

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 22, 2011
12:00 NOON**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Fred Zeigler,
Church Street United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at Twelve O'Clock Noon.

ROLL CALL

The following Council Members were present during roll call: Council President Pro Tempore Corey Bowie and Council Members: Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilman Greg Bjelke, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, 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 Bennie Ruth Crenshaw was absent during roll call, but arrived at 12:02 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph and Councilman Benny L. Tucker were absent from the Council Meeting. Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson was absent from the Council Meeting, due to a medical procedure. Council Pro Tempore Bowie asked that we keep President Williamson in our thoughts and Prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, 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.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mr. Don G. Bevel -El (S.E.E.D.)
Re: Status of Benjamin Sterling Turner Plaque

Attorney Faya Rose Toure`
Re: Constitutional Issues

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING

Attorney Faya Rose Toure` addressed the Council, and made a public comment. Attorney Toure` stated that she does not know that much about the Maps, but that she heard it through the "grapevine" that the Maps had been drawn out, and she hopes that's not true because if that is true we will be gerrymandered in doing the same things that people did to keep Black Folk from political office for 100 years. Attorney Toure` further stated that she reminds us that after the Civil War, when those 200,000 Black Men fought and 40,000 died, we give all of the credit to "Lincoln" because we don't know the history. Attorney Toure` stated with the Emancipation we got the 15th Amendment, and the right to vote; scores of Black Men were elected to office and that right was taken and they used gerrymandering exclusion, and redistricting and all these things that belittle us. Attorney Toure` further stated that we cannot be guilty of the same things that our oppressors have done to us, and if that is true, which she does not know to be true for a fact, the Community should raise "holy hell" about a person who we know has been in that position before, and know he aspires to run for it again, and to exclude him from that is doing the same thing that "George Wallace" and all those others did to us. Attorney Toure` stated if that is true, she "begs" them not to do it, and she would say the same to them if they were to gerrymander a White person out, who has run for that District; she would feel just as strong, "even though you don't believe that, but it is the truth".

Mr. Don Bevel addressed the Council, and stated this is a "pet peeve" of his, and this is very painful to him. Mr. Bevel stated he loves both Mayor Evans and former Mayor Perkins, and that we need to stop all of this bickering. Mr. Bevel further stated we have Children watching us, and we need to go "up" to another level. Mr. Bevel stated to African-Americans, especially African-American Council Members, the last discussion that his Dad and Dr. King had was about economics - "how are we going to sit on the Council and we are not growing any food?" Mr. Bevel stated that we are not controlling any land; we need to look at this and take it to a whole different level.

Council Pro Tempore Bowie reminded us that we have Five (5) Maps back there, and we are only going to vote on one and the majority rules, and after we vote on the Map, we have to forward it to the U.S. Department of Justice for their approval, also.

Councilwoman Benjamin stated what they should have been given, and if they were, she might have missed it, but that there are some "do's and don'ts"; things that you can do, and things you can not do by Law. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she is going to request of our City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, if he has those items, that he gives a copy to the Council. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that it should be on-line, but that she has been told that there are a lot of things that they should have had when they went to Montgomery, but that was only their first trip, and that they will be going back to Montgomery. Councilwoman Benjamin concurred with Council Pro Tempore Bowie, that they could only vote on one of the Maps, which will also have to be approved by the U.S. Justice Department. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Nunn that she would like to be given that information that she is referring to, and Council Pro Tempore Bowie asked Attorney Nunn if the Council could have that information by the next Council Meeting, and Attorney Nunn stated that he would.

Councilman Tucker stated that this has not only been done by Blacks but has also been done by Whites, here in this City of Selma since he has been here; that this is nothing new.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PRESENTATION OF LONGEVITY CERTIFICATES AND PINS

