

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Daniel Martin,
Bethel Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 8, 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 asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the agenda items as written. **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 April 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the minutes of April 24, 2012. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mr. Elton Johnson
S.C.L.C.
Re: Charges Against Ms. Sherrett Spicer

Ms. Andrenekia Milhouse
Selma Early College
Re: Fund Request for Education Completion

PRESENTATION - Mr. & Mrs. Derriet (Querline) Moore (B.O.S.S.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING

No one was present to make public comments.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

**RECOGNITION OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL,
"DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING"!**

Mayor Evans stated words cannot express his appreciation for the Military Personnel being here, and that he is so pleased with the services that they have provided to the Citizens of our Community, and the BlackBelt.

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 - "Designation of May 9, 2012, as "Operation Alabama BlackBelt 2012 Appreciation Day". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize and Honor the Military Personnel, and Designate May 9, 2012, as "Operation Alabama BlackBelt 2012 Appreciation Day", and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Designation of May 9, 2012, as "Operation Alabama BlackBelt 2012 Appreciation Day"! Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas*, on May 1 - 10, 2012, Military Personnel provided Free Outpatient Medical, Dental, Vision, and Counseling Services to Residents of the Alabama BlackBelt; and *Whereas*, more than 250 Air Force, Navy and Army Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard Members from around the Country joined forces to set up field-operated medical facilities in Selma and Dallas County, Demopolis, Hayneville, and surrounding areas; and *Whereas*, "Operation Alabama Black Belt 2012" was coordinated under the auspices of the Department of Defense, and the Delta Regional Authority to close the Health Care "Gap" in the BlackBelt; and *Whereas*, the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training provides real world training opportunities for Service Members to prepare them for wartime missions while supporting the needs of America's "underserved communities"; and *Whereas*, in the first Six (6) days of operation, more than 10,200 Patients had been treated in Selma, Demopolis and Hayneville. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council do hereby Proclaim May 9, 2012, as "Operation Alabama BlackBelt 2012 Appreciation Day" in the City of Selma, and, further, extend our sincere appreciation to the Military Community Assistance Mission Team for providing exceptional Health Care to the Residents of Selma and Dallas County. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause", as well as, a "Standing Ovation" to acknowledge our appreciation to the Military Community Assistance Mission Team! Mayor Evans presented said Proclamation, on behalf of the City of Selma and City Government, to Colonel Arends, and the Military Members with respect to "Operation Alabama BlackBelt 2012"!

**RECOGNITION OF "HANIL E HWA DAY"-
"INTERIOR SYSTEMS ALABAMA DAY - APRIL 24, 2012"**

Mayor Evans stated that Mr. K. H. Woo, President of Hanil E Hwa, is here, and asked that he come forward to receive a Proclamation in Honor of their Achievement as a "Five Star Company". Mayor Evans stated that they received a great Award a couple of weeks ago, which does not come "overnight", and that we Proclaimed April 24, 2012, as "Hanil E Hwa Day" here in Selma, and now we are actually presenting a Proclamation to the President of the Company, to acknowledge how we feel about their Business here in our City and County, that's making such a difference here!

Proclamation - "Designation of April 24, 2012, as "Hanil E Hwa Day" in the City of Selma, Alabama". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize and Honor the Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama, LLC, and present them with a Proclamation, whereby we designated April 24, 2012, as "Hanil E Hwa Day", in the City of Selma, and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Designation of April 24, 2012, as "Hanil E Hwa Day", in the City of Selma, Alabama"! Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas*, on April 24, 2012, Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama, LLC, was awarded the Hyundai-Kia Quality 5-Star Certification; and *Whereas*, the Award is only given to a handful of Hyundai Suppliers worldwide who demonstrate best practices in new product development, continuous improvement, customer line and field quality, Tier 2 and Tier 3 Supplier Management, Inspection and Testing, Initial Part Quality Plan and Process Control; and *Whereas*, Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama is only the Sixth Supplier in the United States to receive the Hyundai-Kia 5-Star Quality Certification; and *Whereas*, Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama produces several products, including Interior Door Panels, for the Hyundai Sonata, Elantra and Santa Fe; and *Whereas*, since its founding in 2005, the Company has Tripled in size and currently provides more than 300 quality jobs in Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council Congratulate Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama, LLC, upon receiving the prestigious Hyndai-Kia Quality 5-Star Certification Award, and do hereby Proclaim April 24, 2012, as "Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama Day" in the City of Selma, in Recognition of this important event, and Appreciation for its contributions to and commitment to grow and thrive in Selma. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause", to acknowledge our Appreciation to Hanil E Hwa for this great accomplishment! Mayor Evans presented said Proclamation, on behalf of the City of Selma and City Government, to the

