

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 22, 2011  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Lee Goodwin, Associate Pastor  
Second Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council Pro Tempore Corey Bowie and Council Members Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, and Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw. 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 Susan Keith was absent from the Council Meeting. Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson was absent from the Council Meeting, due to his illness and hospitalization. Council Pro Tempore Bowie asked that we keep him in our Prayers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After approval of the agenda, President Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the minutes of March 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Mrs. Faya Rose Toure`  
Re: Recommend Ways to Honor Martyrs and "Sheroes" of the Civil Rights Movement

Mr. Johnnie Leashore, Dallas County Chapter, A.D.C.  
Re: Making an Appeal to the Selma City Council, on Behalf of the A.D.C.

Mr. Leashore stated he is here to present a Resolution, on behalf of the A.D.C., Dallas County Chapter, entitled "Supporting Mary Liuzzo Lillieboe and Opposing Neo-Confederacy". Mr. Leashore read the Resolution in its entirety, and asked that a copy of the Resolution be filed within the Selma Municipal Clerk's office, as a part of the City of Selma's official record of the Selma City Council Meeting held on today, March 22, 2011. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she wants to thank A.D.C. for this Resolution, and would like for this Resolution to become part of the Minutes for the record. (A copy will be attached to Minutes.)

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY "EAGLES" VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, ON WINNING THE AISA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, 1A REGION, 2 STATE TITLE; FURTHER, RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY "EAGLES" VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH CARL RAWLS, FOR A JOB WELL DONE, AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF SELMA TO COMMEND AND APPLAUD THEM, WISHING THEM EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE. THEY RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION, AND WERE GIVEN A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE"!**

**RECOGNITION OF MERRIMAC COLLEGE STUDENTS, ALONG WITH SISTER MARY ELLEN, OF ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS, SUPPORTING SELMA HOUSING HABITAT. THEY RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION, AND WERE GIVEN A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE"!**

**A. Resolution #R183-10/11 - Payment of Engineering Services to Mr. Ray Hogg, Jr., for Broad Street Improvements.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets of information, Resolution #R183-10/11, Payment of Engineering Services to Mr. Ray Hogg, Jr., for Broad Street Improvements, in the amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Three and No/Dollars (\$7,993.00). Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R183-10/11, Payment of Engineering Services to Mr. Ray Hogg, Jr., for improvements and repair of the Broad Street Cave-In, via the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Account (#35.6200.514 430-4). **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.**

**B. Resolution #R185-10/11 - Payment of Engineering Services to Hogg Engineering Corporation for the O'Hara Place Storm Replacement.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have information within their packets as it relates to payment of Engineering Services to Hogg Engineering Corporation for the O'Hara Place Storm Replacement, a Project under the \$12 Million Dollar General Obligation Bond, in the amount of Six Thousand Seventy Two and No/100 Dollars (\$6,072.00). Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R185-10/11, Payment of Engineering Services to Hogg Engineering Corporation for the O'Hara Place Storm Replacement Project, using a portion of the General Obligation Bond, Sanitary Sewer Improvements Account #35.6200.514 430-4. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**C. Resolution #R186-10/11 - Re-Appointment of Lewis Fincher to the Cahaba Board for Mental Health.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of Resolution #R186-10/11, Re-Appointment of Mr. Lewis Fincher to the Cahaba Board for Mental Health. Mayor Evans further asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R186-10/11, Re-Appointment of Mr. Lewis Fincher to the Cahaba Board for Mental Health. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Atchison abstained from voting.**

**D. Re-Activation of the Selma Downtown Re-Development Authority to Support the Riverfront Development.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that the only action he is asking from the Council is that they approve the Re-Activation of the Selma Downtown Re-Development Authority, to Support the Riverfront Development, and he will come back before the Council to either re-appoint the same Board Members, or offer names to the Council for consideration. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the Re-Activation of the Selma Downtown Re-Development Authority to Support the Riverfront Development. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**E. Resolution #R189-10/11 - ALDOT Memorandum of Understanding on Red-Light Camera Enforcement.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that Broad Street is a Federal Highway, and the State of Alabama does not want to be involved in terms of liability with the operation of the red-light cameras within the City of Selma, along the U.S./State Routes, since the State does not have jurisdiction. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R189-10/11, A.L.D.O.T. Memorandum of Understanding on Red-Light Camera Enforcement. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**F. Report on Placement of Electronic Emergency Notification Billboard.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that a Representative from Emergency Management Agency, Ms. Rhonda Abbott, along with Mr. Joe Montgomery, Chairman of the Oasis Foundation of America, are here tonight to introduce the idea of placing a Billboard, in our City at no cost to the City, which would serve as a means to getting information to