Mayor Evans stated he would like to present a Certificate of Service and Longevity Pin in recognition of the following employees: Mr. Terry Jackson, Recreation Department, *Fifteen Years of Service* to the City of Selma and Ms. Virgilene Summers, AmeriCorps Program, *Five Years of Service* to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated he would like to thank them for their Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma, and they were both presented with a Longevity Pin.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL. Mayor Evans stated to Council that as they know we had a very successful Charity Golf Tournament on yesterday, which was initially scheduled for last Wednesday but we had to reschedule due to the rain. Mayor Evans further stated that because of the re-scheduling some of the Teams could not come back, and he does not know at this point how much money was raised, but certainly we had a great time yesterday. Mayor Evans stated that all funds will go to the Special Needs Children, in the City, as well as, in the County, along with the Agencies. Mayor Evans stated that he is passing out Plaques and Certificates to all who made donations to the Program, and he thanked them for their donations and support. Mayor Evans stated to the Council that they should have received a T-Shirt that he would like for them to have, as a means of saying "Thank You" to them for their support and donations. Mayor Evans stated again that he appreciates them very much.

A. **Discretionary Fund Request for Kick-Off Breakfast for the "Community Pride Initiative"**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that this is a "concept" that he mentioned to the Council about 4 or 5 months ago, whereby as they know, our City still has litter, and still has crime, and there are things that we believe that, together, we ought to be able to correct, and get a "message" to our Citizens that everybody needs to be involved in our City as it relates to crime, litter, and things of this nature. Mayor Evans further stated hopefully we can get the whole Community involved with "taking back our neighborhoods" in all types of ways. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Kick-Off Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012, and that he has been working with Leadership Selma-Dallas County, to help make this happen. Mayor Evans further stated that Leadership Selma-Dallas County has agreed to "host", and be a part of sponsoring the Breakfast in January. Mayor Evans stated that he is asking each Council Person if they would, to give at least \$100.00 per Council Member, towards helping with the Breakfast. Mayor Evans stated that this Breakfast will entail inviting all of our Ministers and Pastors throughout the City of Selma to come and listen to a Presentation as it relates to how each Church can become involved in "taking back our neighborhoods". Mayor Evans stated that the Leadership Selma-Dallas County Group will be the Co-Sponsors, to get involved with this. Mayor Evans further stated that we will be getting letters to every Church and Minister, and Delegation, asking them to "get on board", and be a part of how we can divide up our City to get the help of

every Citizen, for the purpose of saying we are going to help each other, to get better at what we do. Mayor Evans stated that this idea was one that another Mayor, in another City, who shared, at one of Councilwoman Benjamin's meetings, 7 months ago, and it "caught fire" at that time. Mayor Evans stated, that he stated to him, that that was wonderful, and if it was working in that City, it could work in our City. Mayor Evans further stated, that he stated, that the Churches in every community are involved with getting involved with what is happening in their neighborhood, as a collective effort. Mayor Evans stated that he wanted to see if we here in Selma could initiate something like that for the purpose of asking all of our Churches and Congregations to get involved, to be a part of a program whereby we look out for each other in the neighborhoods. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that he would appreciate it if they could give towards this Project, and that he would like for all of them to be a part of this, because he thinks it is important that they help us to make this happen by asking the Ministers and Congregations to "get on board". President Pro Tempore Bowie stated to Mayor Evans that there is a Discretionary Form being passed around as it relates to this, and the "Iron Bowl Watch", and he is asking each Council Member to give generously.

B. Discretionary Fund Request for "Iron Bowl Watch" Party. Mayor Evans stated to Council that several of the Council Members came to him and stated to him that we ought to try and do something for the Iron Bowl, an "Iron Bowl Watch" Party, and he responded that he is "open" 'personally'. Mayor Evans further stated what has happened at this point, is that Council Members are being asked to give towards an "Iron Bowl Watch" Party, for Saturday, November 26th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. to come together as a Community, to sit and watch the "Iron Bowl" Game. Mayor Evans stated that we will have Refreshments and Snacks to eat, while we watch the Game together. Mayor Evans stated that the Game starts at 2:30 p.m. but the Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Evans asked Councilwoman Crenshaw would it be possible for the Youth Ambassadors to help out with serving, and she stated that she does not know, but will ask. Mayor Evans stated that he has also asked AmeriCorps Members to volunteer and help with serving the Refreshments. Mayor Evans stated if AmeriCorps and the Ambassadors can help with that, to please let us know, and that the times needed would be from about 1:30 p.m. until the Game ends; about 5:30p.m. Mayor Evans stated that he is inviting the Citizens to come and be a part of this, to sit and "fellowship", while watching the "Iron Bowl" Game. Councilwoman Benjamin also announced that Ms. Latasha Brown, formerly of Selma, will be performing at *The Gallery* in Montgomery, at 7:00 p.m., after the Iron Bowl Game.