President of the Company, and the Employees of Hanil E Hwa on behalf of "Hanil E Hwa Interior Systems Alabama Day, April 24, 2012"!

**RECOGNITION OF "ANDRE HUDSON DAY -
MAY 9, 2012"**

Mayor Evans stated on tomorrow, Mr. Andre Hudson, an African-American Car Designer for Hyundai Motor Company, will be here. Mayor Evans further stated that the Selma City Schools System, Career Technical Division, in conjunction with the City of Selma, announces "The Career Modeling Program", featuring Mr. Andre Hudson. Mayor Evans stated, on behalf of that, Mr. Jeff Fortson, Editor/Analyst, JeffCars.com, is here tonight to receive the Award for Mr. Hudson. Mayor Evans stated that there is a Reception also planned on tomorrow at the St. James Hotel, at 5:30 p.m., in Honor of Mr. Hudson, to "Meet" and "Honor" him.

Proclamation - "Designation of May 9, 2012, as "Andre Hudson Day". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize and Honor Mr. Andre Hudson, and Designate May 9, 2012, as "Andre Hudson Day", and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Designation of May 9, 2012, as "Andre Hudson Day"! Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas, Andre Hudson* is the Design Manager at Hyundai America Technical Center, based in Los Angeles, California, where he oversees Exterior Design; and *Whereas*, he contributed to designing the Genesis Coupe, the 2011 Elantra and the re-styled Azera Sedan, and was the Lead Designer of the Award-Winning 2011 Hyundai Sonata; and *Whereas*, last year, the redesigned Sonata was one of the "Top Fifteen" best-selling Vehicles in America with retail sales volume up by 11.3%, and close to 200,000 Vehicles sold; and *Whereas, Andre Hudson* began his career at Chrysler and General Motors, and is, today, only one of a few African-American Auto Designers who work in the industry; and *Whereas, Andre Hudson* knew he wanted to become an Auto Designer at a Young Age, and enjoys sharing his experiences and insights regarding a Design Career in the Industry, and on pursuing a Career in video games, architecture, fashion, website design, and other creative fields with Young People; and *Whereas*, on May 9, 2012, the Selma City Schools System, Career Technical Division, is hosting a "Career Modeling Program", featuring Andre Hudson. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council Recognize and Applaud *Andre Hudson* for his Achievements, and do hereby Proclaim Wednesday, May 9, 2012, as "**Andre Hudson Day**" in the City of Selma, and, further, extend our Sincere Appreciation for his visit to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause", to acknowledge our Appreciation to *Mr. Andre Hudson* for his Achievements! Mayor Evans presented said Proclamation, on behalf of the City of Selma and City Government, to Mr. Jeff Fortson, who accepts this Proclamation, on behalf of *Mr. Andre Hudson*!

PRESENTATION BY MR. WILLIAM SCOTT ON
"THE BUSINESS CENTER",
LOCATED AT 112 LAUDERDALE STREET
SELMA, AL 36701

RECOGNITION OF PALS CENTER - YOUTH BASKETBALL OF AMERICA - 1ST PLACE WINNER

Mayor Evans stated that he learned today that our PALS Group went to Birmingham, and won 1st Place in the Championship Program. Mayor Evans and the Council asked the Citizens to join in this Recognition, and extended Congratulations to them, which was received with a "Round of Applause" for this Accomplishment!

