

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Bishop Bert A. Scott, Pastor
Shady Grove Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson stated that Mayor Evans has asked to add "Recognition of the Wallace Community College Women's Basketball Team", following the approval of the Agenda because they have another appointment. Councilman Randolph asked President Williamson if he could add the "Signing" of the February 28, 2012 Minutes to the Agenda, and President Williamson stated he could, and that he would place that as an Item after the Item of Discretionary, under "Business Items". President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items, with the Two (2) Additions. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the agenda items, with the Two (2) Changes. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Williamson asked for the approval of the minutes of March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2012. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.** President Williamson then asked for the approval of the minutes of March 27, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2012. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mr. Don G. Bevel-El
S.E.E.D.
Re: Update on Benjamin A. Sterling Turner Plaque

Mr. Brent Harris
Re: Surplus, Historic Preservation, Murder/No Murder Sign, Status of Code Issues and City Banners

Pastor Brenda Tyus/Ms. Eyria Fitzpatrick
Tyus Ministry
Re: Funding Request for Culture/Mission Trip – October 10th – October 14th

Ms. Barbara Douglas/Ms. Ashley Allen
Selma Dallas County Section/National Council of Negro Women
Re: Funding Request for Family Fun and Fitness Day – May 12th at Bloch Park, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(April 20th – First Community Project)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING

No one was present to make public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROCLAMATION

RECOGNITION OF THE WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM - 2012 ACCC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOUTHERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS!

Mayor Evans stated that we are so "Honored" here tonight to have another "Champion" Team in our City and County, Wallace Community College Young Ladies" -
2012 ACCC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOUTHERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS!

THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH A PLAQUE IN HONOR OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
AND GIVEN A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" FOR THIS HONOR!!!

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

Proclamation - "Honoring the Wallace Community College Selma Lady Patriots, 2012 ACCC Women's Basketball Southern Division Champions". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize and Honor the Wallace Community College, Selma Lady Patriots, and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Honoring the Wallace Community College "Selma Lady Patriots", 2012 ACCC Women's Basketball Southern Division Champions"! Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas*, the Wallace Community College-Selma Lady Patriots were the 2012 ACCC Women's Basketball Southern Division Champions with a Division Record of 10 Wins and 2 Losses, and an overall record of 20 Wins and 10 Losses; and *Whereas*, the Wallace Community College Selma Lady Patriots made it to the Final Four in the State Playoffs; and *Whereas*, Ashley Grimes was named "State Player of the Year". She was the State's Leading Scorer at 24.2 points and Scored a School Record of 51 Points in One Game. She was also named "First Team All-Region and All-American". Ms. Grimes received Twenty-One Division I Scholarship Offers. Her Jersey will be Retired; and *Whereas*, Eboni Smith was also named to the "All-Region First Team". Ms. Smith received Four, Four-Year Scholarship Offers; and *Whereas*, the Wallace Community College Selma Lady Patriots were led by Head Coach April Harper and Assistant Coach Herman Turner. Coach Harper was named the "ACCC Coach of the Year"! Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council hereby Congratulate the Young Women of the Wallace Community College Selma Lady Patriots Basketball Team for becoming the 2012 ACCC Women's Basketball Southern Division Champions, and Commend and Applaud them for their Commitment to Excellence and Team Work! Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause" to acknowledge this Honor of their Achievements. Mayor Evans presented said Proclamation to Head Coach April Harper, Assistant Coach Herman Turner, and the Wallace Community College Selma Lady Patriots!

RECOGNITION OF SELMA FIRE DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL TEAM - MARCH OF DIMES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 1ST PLACE FINISH, SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF DOTHAN, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council hereby Congratulate the Selma Fire Department for Finishing 1st Place in the March of Dimes Basketball Tournament, which was sponsored by the City of Dothan, Judicial Department. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause" to acknowledge this Honor of their Achievements. Mayor Evans presented a Trophy in Honor of their 1st Place Finish, to Chief Michael Stokes and the Selma Fire Department!