the general public as it relates to emergencies and natural disasters. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Abbott and Mr. Montgomery to come forward to address the Council with information as it relates to the Billboard. Mr. Montgomery addressed the Council, and stated that they would like to locate the Billboard near the Parking Lot of the Selma Mall Shopping Center, and that it could communicate emergency information to the public in a matter of "seconds". Mr. Montgomery further stated six (6) of these units are already deployed in the Greater Montgomery Area, and that they would like to place one in Selma, Troy, Opelika, and another one in Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery stated this is not an answer for all emergency solutions, but that it is designed to be able to give aid to the Citizens for the 2 - 3 days it takes F.E.M.A. and the Red Cross to get supplies into a Community, in the event of an emergency and disaster-type situation. Mr. Montgomery further stated to Council that they should have a packet of information which describes this device, and has a summary pamphlet with information about the product, along with a Map. Mr. Montgomery stated he would be happy to answer any questions that they may have. Mr. Montgomery stated this would not be a cost to the City, and that their funding comes from the sale of advertising and sponsorships. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they did not need to take any action on it tonight; that he just wanted to make them aware of it.

**G. Report on the End Zone Club.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a copy of the information, as it relates to the End Zone Club. Mayor Evans further stated that Mr. Michael Johnson, a native of Selma who plays with the Cincinnati Bengals, and his Group, the End Zone Club, are trying to get the City's Youth involved with young people taking the initiative to be good "Role Models" in our City. Mayor Evans stated this is just for informational purposes, but that he would like the Council to be supportive of this Program, to help to create a type of environment that would encourage our Youth to be more responsible, and involved in combating crime, drugs and gangs.

**H. Ward 4 Community Development Update.** Mayor Evans stated that he is in receipt of the requests submitted to him, and that he has met with the Staff; Code Enforcement, Public Works and the Community Development, and that these items are a "work-in-progress", and that he hopes to have more details as to which of these have been completed by our next Council Meeting.

**I. Report on the Citizens Police Academy.** Mayor Evans stated that each of them should have a copy of information as it relates to the Citizens Police Academy, which Chief Riley will be implementing in our City. Mayor Evans stated the Citizens Police Academy is a program designed to educate members of the Community about the various roles of the Selma Police Department, and to introduce them to the Law Enforcement Community, and give an inside look at how the Department operates on a daily basis. Mayor Evans further stated that other Cities have already begun this, and that we have chosen to "model" the one that is being done in the City of Demopolis. Mayor Evans stated that the Selma Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy, which will run from May 2, 2011 through June 20, 2011. Mayor Evans further stated that the session will be held every Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Selma Police Department In-Service Training Room. Mayor Evans stated anyone interested can contact the Selma Police Department for more information.

**J. Update on Sanitary Sewer Projects and Water Avenue Streetscape Projects.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packet of information an update on all of the Sanitary Sewer Projects, and the Water Avenue Streetscape Projects. Mayor Evans further stated as indicated in the information, all of the sanitary sewer pipe has been installed, and the only work remaining is re-construction of Jerome Street, Franklin Street and Philpot Avenue. Mayor Evans stated the Contractor's contractual completion date for this Project is April 4, 2011, and that it is Mr. Hogg's opinion that the Contractor is on schedule, and should have no problem completing on time, in light of the fact that we have had an unusually wet construction period. Mayor Evans stated, as also noted, the Contractor has completed 95% of the demolition work, with the exception around the Adler Building. Mayor Evans further stated that the other construction has been completed, as noted in the information presented by Mr. Hogg. Mayor Evans stated he is pleased with the progress that has been made in our City, and that whatever has taken place in our City, has taken all of us to make these things happen, and he is just grateful.

**K. Report on Pension Plan Savings.** Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Brandon Comer and Mr. Edwards, are both here tonight, to discuss the possibility of saving us some money as it relates to our Pension Plans. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Comer to come forward to address the Council, as it relates to Pension Plan Savings, and Proposals on Reductions. Mayor Evans stated he would not ask the Council to take any action tonight, but that he would like the Council to place into a Committee for review, along with meeting with Mr. Comer. President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he will be placing this item into the hands of the Administrative Committee, with Councilwoman Benjamin, as Chairperson. President Pro Tempore Bowie asked Councilwoman Benjamin to also schedule a time that the Committee can meet with Mr. Comer, in an effort to bring back a report, as well as, a recommendation before the Council.