A. Monthly Financial Report - April, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their information a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of April, 2012. President Williamson stated that for the first seven (7) months of this Fiscal Year, Sales Taxes have increased to \$181,234.96, and that is encouraging; that our goal is to get it up to \$200,000.00. President Williamson further stated that the Lodging Tax is up \$22,111.43, and that is even more encouraging. President Williamson stated that all of the Hotels have been filled for the last couple of weeks, and that is most encouraging, that People are still coming to the City.

B. Police Report - April, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Police Report for the Month of April, 2012, which outlines every incident in every Ward. President Williamson stated that there were 83 reports of loud music, and 25 noise citations issued during the month of April, and he thinks we are making some "headway" there as far as noise is concerned.

C. Code Enforcement Report - April, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Code Enforcement Report for the Month of April, 2012.

President Williamson stated that he would encourage everybody to look at the Financial Report, Police and Code Enforcement Reports, and if they have questions, to just put them on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

D. Additional Appropriation of \$6,780.00 for the Repair of HVAC System at City Hall.

Mayor Evans stated to Council that we did get our Oil Lease Money, and that he would ask that everyone will contribute to the Oil Lease Money for the benefit of the Employees who work here in City Hall. Mayor Evans further stated that he thinks everybody was asked to donate money, and if everyone had donated \$6,780.00 from their money that we received from their Oil Lease, then we would not have to ask for more. Mayor Evans stated to Council, as can be seen, one of our Council Members chose not to give anything for the Air Conditioning for Employees here, and that means, now we have to go back and ask for them to give more money, in nine (9) ways, rather than ten (10) ways. Mayor Evans stated that it is going to cost each Council Person about \$753.33 more to add to their Oil Lease Money, to pay for the Air Conditioning for Employees who work in this Building. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he will ask Ms. Sykes to prepare a Sheet, and they will pass it around, and asked everybody who would like to contribute \$753.33, to please do so. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson, that she would like to make a statement on that, and stated, "I'm the one that did not give. I basically think that it should have been a Bond Project, and I'm not going back that route to give up any money that should have been really appropriated at the time, it should have been for this Building. I want to make that a matter of the Minutes." Mayor Evans stated, "You all remember, it was a Bond Project and it was taken out by the Council. But, anyway you all have the figures, and certainly I will give more, and if all nine (9) of us give more, we'll be able to make this comfortable for Employees who work in this Building". Mayor Evans stated that during the summer, it's going to get hotter and hotter, and Air Conditioning is essential.

E. Update on Broad Street Cave-In Project. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have received a copy of the status on the Broad Street Cave-In Project, which states that the Contractor completed laying the sanitary sewer on yesterday (Monday, May 7th), and that he is now preparing the road so that it can be re-paved. Mayor Evans stated that it was stated that this work may be completed by Friday, depending on the weather, but should be completed no later than the end of next week.

F. Update on the Jeff Davis Avenue Landfill Closure. Mayor Evans stated to Council that in terms of closing out that Project, we are going to have to pay \$8,805.00 of Bond Money to finalize that Project. Mayor Evans further stated that the information that they have before them outlines the requirement for closure. Mayor Evans stated to Council that we have approximately \$34,040.12 in Bond money for the Landfill that he is requesting Council's consideration for \$8,805.00 be approved so that we can get a check to A.D.E.M., to close that Project out. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to Mayor Evans, for the record, that the reason why she is against that is because initially it was not done fairly; "because, you know you had a reason why you didn't want to have to deal with what I requested." Mayor Evans stated, for the record, "the General Funds of the City Council of this City are close to \$200,000.00 that have gone towards the Landfill, that was never allocated for the Landfill to get the Council to take care of two (2) Landfills that we inherited; \$200,000.00 has come out of the General Fund that's owed back from that money to go there. The \$60,000.00 she speaks of, was actually allocated for Bond, Landfill. If you go back and check your 'numbers', you're going to find that that money was allocated for the Landfill; that was Landfill money that was designated for such. However, if we talk about expenditures, I want to say this . . . the General Fund Budget is in the hole for close to \$200,000.00 for the Landfill that was never a part that we spent in order to keep up the Landfill. Now, there is money that is still left there that won't get spent in this Fiscal Year because there is no project to do that with. Now, we have a mandate from A.D.E.M. to go ahead and finish, and close it out. So, that's where it's coming from and there is nothing further that I can say other than that." During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bjelke, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve \$8,805.00 for payment to finalize the Jeff Davis Avenue Landfill Closure Project. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.**