Proclamation - "Declaring April 16, 2012 as "Save the Butterfly Day". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize, "Save the Butterfly Day", and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Declaring April 16, 2012, as "Save the Butterfly Day"! Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas*, the City of Selma was designated as the "Butterfly Capital of Alabama" and had a "Butterfly Capital Flag" created and put on permanent public display at both the Selma City Hall and Selma-Dallas County Public Library; and *Whereas*, in 1989, the City of Selma, Alabama selected the *Easter Tiger Swallowtail* as its *Mascot*. The Residents of Selma first *Adopted* the *Eastern Tiger Swallowtail* because it is native, highly visible, and beautiful! They wanted to draw attention to the plight of Butterflies; and *Whereas*, the *Butterfly* contributes to our surroundings and fills an important niche in the Ecological Order of the World; and *Whereas*, both Houses of the Alabama State Legislature named and designated April 16, 1985, and each April 16th annually thereafter, as "Save the Butterfly Day" in Alabama; and *Whereas*, the Selma Federation of Garden Clubs, under the leadership of Mrs. Mallieve Breeding, the Selma Beautification Council, the Tourism Council, the Cahaba Association of Girl Scouts, and the Selma District of Boy Scouts of America showed outstanding *Commitment* to improve the environmental well-being of Alabama by creating a safe habitat for *Butterflies* in Selma, Alabama. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council hereby Proclaim April 16, 2012 as "Save the Butterfly Day", in the City of Selma, to promote an understanding and appreciation of *Butterflies*, and encourage all Citizens to Recognize their Importance and Beauty, which was received with a "Round of Applause" to acknowledge this Recognition! Mayor Evans presented said Proclamation to Mrs. Mallieve Breeding, who is affectionately known as "Madam Butterfly"!

Update on the City of Selma Pension Plan by Mr. Brandon Comer, Managing Partner, Comer Capital Group, LLC and Mr. Frank McPhillips, Bond Attorney, Maynard Cooper & Gale, P.C. Mayor Evans stated to Council that as they know, there has been a lot going on in our City, and a lot of negative dialogue in our City concerning the Finance of our City. Mayor Evans further stated that he thought it was important to ask Mr. Brandon Comer, and Mr. Frank McPhillips to come here tonight, to clear up some unnecessary rumors about the Finance of our City through the Pension Program that we did some months ago, that saved the City some money. Mayor Evans stated this Pension Program is one that he studied, as Mayor, and that the Council reviewed it over and over again, and decided by Majority Vote to move forward with this Program. Mayor Evans stated that he has asked Mr. Brandon Comer, as well as, Mr. Frank McPhillips, to be with us today for this purpose, to answer any questions any of the Council Members may have at this time. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Comer to come forward to address the Council. Mr. Comer addressed the Council, and stated, while passing out some information to the Council, that he wanted to take the opportunity to give an overview of what took place with the City's Unfunded Liability for the Pension Plan. Mr. Comer stated, Selma, like most Cities across the State and the Country, did not have enough assets in its Pension Plan to meet its obligations, should a lump sum of Employees retire; not enough assets to take care of liabilities, that's taking place all across the Country. Mr. Comer stated what Selma did is not unique; POB's have been around since 1985. Mr. Comer further stated what they did was, saw an opportunity to save the City of Selma money. Mr. Comer stated, as can be seen on the sheet that was handed out to them, Unfunded Liability had just continued to grow which was a result of the return on investments that RSA was receiving. Mr. Comer further stated every month that the City makes a payment into RSA, a part of it is for liabilities that are being incurred currently, and another part is for payment for this debt that the City has to RSA; a debt that has grown over 10 Million Dollars. Mr. Comer stated you have to make this payment, and what they looked at is that that payment is being made back to RSA at 8%, which rate the City has no control over, and is set by RSA. Mr. Comer stated that they took that debt and refunded it with Bond Debt at 6%. Mr. Comer referred the Council to Page 2 of the handout, and stated that if they looked at the Schedule on Page 2, the Column in the "white" which is the Amortization Schedule received from RSA, outlines what our payments would be on that Unfunded Liability, and the Column to the right are our payments under the Bond Issue; we would see that over the course of 28 years, going to 2039, the City saves approximately 11 Million Dollars. Mr. Comer stated that it is like refunding a Mortgage; you refund one loan with a lower interest loan. Mr. Comer stated in addition to that, the City had already made payments in, with the Fiscal Year that we did this Bond Issue, so what they did was refunded that into the Bond Issue to pay the City back that money that they had already paid in; that the City actually received money back in that Fiscal Year which went into the Budget for much needed Projects across the City. Mr. Comer stated that there are savings annually; the City received some budget relief in the Fiscal Year that we did the Project and the Pension Plan is 100% funded which means Employees can rest assure that when they "hit that age" the money will be there in order to fulfill the City's obligation to them. Mr. Comer further stated that the money from the Bond Issue went directly to RSA and is being invested like every other retirement asset. Mr. Comer stated that there are no outside entities managing the money; that it was simply a cash "injection" into RSA to make the assets meet the liabilities. Mr. Comer stated these are the "mechanics" of the finances of this Project, and that Mr. Frank McPhillips can speak from a legal perspective. Mr. Frank McPhillips, Public Finance Attorney for the Firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gayle of Birmingham, addressed the Council, and stated he has been a Practicing Lawyer for 32 years, and has been doing Public Finance work exclusively for the last 27 years, and that there is no question about the legality of the Pension Plan. Mr. McPhillips stated that he gave the opinion that it was legal, and that he "sticks" by that, and that he thinks it was a wise decision, as well. Mr. McPhillips stated that he thinks that you can "strip" it down to certain bare essentials; "(1) you have a liability to RSA", and it was an Unfunded Actuarial Liability, (2) you substituted one liability for another liability - the first liability