**L. Report on National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference, Washington, D.C.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he went to Washington, D.C., on last week, along with Councilwoman Benjamin and Councilwoman Crenshaw. Mayor Evans stated that they had a very productive Conference, and that he attended four (4) Seminars, and that he learned a lot of things that will help him both

professionally, as well as, an Elected Official. Mayor Evans further stated that "First Lady", Mrs. Michelle Obama was a Presenter at one of the Meetings he attended, and spoke about "Obesity" and our Youth. Mayor Evans stated he signed up for one of the Programs that we may be able to implement here in our City in terms of Obesity and our Youth. Mayor Evans further stated it was a very good meeting, and that he will be sharing more in detail with them at a later time. Mayor Evans stated that he got a chance to meet with Senator Sessions, Senator Shelby, and that he also saw Mr. John King with CNN. Mayor Evans further stated that he spoke about coming back to Selma, and doing some more things with us, as he has done before, and that was very positive. Mayor Evans stated that he appreciates the opportunity to have been able to go, and that it was well worth going!

**M. Report on the Selma Pilgrimage Weekend and the Opening of the Arts Revive Carneal Building.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he thought the Selma Pilgrimage was very good, and that he did attend some of the sites on Saturday, and he feels in his opinion that it was quite successful. Mayor Evans further stated that the Lions Club had their Convention here on Saturday, and he also got a chance to go and speak to them during that event, to thank them for choosing Selma to have their Convention. Mayor Evans also stated that Arts Revive had a great success this weekend in our City, both on Friday and Saturday. Mayor Evans stated that he continues to think positive, and Pray that things will get better as time goes on, in spite of any opposition that we may have. Mayor Evans stated he is proud to be from Selma, and that there are good things going on here.

**N. Appointment of Voting Delegate to the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Council has to appoint a Voting Delegate for the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities, which will be held April 30 - May 3, 2011, in Huntsville, at the Von Braun Center. Mayor Evans stated that they do not have to take any action tonight, but that they will need to be thinking about someone to appoint, at our next Council Meeting, to be forwarded to the League by April 15th.

**O. Appointment of Voting Delegate to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation Annual Meeting.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Council has to appoint a Voting Delegate for the Annual Membership Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, which will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the Huntsville Embassy Suites, Big Spring A, in Huntsville, Alabama. Mayor Evans stated again that they do not have to take any action tonight, but that they will need to be thinking about someone to appoint, at our next Council Meeting, to be forwarded to the Office of the Corporation No Later Than April 20th.

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

*(1) "Mayors of the Black Belt Charity Ball" - March 31, 2011 - 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., at the Carl Morgan Convention Center - Mayor Evans stated he would like to invite everyone to the "Mayors of the Black Belt Charity Ball"! Mayor Evans further stated that he is excited about the potential for the Mayor's Ball, and that the funds go to the American Red Cross.*

*(2) "City of Selma Open House" - April 7, 2011 - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Carl Morgan Convention Center - Mayor Evans stated he would like to invite everyone to come!*

*(3) "Battle of Selma" - April 28, 2011 - May 1, 2011 Mayor Evans stated this Event is a way of bringing History to Selma, and has always been a Tourist attraction!*

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**A. Resolution #R182-10/11 - Ratification of Resolution Ordering a Special Election for Ward 3.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R182-10/11, Ratification of Resolution Ordering a Special Election to Elect a Council Person to Ward 3. Attorney Nunn further stated Mayor Evans, on last Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, via authority under Alabama Code §11-43-18, called for a Special Election to fill the vacancy for Ward 3, which was advertised in the newspaper, for a Special Election on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Attorney Nunn stated the qualifying period started on this past Tuesday, and we have five (5) Candidates for Ward 3, to-date. Attorney Nunn stated the location of the Voting Places for the Special Election are the Main Courthouse on Lauderdale Street, Christian Outreach Alliance Facility on J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, and the Absentee Box, which will be located within the City Clerk's Office, at City Hall. Attorney Nunn stated that this is the Mayor's Resolution, and at this point he is asking the Council to ratify, affirm, and approve said Resolution #R182-10/11. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R182-10/11, Ratification of Resolution Ordering a Special Election for Ward 3. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Crenshaw each cast a nay vote.