G. Resolution #R176-11/12 - Participation in the 2012 Severe Weather Preparedness Holiday, July 6 - 8, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R176-11/12, Participation in the 2012 Severe Weather Preparedness Holiday, July 6 - 8, 2012. Mayor Evans stated he would like to ask the Council to certify for the days of July 6 - 8, 2012, for Severe Weather Preparedness, so that Citizens can buy the items that have been approved by the State of Alabama, for Severe Weather Preparedness. Mayor Evans further stated that we are asking our Businesses to give consideration and participate in the 2012 Severe Weather Preparedness Holiday, to be held on July 6 - 8, 2012. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R176-11/12, Participation in the 2012 Severe Weather Preparedness Holiday, July 6 - 8, 2012. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

H. Update on the AHSAA Track Meet. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he thinks they all saw what an impact the AHSAA Track Meet made on our City this past weekend; all the Hotels were filled and Restaurants were actually overwhelmed with trying to serve all the bus loads of Children and Adults.

Mayor Evans stated to Council it was over 1,700 Young People at the Track Meet, which was successful. Mayor Evans further stated that there was only one real "glitch" that we had, and that he worked on that today, and that was with the Papermill which "shut down". Mayor Evans stated as a result of that, many of the 100 rooms promised, were not available for the Athletes and their Families, and they had to travel to Demopolis, Marion or Prattville to get rooms, and that was not something that we promised in terms of availability of all rooms. Mayor Evans stated that he has talked with the Manager at Hammerrill (International Paper) and he has assured him with a letter today, that won't be a problem in the future, where Athletes and their Parents will have to find somewhere else to stay, and that when they have a "shut down" in the future, that they will make sure that it will not conflict with the AHSA Track Meet, which will always be the first weekend in May. Mayor Evans stated other than that, it was a "glorious" Track Meet in his opinion, and everybody that came, to his knowledge, was very pleased and happy to be here. Mayor Evans stated one of our "Sister" Cities won the Championship, Greensboro, the actual Track Meet in their Division, and that was exciting. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank Selma Times-Journal who did an outstanding job on reporting the Track Meet!

I. Update on BlackBelt 2012 Military Community Assistance Mission, May 1 - 10, 2012.

Mayor Evans stated to Council that as can be seen from the Agenda, the final full day for the Military Services will be on tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9th, and a Half-Day on Thursday, May 10th. Mayor Evans stated that there will be a Meeting at the Armory for all of the Military, Council Members and Elected Officials on Thursday, May 10th, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Evans made an Announcement that after Thursday, May 10th, Glasses can be picked up at City Hall, within the City Clerk's Office.

J. Update on Mayor's Inspirational Achievers Award Banquet.

Mayor Evans stated that the Mayor's Inspirational Achievers Award Banquet went well, with it being the "first" time this year. Mayor Evans further stated that we had roughly 46 Students who participated from all the Schools in Selma, Grades 3-12, Private and Public Schools. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank everyone who made donations, towards making this happen. Mayor Evans further stated that the Parents and Children came out for the Event, and it was truly a Wonderful Event! Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank everybody who worked on this Committee, the Office of Planning & Development Staff, and some People from the outside, who came and did the Selection Committee, and that went very well, and that he hopes it goes very well next year.