with varying interest at 8%, and (3) you substituted that for liability at interest for about 6% -- it's as simple as that. You were substituting one liability for another at a lower rate of interest at 2%, less than another liability that you had." Mr. Comer and Mr. McPhillips both stated that they will be happy to answer any questions that the Council may have. President Williamson stated that they appreciate them for coming, and President Williamson further stated, "I'm the only person up here that voted against this. I want to know specifically how we accumulated a 10 Million Dollar Debt; for the City of Selma, I want to know how we ended up 10 Million Dollars short?" Mr. Comer answered, and stated that the City of Selma's funds are lumped in with everyone else's funds across the State. Mr. Comer further stated that a more detailed Actuarial Analysis would have to go into Employees moving on and off of Payroll because it's also based off of percentage of Payroll; so, as that fluctuates, the amount going into the Retirement System is going to be less. President Williamson asked, was it that we were not paying enough money to the Retirement System? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that we were not. Mr. McPhillips stated that it was absolutely nothing that the City did wrong, for this 10 Million Dollar Actuarial Liability to occur but that it was a decline in the economy, decline in investments, the stock market, real estate market, and all of that combined caused the investment for Retirement Systems to underachieve. President Williamson stated, "You all, please understand - I'm not questioning you all; I'm just trying to understand this. It seems to me, it's something like this PACT situation; RSA tells us how much money to put in, don't they? So, don't they have an obligation then, to cover . . . aren't they obligated to pay the pensions?" Mr. McPhillips answered, and stated that it is not like the PACT; the theory is the economy is scaled to get expert investment, and hopefully the economy will return to "normal" and the situation will improve, as the investment performance improves. President Williamson asked if the market improves, will we get money back, if they start making 10% over there? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that the funded ratio in excess of 10%, therefore, will be credited to our current cost, so it will be an offset of what we're paying in. Councilman Atchison stated that he is thinking this is like a refinance of your home; you trade one creditor for another creditor for a lower interest rate, and that's better in the long run because you save so much, even if it cost you whatever upfront. Councilman Atchison asked, is another benefit to this, that we no longer have Unfunded Liability or Liability that's funded through the Bonds, "is that correct"? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that that is correct. Councilman Atchison asked, "so, we won't run into an issue of an Employer or a mass of Employees coming together and seeking retirement, that their benefits will not be there . . . so that is not a concern"? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that that is correct, and that we are currently 100% funded. President Williamson asked "suppose the 'bottom' drops out, are we going to have more Unfunded Liability"? Mr. Comer answered, and stated, "let's just say, the market goes under again. 'Is there a possibility of unfunded liability or new unfunded liability could come?' The answer is 'yes'. Would it be greater than what it would be otherwise done in the Obligation, the answer is 'no', and the reason is based on the injection that you made at 6%, there is an offset of the 2%. So, even if the Unfunded Liability grows again it will grow at a lower rate based upon this transaction". Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, "personally, you were not the only one that had reservations; actually, I would not have voted for it. I'd already talked about it because it is an intricate operation. You talked about Employees . . . but, to me, it's Employees vs. Debt, and President Williamson alluded to the Ten Million Dollar Debt. But, my whole point is that it's going to impact the City; we're going to have to pay \$600,000 to One Million Dollars over 30 years to pay for this Debt; I'm looking at that down the road; that is not feasible to me. The other thing is that, this did not have to be done; it was done; I didn't understand why, and I still don't through your explanations because I'm in the Retirement Systems through the State; the County is in the same Retirement System, and they did not decide to take their Employees and get a Pension Plan; they have not done that. And, my question to you is, how many Cities have taken this and dealt with it like the City of Selma?" Mr. Comer answered, and stated several Cities. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated the long term Debt is one of her major issues, and she's looking at our Budget and what has to come out of our Budget, long-term which is going to be 12% of our Budget when you start talking about \$600,000 to One Million Dollars a year to have to pay off this 30-Year Debt. Mr. Comer stated he would like to state for a point of clarity, that this is a Debt that we already had; that it is not a new Debt, and the money that's paying this Debt is the same money that was already paying this Debt. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that is what our President asked, but what would have happened had we not gone into this Bond Debt with you that we're in right now? Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to Mr. Comer that she just wanted to "voice" that with him, that she had reservations about this, and would not have gone with this; that she had a real serious problem with this from the beginning. Mr. Comer stated, as he stated earlier, the money simply paid back what we had already paid in that Fiscal Year; so, there was not additional money, that it was a "wash" for that Fiscal Year. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Mr. Comer, how much was paid to them to do this transaction? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that he does not have the exact figure, but right around 2%. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked did they get \$300,000 "Plus" to do this transaction? Mr. McPhillips answered, and stated that the Underwriters received compensation. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she is not getting any "figures", but, that's okay about that. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she is real concerned about Employees vs. Debt for the City; long-term Debt. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that that Debt needs to be documented as to how it was orchestrated. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to Mr. Comer and Mr. McPhillips that she really appreciates them for giving us this information which may help them to understand what happened. Councilwoman Benjamin stated she was trying to figure out, when was it created, how long ago was it created, and that somebody created it a long time before her . . . years ago this Debt was created, and perhaps there was not enough paid into the Debt. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that now they have to pay it because it's on the "Books". Councilwoman Benjamin stated what has been said