C. Weekly Dumpster Location Schedules. Mayor Evans stated as they know the Weekly Dumpsters are placed and located throughout our City in certain Wards every week, which is placed on Friday, and stays there until Monday. Mayor Evans further stated this is a time for the Community, if they have trash that they need to get rid of, to place it in those Dumpsters during the weekend, and the City picks it up and hauls it off on the following Monday. Council Pro Tempore Bowie asked Mayor Evans if this schedule can be placed on the City's Website, along with making a copy available for the News Media. Ms. Smothers stated that this information has already been placed on the City's Website. Mayor Evans clarified that this is the trash trailer pick-up (orange in color), and that we have been doing this for about a year now. Mayor Evans stated to Citizens to feel free to utilize this service, because it would help the City out a whole lot, with the trucks breaking down, and our being a little behind in picking up trash in the Wards. Mayor Evans apologized for any inconvenience it may be causing in us being a little behind in picking up the trash, but asked that the Citizens would feel free to throw away their trash in the Dumpsters, even if they do not live in those particular Wards; that they can still put their trash in those trailers when they are set up on those weekend schedules. Mayor Evans stated to Citizens that he would appreciate it if they would call his office when their trash and/or garbage has not been picked up, so that he can try to get some answers, and get it resolved.

D. Report on the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic. Mayor Evans stated that he appreciates all of the Volunteers, the Teams that played, the support from the Media, City Government Staff who volunteered to help, along with Budweiser, and the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. Mayor Evans further stated that we had a lot of Sponsors, and he appreciates them. Mayor Evans stated that he appreciates Probate Judge Kim Ballard and Mayor Tom Lee, who worked together to make this happen for Selma and Dallas County, "and we do appreciate that". Mayor Evans further stated that he appreciates Ms. Lafon Barlow, and all of the Agencies, including the local Agencies, the Selma City School and Dallas County School Systems, for their support in making the Golf Classic a successful Program. Mayor Evans stated that he just wants to thank everybody who contributed to making this happen.

E. Reminder, and Announcements. Mayor Evans stated he would like to announce, and remind Citizens and the Council of the following:

City Events

- (1) *City of Selma Thanksgiving Luncheon - Today, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Convention Center*
- (2) *Iron Bowl Watch Party, Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. - Performing Arts Center*
- (3) *Christmas Tree Lighting - Thursday, December 1, 2011- 4:30 p.m. - City Hall*
- (4) *Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 3, at 9:00 p.m.*

Community Events

- (5) *Selma-Dallas County Youth Leadership, 5th Annual Youth Forum, Friday, December 2nd-8:00 a.m.*

- (6) *National Voting Rights Museum Annual Banquet – Saturday, December 3, 2011 (Honoring Attorney Bruce Boynton and Mrs. Louretta Wimberly)*
- (7) *The Selma Choral Society's "Messiah Selections" – Sunday, December 4, 2011*
- (8) *Reindeer Romp 5KRun/Walk to Benefit the Christian Outreach Alliance Food Pantry – Saturday, December 10, 2011*

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

Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Mayor Evans if it was possible that she could get a report on the number of Individuals who have received tickets for the Red Light Cameras, and the amount of money that has been collected so far from the Red Light Cameras. Mayor Evans responded and stated that he would get the number of Individuals, the amount of money collected so far, and will try to include a breakdown as to the number of Individuals who have received more than One (1) ticket. Mayor Evans stated again we have a total of Four (4) Red Light Cameras within our City; Two (2) at Franklin Street and J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, and One (1) at Broad Street and L. L. Anderson Avenue, and One (1) at Hooper Drive and Dallas Avenue. Mayor Evans further stated that the idea of the whole concept is only to prevent accidents, and hopefully save lives.