K. Update on Battle of Selma and ArtsRevive StreetFest.

Mayor Evans stated to Council that that was another big event, the Battle of Selma, as was the ArtsRevive StreetFest. Mayor Evans stated that the Food was good, and the Fellowship was wonderful. Mayor Evans further stated that no matter what happens that may be negative, there are so many other positive things that are going on that actually sells our City to the Public, and to ourselves. Mayor thanked everybody and the Council for all the work that has gone into still trying to continue to move our City forward, in a way that we can all benefit from it, and our Young People have prosperity. Mayor Evans stated that the Battle of Selma Event was good, and that the Food was good, also. Mayor Evans stated that it was wonderful, and he thanked everybody for that.

L. University of West Alabama Operation JumpStart Small Business Training.

Mayor Evans stated to Council that each of them should have a copy within their packet of information as it relates to the University of West Alabama Operation JumpStart Small Business Training, which is a Program that is the result of a Grant from The Delta Regional Authority.

M. YouthBuild Grant Request.

Mayor Evans stated to Council that he just received information as it relates to the YouthBuild Grant Request on yesterday, that they should have within their packet of information. Mayor Evans stated that he talked with Ms. Jessica Chestnut, and indicated to her that we could not necessarily obligate our City in terms of demolishing homes to donate to them, but that we could support the Grant being issued to them for the benefit of Concordia College. Mayor Evans stated that he indicated to her that he would give her a "Letter of Support", in an effort to meet their deadline. President Williamson stated that he would place this into the "hands" of Councilwoman Keith, to be reviewed with the Community Development Committee, to be brought back with an update to the Council.

N. Update on PEG Channel.

Mayor Evans stated to Council that, as of now, the PEG Channel is operational, and we can sit at home and watch our Council Meetings on Television. Mayor Evans stated through the Contract that the Council approved with Charter for 3 years, this is one of the items that they gave us in terms of that Agreement. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Ray Foreman to come forward and address the Council, with an explanation. Mr. Foreman addressed the Council, and stated the PEG Channel is just a "fancy" way of saying a Cable Channel we have inserted on the Charter Programming, and right now it serves as a City Government Information Channel. Mr. Foreman stated that it is on Channel 84 if they have a Cable Box, and that there is a "slide" show running now. Mr. Foreman further stated that it is not fully populated as of yet, but there is information about the Council Members and how they can be contacted on there now. Mr. Foreman stated if we do not have a Cable Box, it is a little bit different and that we will not see this on Channel 84. Mr. Foreman stated that it is in the Digital Band of Programming, on Channel 65-5. Mr. Foreman further stated that it is a little bit different; that there are some technical details that go along with it, as well. Mayor Evans stated to Council that at the next Meeting he will give an update as to how much has already been paid for the PEG Channel, which goes into the General Fund.

O. Trash Trailer Placements for May, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a schedule for the Trash Trailer Locations for the Month of May, for Ward Seven and Ward Six; May 11th – 14th, Ward 7; and May 18th– May 21st, Ward 6.

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

- (1) *Alabama Crawfish Riverfest – May 11 – 12, 2012, New Orleans Bar & Grill*
- (2) *National Council of Negro Women Family Fun and Fitness Day – May 12th, Valley Creek Park*
- (3) *Citizen Police Academy Graduation – May 15th, 6:00 p.m., Courtroom, 1300 Alabama Avenue*
- (4) *LECC Conference – May 16 – 17, 2012 (See Attached Agenda)*
- (5) *Summer Youth Employment Program Lottery Drawing – May 23rd, 5:00 p.m., Convention Ctr.*
- (6) *Memorial Day Observance – May 28th, Memorial Stadium*
- (7) *Moment of Remembrance – May 28th, City Hall, 3:00 p.m.*
- (8) *World's Widest Yard Sale – May 31 – June 2, 2012, Highway 80, <http://widestyardsale.com>*
- (9) *Registration Open for Summer Art Camp: I. June 11th – 15th; and II. July 9th – 13th*
- (10) *Alabama State Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary Banquet – June 13th, Selma University*
- (11) *Cash for Guns BuyBack Program – June 16th, Macedonia Apostolic Church*
- (12) *Mayor's Charity Ball – June 21st, 6:00 p.m., Riverfront Park Substation*
- (13) *King Kat Classic Tournament Qualifying Round – June 23rd, City Marina, <http://kingkatusa.com/blog>*
- (14) *"Tuesday at the Movies" (Senior Citizens) – May, 2012*
- (15) *Selma Walton Theater Coming Attractions – May, 2012 (Subject to Change)*
 - *The Avengers through 05/17*
 - *The Lucky One – Opens 05/18*
 - *Men in Black III – Opens 05/25*
- (16) *Pray for Selma Every Wednesday, Between the Hour of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