is that this Debt that they already have is being paid with money that they have already been paying it with, and they are also saying that they went from 8% to 6%. Mr. Comer stated "that is correct". Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they are saying that regardless of whether they appeared or not they would be paying this Debt that occurred some time ago. Mr. Comer stated "that is correct". Mr. Comer stated one other 'thing' that he would like to point out is, one of the problems is that Actuaries don't give a huge impact to the City, and as a result of that, they were increasing our payments, but not at a rate sufficient to keep up performance. Mr. Comer further stated that the principal amount of our liability continued to grow up under the old Program for about 10 years, whereas under the new Program it was held constant, and reduced it. Mr. Comer stated one of the things they were trying to do was protect the City but in an effort to protect the City, it cost the City more money by not giving us huge increases on a yearly basis to cover that liability. President Williamson asked Mr. Comer, "has any other Cities in Alabama done this, and if so, can you tell me who? And, the second part of this question is, what would have happened had we done nothing?" Mr. Comer stated to his knowledge, as far as Cities in Alabama, Selma was the first to do this. Mr. Comer answered, and stated that there are other areas looking at this, and that it is very intricate because it is a new concept to this area; nationally, it's been around since 1985. Mr. Comer stated what would have happened if we had of done nothing is, we would have paid more money, and that is what other areas are facing right now; they're paying in at 8%. Mr. Comer further stated what is happening nationally is some Municipalities are taking control of their own Pension Plans and operating it themselves. Mr. Comer stated the options that are there for Municipalities is to either manage it themselves or evaluate their current situation and look for an opportunity to save, which is what Selma did. Councilman Randolph asked Mr. Comer, had Jackson, Mississippi made this transaction, too? Mr. Comer answered, and stated yes. Councilman Randolph asked Mr. Comer how many Cities in Mississippi have made this transaction? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that several have, including the Capital City which occurred some 12 years ago. Councilman Randolph asked what would happen if the City cannot make its Debt Obligation? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that our assets would continue to go down, and we would run out of money to pay Employees. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Mr. Comer, by the end of the year in 2012 or the Fiscal Year, would we have saved \$22,451? Mr. Comer answered, and stated yes. Councilwoman Benjamin asked, "that would be versus what, had we not made this decision"? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that by the end of the Fiscal Year the General Fund would have been depleted by an additional \$22,000, had the transaction not been done. Councilwoman Benjamin asked, instead of a savings of \$22,451 it would have been a depletion of \$22,451 by the end of 2012? Mr. Comer answered, and stated that is correct. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked where would the money be that the Employees would have put in, in order to pay for their retirement? Mr. Comer answered, and stated the amount that the City would have to pay to RSA is now less by \$22,451. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated it is less because we're in this 30-year Debt that "you" chose to pay off the Pension. Mayor Evans stated that this 30-year Debt that she speaks of, we already had. Mayor Evans further stated that the idea was to save money, and guarantee our Employees that they would have a Pension. Mayor Evans stated if we did nothing, and the interest rate continued to climb, or we had "250 of our Employees" decided to quit at one time, we would not be able to afford it; there would not be money there to pay it. Mayor Evans stated that what we have done now is guaranteed 100% funded. Mayor Evans stated based upon what he has heard and learned, he believes it is a good savings and a guarantee for our Employees. Mayor Evans further stated that we are not in a financial crisis, and this is kind of where he stands on this. Mayor Evans and the Council thanked Mr. Comer and Mr. McPhillips for coming and being with us tonight, to offer an explanation as it relates to the City of Selma's Pension Plan. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he thinks it will be a good idea for him to find out exactly how much this cost, and Mayor Evans stated that he would.