**B. Ward 3 Special Election - U.S.D.O.J. Pre-Clearance Letter.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Pre-Clearance Letter that was submitted to the Justice Department to have an election on May 24, 2011 and, if necessary, a Run-Off, on July 5, 2011. Attorney Nunn further stated on March 11, 2011, the Justice Department does not interpose any type of objection to the remaining specified change as it relates to the election, and therefore, they approved the pre-clearance to have an election on the date of Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

**C. Resolution #R187-10/11 - Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties for Ward 3 - Special Election.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R187-10/11, Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties for Ward 3 - Special Election. Attorney Nunn further stated that Resolution #R187-10/11, states in part that the Mayor has certain duties to perform in conducting a Municipal Election under the laws and statutes of the State of Alabama; the City Council has the authority under the laws and statutes of the State of Alabama to designate a disinterested individual to perform said election duties in his stead; and to avoid the appearance of impropriety, the Mayor desires the City Council to exercise its authority and appoint a disinterested individual to perform said election duties for the special Election on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 and, if necessary, a Run-Off Election on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Said Resolution also stated that Mrs. Ivy Harrison, City Clerk of the City of Selma, is hereby designed to perform the election duties required of the Mayor, pursuant to the laws and statutes of the State of Alabama, during and for the Special Election on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 and, if necessary, for a Run-Off Election on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R187-10/11, Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties for Ward 3 - Special Election. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Crenshaw each cast a nay vote.**

**D. Letter from Gamble, Gamble & Calame - 217 Broad Street (Old Y.M.C.A. Building).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that during the last Council Meeting, Councilwoman Keith requested a status as to the Old Y.M.C.A. Building (217 Broad Street). Attorney Nunn further stated that he mentioned during the last Council Meeting, that the Attorney who represents Mr. Tom Bolton and Sunrise Selma, LLC, was in the process of preparing to file an appeal, as it relates to this matter. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have a copy of said letter before them, as it relates to the letter on behalf of the Old Y.M.C.A. Building. Attorney Nunn further stated that a hearing for the appeal will be set at a later date, as it relates to proceeding with the appeal from Mr. Bolton, the Property Owner.

**E. Resolution #R184-10/11 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R184-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1), which consists of one (1) piece of property that has been identified to have dangerous weeds, as listed herein; namely, 208 Minter Avenue, located within Ward 7. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R184-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1), in an effort to proceed and authorize the City Clerk, Ivy S. Harrison, to forward Certified Letters to the Property Owners, advising them of the same. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**F. Litter on Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that in doing research he did find out that the State is responsible for maintaining, enhancing and protecting these roads of the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail which was established by Congress in 1996, to commemorate the events and the routes of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Attorney Nunn further stated that, per the request of Councilman Randolph, he did find out the fines for Litter on the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail are in the amount of \$250.00, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, and \$500.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, which is per State Legislation.

**G. Resolution #R188-10/11 - 2011 Sales Tax Holiday.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R188-10/11, 2011 Sales Tax Holiday, which is the first full weekend of the month of August; August 5 - 7, 2011. Attorney Nunn further stated that he is presenting it to the Council tonight for their review, and that the deadline to submit to the State of Alabama Department of Revenue is July 6, 2011, and that before that time he will be bringing said Resolution #R188-10/11 back before the Council for consideration and approval.

**H. Update on Vacationing of Alley (Morning Star Baptist Church).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall a Resolution was submitted to the Council for us to go ahead and proceed with sending out Notices, and getting the process started, and we have done that. Attorney Nunn stated the Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., which will begin before our next Council Meeting.

**I. Donation of Property Located at 1501 Selma Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated that this piece of property is located on the corner of Lawrence Street and Selma Avenue, and the owner of the property is Mrs. Mary Charles Cook. Attorney Nunn further stated Mrs. Cook presented the information to the Mayor's

office, and stated she wants to donate the property to the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated he would like to ask the Council to go by and take a look at the property, and that he will bring this Item back before the Council during the next Council Meeting for consideration of donation of that piece of property.

J. Donation of Properties at 1404 Minter Avenue, 1406 Minter Avenue, and 1617 Jerome Street. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that 1404 Minter Avenue and 1406 Minter Avenue are pieces of property on vacant lots, on the right-hand side just before Lawrence Street. Attorney Nunn further stated 1617 Jerome Street is a vacant lot, as well, on the right-hand side, about 2 – 3 houses down on that street. Attorney Nunn asked Council to go by and take a look at the pieces of property, and during the next Council Meeting he will bring back before the Council for consideration.

