial, and he thanked them for coming. Attorney Nunn also stated this case was discussed during the work session on last Thursday, and he now comes before the Council seeking approval to appeal this case. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, giving authorization to Attorney Nunn to move forward with an appeal on the above-referenced case, in the judgment against the City in the amount of \$310,000.00. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. During further discussion, Councilman Leashore asked that the record reflect that the City Attorney did an excellent job in trying this case. President Evans concurred, stating that Attorney Nunn did an outstanding job, as well as, other Council members. President Evans further stated that the Council had discussed getting some additional help for Attorney Nunn in working on this appeal. Attorney Nunn stated he spoke with Attorney Howard and Attorney Chittom on today, as it relates to this case, and both are eager to get involved with this case, and assisting in the appeal. Attorney Nunn stated that Attorney Nix Holtsford is also willing to assist in the appeal. Attorney Nunn asks Council approval to bring them on board to start the appeal process. Attorney Williamson asks if the Officers will have their own attorneys representing them? Attorney Nunn stated the Officers will not be seeking attorney representation for themselves. Attorney Nunn also stated representation will come from the City Attorney, Attorney Valerie Chittom, and Attorney Holtsford. Attorney Nunn further stated that Attorney Howard will only be able to provide minimal assistance; he is asking that Attorney Chittom serve as "lead counsel". Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Venter, to allow Attorney Nunn to get two attorneys to work with him on this appeal process; namely, Attorney Chittom and Attorney Holtsford. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

G. Application for Liquor License - Ms. Tammy Williams (Cheers). Attorney Nunn stated if the Council recalls this application for Cheers had been placed on first reading, located at 1105 Broad Street, there was a question as it relates to whether or not this application was in corporate limits or police jurisdiction. Attorney Nunn further stated he spoke with Mr. Barber of the ABC Board on Friday, and he assured him that that was a mistake that he marked on the application, and it was changed to corporate limits. A motion made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the liquor license application for Cheers. A roll call vote was taken, and there were four ayes and four nays. Councilman Williamson, Councilman Cain, Councilwoman Allen, and Councilwoman Venter all cast nay votes, and the motion failed due to lack of a majority vote.

H. Application for Liquor License - Ms. Jackie E. Newberry-Agee (Pit Stop). Attorney Nunn presented the application for Pit Stop located at 1326 Voeglin Avenue, which has been presented several times for approval, and placed on first reading, and asks for the consideration of the Council to approve the liquor license. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, for consideration of the liquor license. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council.

I. Application for Liquor License - Renewal - Pride of Alabama Elks Lodge #1170. The application for Pride of Alabama Elks Lodge #1170 located at 4304 Water Avenue is being presented for consideration of its renewal license. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the liquor license renewal. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. Councilman Williamson and Councilwoman Venter abstained from voting.

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J. Alcoholic Beverage License Procedures. Attorney Nunn passed out a draft of a revised copy of "Alcoholic Beverage License Procedures" for the Council to review, and act on at the next Council meeting. Attorney Nunn asked the Council to start with "Step Number 4", wherein the applicant will go to the City Clerk's office who will still submit to the Police Department for an applicant background check. The City Clerk will also submit the application to the Fire Department, Building Inspector's office, and the Tax and License office for an inspection. The Departments will still go out and do their inspections, but will not require the applicants (business owners) to do any work. The Departments will only inspect the premises with the form that states "what needs to be done" to the building. After the initial inspections are done, the application will come before the Council for a preliminary approval. Once the preliminary approval is done, it goes back to the City Clerk, and the Building Inspector's office, Fire Department and the Tax and License office, for clearance that the work has been completed. Attorney Nunn further stated this will allow the applicant (business owner) an opportunity to make the determination of whether or not they want to proceed with a liquor license application, prior to incurring a lot of expenses to bring the building into compliance, and getting their liquor license denied. President Evans asked each Council member to review in order to take action on at the next Council meeting.

K. Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.) - Statement. Attorney Nunn stated several claims have been presented to the insurance company, and the insurance company attorneys handled those claims. Attorney Nunn further stated the amount of \$5,873.00 was paid for settlement of three of those claims, and he asks approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve payment of those claims. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

L. Walker v. City of Selma, and York v. City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated the cases of Walker v. City of Selma, and York v. City of Selma were both dismissed.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. ENVIRONMENTAL COURT

President Evans stated this item would be continued until next Council meeting.