A. Monthly Financial Report - March, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their information a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of March, 2012. President Williamson stated that we are up \$167,790.36 for the first six (6) months of this Fiscal Year, and that is encouraging; that Sales Tax increased \$167,790.36. President Williamson further stated that the Lodging Tax is up almost \$10,000.00, and that is encouraging that People are still coming to Selma. President Williamson stated he does not think that we are in a financial crisis, and that is the one thing that he really tried to "stress" these four years on the Council, and he thinks the Council has done a good job of keeping the City solvent in some difficult times economically for the whole Country. President Williamson stated since we're poorer than the Country, it's worse on us; just to maintain what we've been able to do is an accomplishment. Mayor Evans concurred, and stated we are not rich, that we do have debt that we're trying to work through, but right now "we're making ends meet".

B. Police Report - March, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Police Report for the Month of March, 2012, which outlines every incident in every Ward. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Chief Riley is not here tonight, but that Lt. Harris is here in the event the Council has any questions.

C. Code Enforcement Report - March, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Code Enforcement Report for the Month of March, 2012. Mayor Evans further stated if there are any questions, Mr. Darryl Moore is here to answer those questions.

D. Update on Broad Street Cave-In Project. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they began working on the Broad Street Cave-In Project today.

E. Resolution #R166-11/12 - Authorization to Apply for the 2012 Summer Food Program. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R166-11/12, Authorization to Apply for the 2012 Summer Food Program. Mayor Evans stated to Council that as they know we have a Summer Food Program every year, and it has been a very good Program for our Youth and Schools. Mayor Evans asked Council's favorable consideration and approval of Resolution #R166-11/12, Authorization to Apply for the 2012 Summer Food Program. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R166-11/12, Authorization to Apply for the 2012 Summer Food Program. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

F. Resolution #R167-11/12 - Authorization for the Acquisition of Riverfront Property #3. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R167-11/12, Authorization for the Acquisition of Riverfront Property #3. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Director of Office of Planning & Development, to come forward to address the Council with an Explanation. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council, and stated that the Property Owner is Ms. Martha Strickland, and the \$5,700.00 that the City would have to pay is coming from the Grant Match Account for this Fiscal Year. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to "Table" this Item until our next Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. President Williamson asked that Council Members get with Ms. Griffeth as it relates to information that they need on this property acquisition. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Griffeth and Ms. Smothers to take pictures of the property for the Council, as well as, making the Grant Match information available to the Council.

G. Resolution #R168-11/12 - Resolution Awarding the Contract for Roadway Lighting Improvements Along Etheridge Avenue to Electric Service of Montgomery in the Amount of \$28,529.00. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R168-11/12, Resolution Awarding the Contract for Roadway Lighting Improvements Along Etheridge Avenue to Electric Service of Montgomery, in the Amount of \$28,529.00. Mayor Evans stated to Council if they recall we had the street put in with the money that we got from the State of Alabama, and Contributors, and the money that was left over we used to install lights. Mayor Evans stated that the City of Selma accepted bids, and the bids were opened on Thursday, April 5, 2012, and the lowest responsible bidder was Electric Service of Montgomery, LLC, in the amount of \$28,529.00. Mayor Evans asked the Council's favorable consideration and approval. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R168-11/12, Resolution Awarding the Contract for Roadway Lighting Improvements Along Etheridge Avenue to Electric Service of Montgomery, in the Amount of \$28,529.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

H. Summer Youth Employment Program. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Letters have gone out to the Contributors, and hopefully with everybody's help we can have a successful Summer Youth Employment Program this year. Mayor Evans stated that he is soliciting the support of Citizens and Businesses in terms of sponsoring a Youth for the Summer Program. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Valeria Jones to come forward to address questions that the Council may have. Ms. Jones addressed the Council, and stated that the Summer Youth Employment Program is a Six-Week Program, which begins on June 11th and ends on July 19th. Ms. Jones stated that we began accepting applications on yesterday, April 9th, and will continue to receive applications until the close of the business day on Monday, April 30th. Ms. Jones stated the Youth must be between the ages of 15 and 22, in order to participate in the Summer Youth Employment Program.

I. Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.) Voting Delegate Form. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them information as it relates to a Voting Delegate for the Board of Directors of the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation Annual Membership Meeting for the Corporation, which will be held on Saturday, May 19th, at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Evans further stated that the Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19th, at 1:00 p.m., at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center, East Meeting Room E - F. A motion was made by Councilman Bjelke, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to appoint Councilman Corey Bowie as the Voting Delegate, and Mayor George Evans, as Alternate Voting Delegate. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Bowie abstained from voting.

J. Trash Trailer Locations for April, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a schedule for the Trash Trailer Locations for the Month of April, for Ward Three and Ward Two; April 13th - 16th, Ward 3; and April 20th - April 23rd, Ward 2.

K. Street Naming Signs on Broad Street. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them information on Street Naming, but that he is not asking the Council to take any action on it tonight. Mayor Evans stated that he thinks that we can use Oil Lease Monies, if the Council approves to

move forward with this, but that this would be in the area of Water Avenue to Highway 80. Mayor Evans asked the Council to review, and bring back for discussion.