Mayor Evans stated that he is inviting everyone to come out to the "Christmas Tree Lighting" on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., at City Hall; Theme: "Home for the Holidays, and would like to extend a *Special Invitation* to Military Men and Women, and Veterans, along with their Families. Mayor Evans stated that we appreciate their service and sacrifices, and that they will be acknowledged and recognized during the Christmas Tree Lighting Services.

Mayor Evans stated that we are going to continue to ask our Citizens to please put their leaves in bags. Mayor Evans further stated, to cut down on some of the hardships that elderly and disabled Citizens are experiencing with bagging the leaves, we are going to extend the time to pick up the leaves through the end of this year, and asked that the Citizens keep in mind that if we have to pick up the leaves, it creates longevity in terms of us getting around to everybody. Mayor Evans stated hopefully next year we will have this under better control, and that we will get the leaves up, until we can no longer.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Resolution #R115-11/12, Special Use Permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 2614 Citizens Parkway, and Resolution #R116-11/12, Special Use Permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 3538 Highway 80, West. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R115-11/12, Special Use Permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 2614 Citizens Parkway, and Resolution #R116-11/12, Special Use Permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 3538 Highway 80, where AT&T is co-located on an existing facility located at both Towers; namely, 2614 Citizens Parkway, and 3538 Highway 80, West. Attorney Nunn further stated that AT&T is requesting to do some modifications on their co-locations, and that we have Mr. Andy Rotenstreich and Mr. David Andrews of AT&T present with us at tonight's Council Meeting, and they will come and address the Council in the event there are questions. Attorney Nunn stated that the Towers are already there, but that AT&T is desiring to do some modifications. Mr. Andy Rotenstreich and Mr. Andrews addressed the Council on behalf of AT&T, and requested permission to swap out some antennas, replacing some new AT&T Antennas on, in an effort to upgrade their system, and make sure that everyone's Blackberry or I Phone, is working better. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R115-11/12, Special Use Permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 2614 Citizens Parkway, and Resolution #R116-11/12, Special Use permit for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 3538 Highway 80, West. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

B. Full Satisfaction of Lien Record – 2001 First Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that if they recall we presented several Liens to them during previous Council Meetings, within the last month. Attorney Nunn further stated this is another one at 2001 First Avenue, and that there was an oversight on this one, in that there was a control burn on this property by the Selma Fire Department, and the property owners were given Thirty (30) days to clean up the trash and items that remained after the control burn. Attorney Nunn stated that our City Employees proceeded to clean up the property within the Thirty (30) days, unknown to our Department, and unknown to Code Enforcement, the Lien was requested to be placed on said property located at 2001 First Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that we are asking the Council at this point and time to remove the Lien because it should have not been placed on there; that we did not allow the Property Owners the Thirty (30) days to clean up the property themselves. Attorney Nunn stated that their position is that they should have been allowed to clean up the property within the Thirty (30) days, and they did receive a letter from Mr. Roosevelt Goldsby allowing them Thirty (30) days to clean up the property, but somehow our Employees went ahead and cleaned up the property within the Thirty (30) days. Attorney

Nunn further stated that the Lien is in the amount of Five Hundred and No/Dollars (\$500.00), and asked Council consideration for the Full Satisfaction to be filed within the Probate Judge's Office. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the Full Satisfaction of Lien at 2001 First Avenue. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