#### BUSINESS ITEMS:

##### I. NOISE ORDINANCE

This Item is Continued.

##### II. REPORT ON THE \$2 BILLION DOLLAR TRANSACTION

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she had some questions and some requests as it related to the the \$2 Billion Dollar Transaction that Mayor Evans came before the Council some weeks ago, requesting authorization to open a bank account relative to that transaction. Councilwoman Crenshaw made a request for information relating to the \$2 Billion Transaction, and read the requested information in its entirety, for which she is also asking to be made a part of the minutes and the record:

“Mayor Evans, several weeks ago, you came before the City Council requesting authorization to open a bank account so that the City could receive \$2 Billion from an unclear/ non-disclosed source. I did not support your request because I had not been shared any information about this peculiar transaction. However, several of my Colleagues voted to support your request. I can only assume they had information I had not received. Since that time, I have not heard anything about the account nor have I heard anything about the \$2 Billion. Out of frustration and in the spirit of due diligence, at this time, I am requesting any and all information pertaining to the mysterious \$2 Billion transaction. Information should include:

1. Who are all the players involved in this \$2 Billion Dollar transaction? Disclose all parties, foreign and domestic.
2. Why was I excluded from all correspondences relating to this \$2 Billion transaction? Please disclose all documentation.
3. What/who is the source of the proposed \$2 Billion Dollars free contribution to the City of Selma?
4. Will any fees, commissions, or other windfalls come out of this money? Who is scheduled to receive money from this transaction? Disclose all finance related data.
5. Where are the agreement(s) relating to this transaction? Were any letters or other correspondence exchanged? Where are they? Produce all documentation.
6. What is the City's risk? Are there any promises, guarantees, or commitments? Produce all documentation.
7. Why did you hand pick Wells Fargo- once Wachovia? Is not this the bank where you served on the Board of Directors prior to it being bought out by Wells Fargo? Were other banks considered? What was your selection criteria? How did you exclude all other banks?

In summary, produce all written documentation pertaining to this \$2 Billion Dollar transaction. It is important that all City Council members be aware of all liability relating to this transaction. I am disturbed that you have concealed the details of this transaction from certain members of the City Council and all the Citizens of Selma.”

During discussion, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she is concerned, and she is submitting this information to him, and if she could get this information she would deeply appreciate it. Mayor Evans stated he did ask the Council to open an account, and that Wells Fargo and Regions Bank are the only two Banks that can handle a transaction such as this. Mayor Evans further stated that he has not asked the Council to do anything other than agree to open an account in the event the funding comes. Mayor Evans stated that he has chosen not to talk about it too much because he is not at liberty to talk at this point; that it is a work-in-progress. Mayor Evans stated if it becomes a reality, and made a reality for our City, that we can do some things, then he will come back before the Council. Mayor Evans stated at this point he does not want to do anything to damage the possibility of this becoming a reality for our City. Mayor Evans stated to Councilwoman Crenshaw that he will keep her list, but as far as him going into anything else on this, he won't until it is time that he knows that we have the funding. Mayor Evans stated it's a Project that he has been working on since around Thanksgiving; that it is “too good to be true” but it's possible, and that he is trying to find a way to get acceptance. Mayor Evans further stated to Councilwoman Crenshaw that the

questions she is asking on her list are types of questions that are already being asked, and have been turned over to the Bond Attorneys, the F.B.I., and everybody, to do their investigation to assure himself and others that everything is above "board" and legal. Mayor Evans stated at this point, he chooses to hold off on going into details about it, at this time. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked that he would give her some satisfaction, and that she would like to view all of the correspondence in this process. Mayor Evans responded and stated he will not share anything at this point and time, that he will not allow her to view any documents at this time. Mayor Evans stated he chose not to sign documents in December because he would rather wait until the investigation is complete; that we may not get it, and he does not want to put the City in any type of jeopardy; that it is, as stated before, a work-in-progress. Mayor Evans stated he will not share anything at this point, and if it works out that we get the money in our possession, then that would be the time to share everything. Mayor Evans stated we will just have to see what happens at this point.