II. SOLICITATION AT BROAD STREET AND HIGHLAND AVENUE

President Evans asked Attorney Nunn if the City is liable with the solicitation that is being done, particularly now on Broad Street and Highland Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated this issue has been brought to his office before, dealing with the issue of a state highway versus a city street. Attorney Nunn further stated there are laws that deal with state highways, and some local ordinances in place as it relates to the city streets. Attorney Nunn also stated he has done a little research on this matter. Councilman Williamson asked if a person soliciting money has to have a permit in order to do so? President Evans asked Attorney Nunn if he would research this matter.

III. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Evans stated he wanted to re-emphasize here again a sincere concern about all the noise in the City. Councilman Williamson stated the Council did not receive a police report on the noise. President Evans asked Mayor Perkins if he had received a police report dealing with crime and citations. Mayor Perkins stated he had received a report today, but had not had a chance to validate the report with Chief Martin. Mayor Perkins further stated once the data is validated, he would provide copies of the report in the Council members' mailboxes.

IV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Evans stated in working on the Committee Appointments he tried to find the best place for everybody; only one person signed up for the Recreation Committee, nobody signed up for the Public Works Committee, and everybody wanted to work on several committees. As a result of that, President Evans stated he did the best he could in terms of asking Council members to serve on the committees this coming fiscal year. Those Committee Appointments are as follow:

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**IV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Cecil Williamson, Chairperson  
Johnnie Leashore  
Jannie Venter

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bennie Crenshaw, Chairperson  
Jean Martin  
Cecil Williamson

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jannie Venter, Chairperson  
Geraldine Allen  
Reid Cain

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Geraldine Allen, Chairperson  
Samuel Randolph  
Jean Martin

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson  
Reid Cain  
Samuel Randolph

DECRETIONARY COMMITTEE

George Evans, Chairperson

After presenting the list of committee appointments, President Evans asked if there were any questions. Councilman Leashore responded by respectfully requesting that he be eliminated from the Recreation Committee or any committee where Reid Cain is a member. President Evans stated these committees are as they stand, and if Councilman Leashore if he chooses to not show up for a committee meeting, that will be his call on that, and the meeting will go on in his absence. President Evans asked that everyone would serve on the committee appointments. Councilman Leashore asked that the record reflect that he will not serve on a committee where Councilman Cain is a member of. President Evans stated that Councilman Cain and Councilman Randolph will have to handle that committee and move forward with it for the purpose of the Recreation program. President Evans further stated he serve as Ex Officio on all committees, and asks the Council members to make him aware of their meetings so that he can try and attend as well.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Evans stated for the purpose of name and character, he would like the Council to proceed into an Executive Session for discussion for 15 minutes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to recess into Executive Session at the end of the Council meeting for that purpose. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members.**

Following executive session, a motion was made by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to reconvene the meeting into regular session at 8:44 p.m. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN SAMUEL RANDOLPH, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Recreation Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - COUNCILWOMAN DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Administrative Committee.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN REID CAIN, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Public Safety Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCILWOMAN JEAN MARTIN, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN LEASHORE, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Public Works Committee.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE - COUNCILWOMAN CRENSHAW, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Discretionary Funds Committee.

WRAP-UP (2 MINUTES PER COUNCIL MEMBER)

Councilman Williamson - Councilman Williamson stated on August 14<sup>th</sup> you sent out a memorandum to Council members with four of the Crime Task Force recommendations, assessment of the police department, curfew, assessment of 911 and the noise ordinance - what has happened to the assessment of 911 and the police department? Councilwoman Allen responded, stating they had been asked to do an update; Mr. Rutledge is developing a document for the Council to review. President Evans stated he had got a response on the police department and he had forwarded a copy to Mayor Perkins but he and the Mayor had not had a chance to get together on that as of yet. President Evans also stated this would fall under the Administrative Committee for review as well.

Councilman Leashore - Councilman Leashore stated he would like for Mayor Perkins to take a look at the budget to see if some money could be "squeezed" to pay our City Attorney - he feels that our City Attorney is doing a real good legal professional business for the City and he has been grossly underpaid.

Councilwoman Allen - No Comments.

Councilwoman Martin - Councilwoman Martin stated she wanted to remind everybody that this week in Selma we have TaleTelling which is Friday and Saturday, and also Riverfront Market Day is Saturday. She encourages everyone to go out and enjoy. She also stated on next Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Artery, a fairly new organization in Selma, is having a mystery night. It will be fun, and encourages everyone to come.

Councilman Randolph - No Comments.

Councilman Cain - No Comments.

Councilwoman Venter - Councilwoman Venter stated on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., a Recreation Committee meeting was held, and the main issue discussed was bathroom facilities in Ward 8. A request has been made to have bathrooms placed in this area. Councilwoman Venter also reminded Council members to pay the \$5.00 fee to Ms. Johnson for snacks.

