

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2011
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Anthony Austin, Pastor
Spring Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

*MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF
FORMER CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, DR. GERALDINE ALLEN.*

*MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PRAYER
FOR CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON DURING HIS ILLNESS.*

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, 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 April 12, 2011 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Ms. Tracey Craig

Re: Cahaba Center for Mental Health, Selma Dallas Prevention Collaborative

(President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he was placing this matter into the hands of the Public Safety Committee, which is "Chaired" by himself, and he further stated that he would meet with our City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, and they would come back with a suggestion, subsequent to the Committee Meeting.)

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Update on Ordinance Relative to Appropriate Dress for Persons in Certain Attire A/K/A "The Sagging Pants Ordinance"**. Ms. Brenda Smothers stated to Council that Chief William Riley is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and asked that he come forward to address the Council, with an update as it relates to the "Sagging Pants Ordinance". Chief Riley addressed the Council, and announced within the next thirty (30) days that the Police Department will begin issuing warning citations to individuals in violation of

the "Sagging Pants Ordinance". Chief Riley further stated that the Sagging Pants Ordinance is not being used to antagonize the young people, but that it is an Ordinance that we want Citizens to obey.

B. Handicapped Parking Update. Ms. Smothers asked Chief William Riley to address the Council as it relates to Handicapped Parking, and provide them with an update. Chief Riley addressed the Council and stated that they have always instructed our Police Officers that on day-to-day operations, to check on Handicapped Parking that is provided at the Malls, Wal-Mart, and the Grocery Stores, and other areas. Chief Riley further stated that unfortunately there are people who will park in those designated handicapped parking areas, and take up the spaces, but that the Police Officers and the Code Enforcement Officer are mindful of this and have been instructed to issue Citations. Chief Riley stated that the Patrol Crossing Guards that check the parking spaces, and issue citations on a daily basis, are also checking the main streets of the City; such as, Broad Street.

C. Ward 4 Community Development Update. Ms. Smothers stated to Council that this Item is an Item that was carried over from the last Council Meeting, and that Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Director of Office of Planning and Development, would be addressing the Council with an update. Ms. Smothers asked Ms. Griffeth to come forward to address the Council. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council, and stated that she did not have anything in writing that was submitted, but that she would try and answer the questions that were presented during last Council Meeting. Ms. Griffeth stated to Council that she has not heard anything from the Mayor as of yet, as it relates to the Playground on the corner First Avenue and Green Street, in response to the President of Concordia, but that we are prepared to move forward with a "design". Ms. Griffeth further stated that we are in the period now that if we plant trees it is not recommended by the Urban Forester, and that we can plant trees in the Fall, and do some other planting now. Ms. Griffeth stated that we are still looking at KABOOM, and working with them to try push this forward with 2011, even though they want it to be 2012. Ms. Griffeth stated that there is a Gentleman in Birmingham, who works with KABOOM, who is going to help us with this, on the submission. Ms. Griffeth further stated that she has spoken with Ms. Wimberly as it relates to the park area at Cedar Park and Woodrow Avenue, and she wants to do a Walking Trail, but before speaking with the Principal of that School, she wants to see what the impact that it would have if we were to put a Walking Trail there, with the idea of a Playground and the Children, during school hours. Ms. Griffeth stated to Councilwoman Benjamin, if he has time and a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Pinckney, Principal of Cedar Park School, she will let her know so that she can also plan to attend. Ms. Griffeth further stated, as it relates to cornerstones and trees, she did ride the area and also took pictures of the area on the corner of First Avenue, and Marie Foster going east, and that there had been about 4 corners that have been worked on, and she wanted to commend her Committee for the work that was done. Ms. Griffeth further stated that she would be writing Mayor Evans as it relates to all of this, and as soon as he gives us permission to proceed, we will get started. Ms. Griffeth stated she does not have any response on the Revitalization, and that Mayor Evans was working with another Department as it relates to this. Ms. Griffeth further stated that she has the trees for the P.A.L. Center at the Cemetery Department, and that she will be getting with Mr. Michael Pettaway, Cemetery Superintendent, and they will be proceeding to get those planted at the P.A.L. Center.

D. Update on Sewer and Street Resurfacing Projects. Ms. Smothers stated to Council that they should have within their packets information as it relates to an update on the Sewer and Street Resurfacing Projects, for their information.