*** Big Announcement on Monday, June 14th, at 3:00 p.m., St. James Hotel – "New Industry Coming" ***

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.

Q. Update on Ward 8 Walking Trail – Resolution #R177-11/12 – Reversion of East Selma Property. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Director of Planning & Development, to come forward to address the Council with an update. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council, and stated that she spoke with a Representative of the Jonathon Daniels Community Development Corporation (CDC), Ms. Joyce Kendrick, and they have conferred with the fact that there is a property reversion that needs to occur prior to that. Ms. Griffeth further stated that she has concurred and would like to request from the City to take to her Board, requesting that the property would revert back to the City for the purpose of the Trail. Ms. Griffeth stated that she also spoke with the Strategic Alliance today, and this refers to Ward 4's Walking Trail, as well, that we have a June 1st deadline to spend the money, or the money will go back. Ms. Griffeth stated she then called Mr. Ousley, the Contractor, and the Contractor has indicated that he can complete both Trails by June 1st, and that's not a problem to have that completed. Ms. Griffeth further stated to Councilman Bowie, that the Contractor wants to meet with him just to confirm the location where the Trail will go. During discussion, Attorney Nunn addressed the Council, and stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R177-11/12, Reversion of East Selma Property. Attorney Nunn stated that the City of Selma deeded property at the Southwest intersection of Division Street and Hardie Avenue to the Jonathan Daniels Community Development Corporation (CDC), on December 11, 2007, and the purpose for transferring the property to them was for housing development in that area. Attorney Nunn stated that he thinks what has happened is the CDC does not have an immediate plan of developing that property at this point and time. Attorney Nunn further stated when we prepared the Deed, we put a restrictive clause in there that states, "The use of the entire parcel as described above shall be restricted to the benefit of the public and for the development of residential housing units for the Citizens of Selma". Attorney Nunn stated that it also states

that in the event that the land is not used for said purpose at anytime . . . "that it shall automatically revert back to the City of Selma". Attorney Nunn stated in talking with Jonathan Daniels CDC, he thinks Ms. Kendrick recognizes that there is a Restrictive Clause. Attorney Nunn further stated that all of this was done in good intentions, and they do appreciate us doing this for them, but the development did not come to fruition. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Resolution; namely, Resolution #R177-11/12, that they have before them is only giving the Mayor authority to draft a letter to Jonathan Daniels CDC, requesting them to deed the property back to the City of Selma. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if they are willing to do that, as far as he knows? Ms. Griffeth answered, and stated in an extensive conversation with Ms. Kendrick, Jonathan Daniels CDC recognizes that the housing market is in such a slump right now, they are not sure when it will turn around, and they rely on HUD Funds. Ms. Griffeth further stated that Ms. Kendrick feels that it is not feasible for them to do a housing project right now; so, she is okay with it right now, but she does have a Board to take it to. President Williamson asked if they think they can get all of this done, and still get it built by the 1st? Ms. Griffeth answered, and stated "yes". During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R177-11/12, Reversion of East Selma Property. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