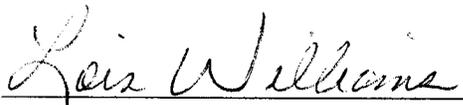
President Evans - President Evans reminded Council members that on tomorrow the Selma-Dallas County Leadership Youth will meet in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. President Evans also stated he does not see a reason to have a work session next Thursday at this point and time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

  
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GEORGE P. EVANS, *COUNCIL PRESIDENT*

ATTEST:

  
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LOIS WILLIAMS, *CITY CLERK*

APPROVED:

  
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JAMES PERKINS, JR., *MAYOR*

## ATTACHMENT – MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2006

Just after roll call, **President Evans** began: “As you can see we have an agenda before us tonight and there are several items that we must go through tonight for the purpose of taking care of the business of the City. **Councilman Cain** asked President Evans, “if we could add to the agenda the list of names of City employees by department and salary”. **President Evans** asked, “you said you want to do what, now?” **Councilman Cain** stated, “to add to the agenda the item #13 in Council work session that we took off – that was a list of names and salaries of all City Employees by department for 2006/2007”. **President Evans** stated, “I think Mr. Williamson seconded it, right, and that was one of the things I took off because at our work session on Thursday, we said we would not add that to the agenda because of the fact that it was by consensus that we did that”. **President Evans** asked, “if there was any discussion before they act on this motion?” **Councilman Cain** stated “he thinks it needs to be part of the agenda as a result of the fact that we do need this information and we’re not getting this information – we can’t basically review our budget accurately without having the names of the employees, as well as, their salaries and positions by departments being part of the agenda and I just appreciate that being added to the agenda for discussion, of why we cannot get that information”.

**Councilwoman Crenshaw** stated, “I think the consensus should stand – we have done that and, as a matter of protocol, it should stand”. **Councilman Williamson** asked, “Mr. President, will the effect of this vote be to the majority of the Council saying they do not want the names of the City employees and their salaries – what do you say the effect of this vote is?” **President Evans** stated, “the motion at this point is, the motion that he wants to add it to the agenda for discussion, and I guess, in a sense, what we are saying is, if you want to add it, and the majority votes to add it, then I guess it will move for discussion, and if you vote no, I guess you’re saying you don’t want it”. **Councilman Williamson** stated, “as I have said, I have asked for that information already and we’ll just wait for it”. **Councilwoman Crenshaw** stated, “Mr. President, I think in the last fiscal year we had something in place for those who wanted to go and get it; they could sign a waiver concerning the confidentiality of the process itself, in terms of not taking the information and using it maliciously, so we do have that in place which means if a person wants to get it, it does not mean they can’t have it”. **Councilman Cain** stated, “Mr. President, in respect to those comments, Councilman Williamson is correct – he asked for that information on September 24<sup>th</sup> – you, yourself, has asked for the information and I was hoping that you were going to be able to get it – you still have not received the information, from what I understand, and now I would like to have that information as well – we have at least 3 Council members that are interested in the information, and the issue is, we are not getting the information and we need to know why – there has got to be a reason why and I would like for that to be explained tonight”.

**President Evans** asked, “at this point, is there any further discussion? We are now going to vote on whether or not this item should be placed on the agenda tonight for discussion, about all Council members having a copy of all the names of the City employees and the salaries they receive, by departments”. **Councilman Cain** asked, “if the Council chooses not to have this as a part of the agenda for tonight we can put this on the agenda in the future, is that correct?”

**President Evans** stated, “it can always be taken off by any Council member”. **Councilwoman Allen** stated, “Mr. President, I was not at the work session, however, if it was the consensus of the group not to put it on there, that does not mean that there is not action to be done; I’m sure you can get a copy of that list for us, is that correct?” **President Evans** stated, “yes, he had asked for a copy, and would hope to get a copy of that when it is ready – not sure of when that date will be”. **Councilwoman Allen** stated “she wanted to clarify comments made by Dr. Williamson; it is not that she does not want the information but if it was consensus for the group that our President could get that, then she would accept that – not meaning that she does not want it”. **President Evans** stated, “it was not the consensus that the President could get that – the consensus was that they had dialogue about it and they felt as a majority that it would not be an item for discussion tonight”. **President Evans** further stated, “at this time, the motion is to vote whether or not this item becomes an item for discussion – actually, I placed it on there Thursday, and as a result of the consensus, I took it off but I still recognize the fact that it should be there for discussion because I think it’s something that we all should have. At this point, I’d like to have roll call on the motion for the purpose of this item being added to the agenda for discussion and decision”. Roll call began . . . additional comments made during roll call: **Councilwoman Martin** . . . “No, not tonight”. **Councilwoman Allen** . . . “I’m going to vote no because it was consensus of the group, and I will sign the waiver.”