### III. OPTIMIST CLUB

Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to recognize some of the Optimist Club Members, who are here who helped support our Mardi Gras Gala, assisting with the decorations; namely, Mr. & Mrs. George Poole who did an outstanding job with helping us with the decorations, along with Ms. Irvin, who also did a good job with the Mardi Gras Gala. They were commended with a *Certificate of Appreciation*. Pictures were taken, and they were received with a "Round of Applause". Councilman Randolph also stated that the Optimist Club does an outstanding job with the schools and the Youth.

### IV. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' REPORT

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she did attend the Conference in Washington which to her is always productive, and was very busy for her, as usual. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that she would like for them to take a look at the Cities Prescription Discount Card Program, which is a program that will help provide Residents with some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Council Pro Tempore Bowie to place this Item in a Committee to see if we can do something like this for the Citizens of Selma. Mayor Evans addressed the Council and stated that he did sign up for that Program while he was there, and that he would like to get with Councilwoman Crenshaw and the Committee Members, to discuss this in more detail. Council Pro Tempore Bowie stated he would be placing this into the hands of the Administrative Committee, and asked that they set up a meeting to include Mayor Evans and Councilwoman Crenshaw. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated the other initiative that she would like the City to take an active role in is the "The Elected Official's Toolkit for Jail Re-Entry". Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that Jail Re-Entry Initiative needs the support of the local Elected Officials to be successful, and these initiatives have the potential to reduce crime, and she would like to turn this Item over to a Committee, also. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that she will be talking with the District Attorney, and the Judges about this Program. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she attended a meeting on "Creating a City Platform" for strengthening families and improving outcomes for Children and Youth. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that her intent is to seek help from the Council to create a Department under City Government to be able to handle these problems. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated the other most interesting thing to her that she had the opportunity to share was the importance of doing a Citizen's survey for our City, and stated to Mayor Evans that she will be passing this on to him to prepare the questionnaire in terms of what we want to ask the Citizens, and that she hopes that we can put this into our Budget. Councilwoman Crenshaw also stated she attended a workshop that she would like to share information with Community Development concerning "Are We in the Hubzone?" which, she is told that, for small Cities it really works. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she also attended a Dinner with Congresswoman Sewell, who had a congregation of people there from the District, and that she did have some questions for which she answered for her. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that Congressman Sewell told them that she was glad to see them. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that she did state that she would be coming for a Forum in Dallas County some time in the near future. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated it was an enjoyable evening. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated overall the trip to Washington was very rewarding, and she wanted to thank Councilman Atchison and Councilman Randolph for the assistance that they provided her, along with the Citizens who assisted in making it possible for her to attend the Conference in Washington.

### V. MARDI GRAS GALA

Continued.

### VI. BROWN Y.M.C.A. UPDATE

Continued.

### VII. SELMA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Continued.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**VIII. RECYCLING**

Continued.

**IX. TURNING THE TIDE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated during the last Council Meeting she asked the Council for recommendations for good Candidates that they may think that can participate in the Study Circles, and she would like that list tonight, if possible and, if not tonight, to please E-mail it to her on tomorrow. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dallas County Extension Agency, an "Interest" Meeting is scheduled for those who have signed up at Town Hall Meetings to be Facilitators. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they will cover the entire the City of Selma with the Study Circles.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairman**

No Report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairman**

No Report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman**

No Report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman**

Councilwoman Keith was absent from the Council Meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson**

No Report.

**DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson**

President Pro Tempore Bowie reported the following: Love Everybody Help Outreach Ministry - \$200.00; Concordia College "Dream Image" Award Ceremony - \$400.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the amount of \$800.00, via Line Item 1.6002 100 70, for Relay for Life. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Thereafter, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the amount of \$600.00, via Line Item 1.6002 129-0, for Relay for Life. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson**

No Report.

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

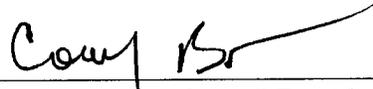
Councilwoman Crenshaw made a report.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

***DURING CLOSING REMARKS, PRAYERS WERE EXTENDED TO  
PRESIDENT DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON AND HIS FAMILY, DURING HIS ILLNESS  
AND HOSPITALIZATION, AND WELL WISHES WERE ALSO EXPRESSED  
FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR HIM!***

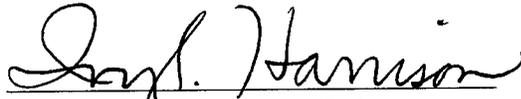
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



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COREY BOWIE, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:

  
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IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:

  
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GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*