L. Ice House Historic District Signs. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Ice House Historic District Signs are in, and that they should have information as it relates to this. Mayor Evans further stated that these Signs have already been paid for.

M. Black Belt 2012 Military Community Assistance Mission. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Black Belt 2012 Military Community Assistance Mission will be in our City, in Downtown Selma, May 1st - 10th, 2012. Mayor Evans stated that they are actually coming in on April 29th, to do some "leg" work. Mayor Evans further stated from May 1st - 10th, 2012, we will have "Top Military Brass" from Washington, D.C., in our City, and they will be doing all types of Free, Health Screenings, for all Ages! Mayor Evans stated Clinical Services available include: (1) Outpatient medical, diagnostic and counseling services; (2) Youth sports' physicals and physical check-ups, for all ages; (3) Dental check-ups, teeth cleaning, fillings, and extractions; and (4) Vision checks, prescriptions, and glasses made to those prescriptions. Mayor Evans stated that it is a tremendous service that we have been working on for a couple of years now, and it has become a "reality" for our City. Mayor Evans further stated that we are trying to get some of our Buildings set up, but that one of the Buildings that they are going to stay in will be the National Guard Armory. Ms. Griffith addressed the Council and stated, tentatively, we are looking at the Building on the Riverfront for Vision; the Bienville Building adjacent to the St. James Hotel for Dental; the Building on Washington Street that is not being utilized for Medical. Ms. Griffith stated that the "locations" will be placed along the streets and highways in our City. Mayor Evans stated that we are proud of this, and look forward to them coming and being a part of our City's growth, and helping with needs in our City.

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

- (1) *Dallas County First Responders Banquet - April 13, 2012, Carl H. Morgan Convention Center*
- (2) *Butterflies and Bridges 8K Race and Fun Walk - April 14, 2012, Selma High School*
- (3) *Special Needs Day - April 20, 2012 - Selma Disabilities Advocacy Program*
- (4) *Michael Johnson Youth Football and Cheer Camp - April 21st - Memorial Stadium*
- (5) *Wheels of Faith Ride for Freedom - April 21st, Bloch Park*
- (6) *Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament - April 25th, Valley Grande Golf Course*
- (7) *Battle of Selma - April 26th - April 29th*
- (8) *Community "Shred" Day - April 28, 2012, Centre for Commerce*
- (9) *National PAL Mentoring Fun Day - April 28th, PAL Center*
- (10) *AHSAA Track Meeting - May 4th - May 5th*
- (11) *ArtsRevive StreetFest - May 4th - May 5th - Water Avenue and Church Street*
- (12) *Moment of Remembrance/Memorial Day Observance - May 28th, Memorial Stadium/City Hall*
- (13) *King Kat Classic Tournament Qualifying Round - June 23rd, City Marina*
- (14) *Mayor's Charity Ball - To Be Rescheduled*
- (15) *"Tuesday at the Movies" (Senior Citizens) - April, 2012*
- (16) *Pray for Selma Every Wednesday, Between the Hour of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

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CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

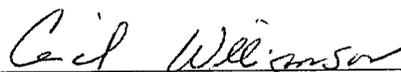
A. ABC License Application - B and B Grocery - 2909 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License (Transfer) Application as it relates to the B and B Grocery, for a Retail Beer/Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only)

donate a Fan, please contact them, or they can contact the Council's Secretary. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked everyone to please participate, and be a "Fan" for the Elderly.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

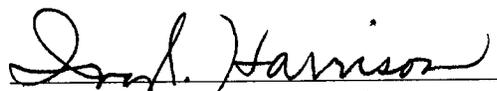
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



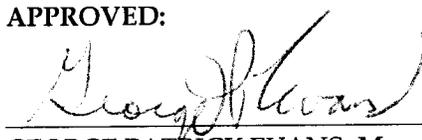
DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*