E. Reminder, and Announcements. Ms. Smothers stated she would like to announce and advise the Council of the following:

- (1) *Battle of Selma – April 28th – May 1st, 2011*
- (2) *Relay for Life – April 29, 2011*
- (3) *National Day of Prayer – May 5, 2011*
- (4) *Arts Revive StreetFest/Crime Stoppers Annual Fish Fry – May 6, 2011*
- (5) *Citywide Clean-Up Day – May 7, 2011*

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Resolution #R191-10/11 – Appointment of Election Officials for Ward 3 Special Municipal Election. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that during our last Council Meeting he passed out to them a copy of Resolution #R191-10/11, Appointment of Election Officials for the Ward 3 Special Municipal Election on May 24, 2011. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they should have before them a revised copy of Resolution #R191-10/11, Appointment of Election Officials for Ward 3 Special Municipal Election.

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled Special Election on May 24th, the Council must adopt a Resolution appointing Election Officials for the Special Election. Attorney Nunn stated tonight is the last night unless we have a Special Called Meeting to appoint the Election Officials for the Special Election in Ward 3. Attorney Nunn further stated the previous Resolution #R191-10/11 that was passed out during the last Council Meeting, had three (3) names for an Inspector, Chief Clerk and a 1st Assistant. Attorney Nunn stated we did find out, via the City Clerk's office, that these three (3) individuals are not going to be able to serve, and they have been replaced by three (3) individuals who are able to serve, and have served as Election Officials in the past. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R191-10/11, Appointment of Election Officials for the Ward 3 Special Municipal Election on May 24, 2011. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

B. Petition to Vacate an Alley (Highland Avenue). Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we discussed this item during our last Council Meeting, and that said Petition represents the Alley relative to Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. Attorney Nunn further stated, per the Council, we have started the process; the publication will be running in the newspaper on April 26th, May 3rd, May 10th, and May 17th. Attorney Nunn stated, after speaking with President Pro Tempore Bowie, the Public Hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 12:00 Noon. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council, if they recall, the Special Election is set for Tuesday, May 24th, and the next week thereafter the Council must Canvass the Election on Tuesday, May 31st, and at that point and time, we have also scheduled a Public Hearing on the Vacationing of an Alley, behind Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, and the other vacant building.

C. Ward 3 Special Election - Update. Attorney Nunn stated that he would like to remind the Council that the Special Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th, and that Absentee Voting began on Tuesday, April 19th, and the last day for Absentee Voting will be Five (5) days prior to the Special Election; namely, May 19, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. Attorney Nunn further stated if there is a Run-Off for the Special Election on May 24th, that date will be July 5, 2011, and that Canvassing of the Special Election on May 24, 2011, is set for Tuesday, May 31st at 12:00 Noon.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated we will continue to ask the Police Department to be very vigilant of loud noise coming from the cars.

II. UPDATE ON RAILROAD CROSSING ON J. L. CHESTNUT, JR. BOULEVARD AND ETHERIDGE AVENUE

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated this Item will be Continued, in an effort to get an update from Mayor Evans.

III. UPDATE ON OLD Y.M.C.A.

Attorney Nunn stated we have talked with the Attorney, and Mr. Bolton, and there are some negotiations going on, and that we are in the process of scheduling a hearing before the Council. Attorney Nunn further stated as soon as he gets all of details on that, he will update the Council.

IV. HANDICAP PARKING THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SELMA

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated Chief Riley addressed the Handicapped Parking throughout the City of Selma, during the Mayor's Report.

V. 3RD ANNUAL CITY OF SELMA YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 27TH - 30TH, 2011

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the dates for the 3rd Annual City of Selma Youth Conference are on their Agenda, for July 27th - 30th, 2011. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that the Applications will be available either before or by the next Council Meeting, so that they can be given to the Young People in their Wards, and they will be placed within the schools, as well.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FROM MAYOR EVANS ON WARD 4

Councilwoman Benjamin stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairman

Councilman Tucker was absent from the Council Meeting.

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 made a report.

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

No Report.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Pro Tempore Bowie, Acting Chairperson

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that Councilwoman Benjamin was in the Council Secretary's office, getting Discretionary Fund Forms for Council Members, who may need one to sign off on.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

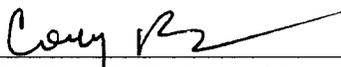
SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

No Report.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



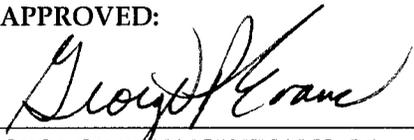
COREY BOWIE, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*