C. **Redistricting.** Councilman Tucker asked Attorney Nunn if we have to go back to Montgomery, and start it over? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that it is really left up to the Council how they want to proceed, and that ultimately what he is looking for is an approval by the majority of this Council; "how you get there is left up to the Council". Attorney Nunn further stated if they are ready to take a vote today, then they would take a vote on one of the five Maps, but if they feel that there is a need to go back to Montgomery, that they are not satisfied with one of the five Maps that they have, and they may want to revise it some more, then we can go back to Montgomery. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council would like to meet and make their revisions, we will send them to Montgomery for her to make the revisions on the Maps, and she will forward them back to us. Attorney Nunn further stated that he thinks everyone went and understands the process but it is up to the Council how they want to proceed; if they want to go back to Montgomery, then that is fine if they want to make 2 or 3 more trips, that's fine; ultimately, it is going to come down to the Council taking a vote, and then once the Council takes that vote we'll start the process of getting approval. Councilman Tucker stated to Attorney Nunn that he is satisfied with all of them. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she thinks a lot work has gone into Maps 1 and 2. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Nunn that she thinks his statement, "everyone understands the process" is relative to whoever it is that he is speaking with, and perhaps some of the "Veterans" on here have more information than they have, and it should have been placed in their hands. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that in looking at it, if they had had that information, they would have taken a little bit of more time on certain scenarios, and they would have known what to do on certain scenarios, but they have Five (5) {Maps} and they have put some work into the majority of them. Attorney Nunn stated to Council once they decide which one that they are going to go with, then they will start looking into whether or not legally, is that one that they feel is going to pass the "mustard" with the U. S. Justice Department. Attorney Nunn further stated that he will call the Justice Department and the Attorney General's Office to see if, in the process of redistricting, what are some of the things that we need to know about. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Nunn that if he has nothing more, she can find that link and e-mail it out. Council Pro Tempore Bowie stated that we will have at least Three (3) Public Hearings on the Maps. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to Attorney Nunn that he has been with them before on this and they did not have as much changing and it just took a group of intelligent people to go over and get that done which it was not a very long and hard process. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that it was not a whole lot involved in it, and thinks with this, everybody has their own little "thing" that they want to do which she thinks makes it difficult. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she does not think that there are a lot of guidelines there; that it just takes a little common sense in order to move those Maps and those areas around which they did, and it did not take very long to do that. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that she thinks the Reapportionment Office offered them a lot when they went before, and she noticed with this particular time, they watched them as if they did not know exactly what they would do, and that may have been it. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she does not think that it will take a whole lot to get this done, and with the guidelines, if they have not been followed, they won't at this point. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there was plenty of intelligence and common sense in the room, but as she said before, she will send the link and the information, since Attorney Nunn says he has nothing else further than given to them already; but, that they need to be informed. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she will send that to him so that they can look at these scenarios in these Five (5) Maps. Councilwoman Benjamin stated if these are rejected then they will go back and do another Five (5) set of Maps. Attorney Nunn stated that what he stated previously, was that he did not give the previous Council any more any information than what was given to them. Attorney Nunn further stated, as was stated before, he will call the Justice Department and the Attorney General's Office, to see if there are some guidelines, and if so, he will get those to the Council. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Attorney Nunn that she will send him what she has, also.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that we will continue to ask Chief Riley and the Police Department to be very vigilant of the loud noise.

II. SIGNAGE

This Item will be Continued until our next Council Meeting.

III. WARD 4 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Council that they are all invited to come to the Ward 4 End of Year Celebration, on Monday, December 19th. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they usually give Forty and No/Dollars (\$40.00) towards this, and hopefully they can do this again. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she will be acknowledging Citizens on that day, and asked that the Council do the same for anyone that they would like to acknowledge on that day, as well. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she will be passing out a Discretionary Fund Form as it relates to this at the next Council Meeting.

IV. WARD 4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FROM MAYOR EVANS

Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mayor Evans if she could get an update on Ward 4 East and Ward 4 West, and where it is as of now, and what it is that she needs to do now concerning where they are. Mayor Evans stated that he spoke with the Vice-President of Student Affairs on yesterday, and he indicated to him that the President has gotten permission on the City's use of that area, but he stated to him that he would like to have that in writing, along with the terms and conditions, and he said that he would talk with the Board, and follow back up with us. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward and address the Council, as it relates to the other items on the Ward 4 Community Development Update. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council, and stated to Council that since she has just passed out a written update, she will not go over all of the items; but, specifically that they are still working on the Kaboom, and that they have gotten all of the items with the exception of the One (1) item from Concordia College, with the agreement between the Mayor and the College. Ms. Griffeth further stated everything else seems to be in place with the exception of the Corporate Sponsors, and that she hopes to hear from them soon on that. Ms. Griffeth stated that she thinks that they can probably work through it locally, but that she will share that with the Council later. Ms. Griffeth further stated that there were Five (5) Grants written recently to the Strategic Alliance for help, and Two (2) were funded in Wards 4 and 8, which is what she had submitted to Councilwoman Benjamin and Councilman Bowie, and that we should receive the Agreements from Department of Public Health sometime next month. Ms. Griffeth stated that once they have been signed and everything has been fulfilled, we should begin work sometime in January on those Two (2) Walking Trails; one on Woodrow Avenue and one on Hardie Avenue. Ms. Griffeth further stated that she does have a report back from PPM on First Avenue and Marie Foster Avenue, and has also spoken with Ms. Love about it. Ms. Griffeth stated that it is "doable" what we want to do if they still want to pursue the Farmers Market there in that area; Strategic Alliance thought it was a great idea because we want to make sure that what we have on the West Side, we have something that is accessible to the Citizens on the East Side of town, as well. Ms. Griffeth further stated that everything is in the Report that was passed out to them. President Pro Tempore Bowie and the Council thanked Ms. Griffeth for this Report.

V. HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Councilman Pro Tempore Bowie stated we are coming into the Holiday Season, and that the Angel Tree is still out there, and he would like to petition the Council and Mayor to adopt Two (2) Angels for this upcoming year, with a minimum fee of \$50.00. President Pro Tempore Bowie further stated that he has already adopted one for the Knights of Columbus, and one for Ward 8, but he thinks it will be more "promising" if they were to adopt Two (2) for City Government as a whole. Councilwoman Keith stated that she has already purchased Two (2) Angels. Council Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he is just putting this "out there" in the event anyone is interested. Council Pro Tempore Bowie further stated that they will also be part of the "Bell Ringing" Service during this Season, and he will be getting with Chief Allen this week, to coordinate a schedule and will bring back some information during the next Council Meeting. Council Pro Tempore Bowie stated that the next Council Meeting is going to be Tuesday, December 13th, and that he is hoping the Ladies on the Council would decorate the Council Chambers during the Christmas Season. Council Pro Tempore Bowie stated that he is asking Councilwoman Crenshaw, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilwoman Keith, along with Ms. Sykes, to get together, and come up with a plan to decorate the Council Chamber for the Christmas Holidays. Council Pro Tempore Bowie further stated that on said date of December 13th, we are asking our Citizens to come out at 4:00 p.m., for a "Meet and Greet" with the Mayor and Council, and that Refreshments will be served. Council Pro Tempore Bowie stated that the Council Meeting would follow and begin at 5:00 p.m.

VI. OLD Y.M.C.A. BUILDING

Councilman Bjelke acknowledged that Mr. Buddy Swift is here, and that he was on the Agenda to speak, and did not know if he planned to speak at this point. Councilman Bjelke stated that on last week he did speak with Mr. Bolton's Attorney, and that he met with him not as representative of the City. Councilman Bjelke further stated that he laid out a proposal to him, and at this point, the "ball is in his Court". Councilman Bjelke stated, without much detail, it is a quick "fix" way to secure it until some more funding becomes available, and that he is waiting to hear from Mr. Bolton's Attorney, Mr. John Calame, at this point. Councilman Bjelke further stated that this is a subject that they are trying to bring some resolve to, and that he will keep everyone "posted"; that he appreciates everybody's patience. Council Pro Tempore Bowie asked Mr. Swift who was in the Audience if he wanted to speak? Mr. Swift answered, and stated that

he is just concerned about the urgency of the situation. Councilman Bjelke stated that he is keeping the "ball" in the air.

VII. UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilman Atchison stated that they have not met since our last Council Meeting, and that normally they get together after they have been approached by a potential Investor. Councilman Atchison further stated that there are Individuals and potential Investors who are interested in the "area" Downtown, and possibly taking advantage of the benefits that the Authority could provide.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

Councilman Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman

No Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

Councilwoman Keith made a report.

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

Councilman Bjelke made a report.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that we do have Discretionary Request forms, and that he will "tally" them up later.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

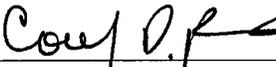
SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

Councilwoman Crenshaw made a report.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

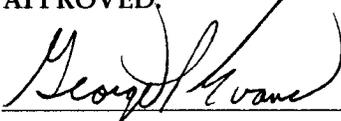
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Bowie, to adjourn this meeting, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.


COREY BOWIE, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*