Following roll call, President Williamson stated to Ms. Griffeth if she could "move" on that, and we get it done, it would be a big help to Ward 4 and Ward 8.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. **ABC License Application - Side Porch Sandwiches - 1124 Water Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to the Side Porch Sandwiches, for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application, which is located at 1124 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and at this point and time, we are asking for approval from the Council to do the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Side Porch Sandwiches, on 1st Reading. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

B. **ABC License Application - The Takeover - 700 Idaho Street.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to The Takeover, for a Lounge Retail Liquor - Class I License, located at 700 Idaho Street, in the Police Jurisdiction. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, President Williamson stated he thinks this Item needs to be researched before placing it on 1st Reading, and brought back for consideration by the Council.

C. **ABC License Application - Range Street Convenience Store - 1624 Marie Foster Street.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to the Range Street Convenience Store, for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine License Application (Off Premises Only), which is located at 1624 Marie Foster Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Range Street Convenience Street, on 1st Reading. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. Councilman Randolph abstained from voting.**

Following roll call, President Williamson stated to Councilman Randolph that this Business is in his Ward, and if there is something that they need to know, in terms of whether he wants this Approved or not, to please let them know before the next Council Meeting.

D. **#O103-11/12 (Revised) - Ordinance to Adopt the 2012 Ward Realignment Plan.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Ordinance #O103-11/12, Ordinance to Adopt the 2012 Ward Realignment Plan, and that they placed this matter on 1st Reading, and there have not been any changes made to the Map, other than grammatical errors from the one that he handed out to them during our last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated at this point and time, we would ask for the Council's approval of the same. Councilman Tucker stated on Monday, he and Attorney Nunn "walked" Ward 6, and the new additions that were added, and they have a problem with the Plan, because they talked about the People coming from Rangedale, and also Lakewood, voting at St. John Baptist Church, and that he has talked with a lot of People, and he is going to have vote "no" on this Plan. Councilwoman Keith stated that she has happy with Ward 2 and has not heard from any Ward 2 Resident, but she did have somebody, a Friend of hers, from Ward 5 who lives in Rangedale, call her with some concern. Councilwoman Keith stated that she said that there are some Elderly People that live at Rangedale and that she had heard that they are going to have to go somewhere else to vote, and they are really upset. Councilwoman Keith further stated that she said, as she understands it, they will have to. Councilwoman Keith stated that she would like to ask Attorney Nunn, why can't we let the Voting Precinct move to Ward 6, with them? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that we

had talked about that but that if we "do away" with St. John and make Rangedale a Precinct for 6, then the People that live down near St. John would have to drive up to Rangedale, and it also would affect the Individuals in Ward 5 who vote at Rangedale, who would have to vote at another Precinct; we would have to find another Precinct for 5. Councilman Randolph stated that he talked with Attorney Nunn about, how come those People can not still vote at Rangedale? Councilman Randolph further stated that there is no Law that says that you have to move their Voting Precinct. Councilman Randolph stated his suggestion is to allow the People who live in that area of St. John, vote down there, and leave the Rangedale Precinct for the Rangedale Residents. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she knows a lot of People in Rangedale, and the ones she did talk to had no problem, and she has not heard any complaints at all, and she thinks if they can assure those People that they can get out of there as they should, and making sure that they go where they need to go, then she thinks it will be okay. Attorney Nunn stated that all over the City, we have People who live next to a Precinct, that do not vote at that Precinct. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn, would we have to get Justice Department approval to have this Polling Place, outside of the Ward? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated yes, and that he will be putting that in the Submission, requesting that that Polling Place remain as a Polling Place for Five, although it is located in Ward 6. Councilman Bjelke stated to Attorney Nunn that on last night he got a call that some Residents on Russell Drive, don't want to be a part of Ward 3; they want to be in Ward 1, like they always have. Attorney Nunn stated that he was wondering the same thing as to why they went up Russell Drive, and that he can go and pull those "numbers", that it may not make too much of a difference, if they want to put them back in. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he thought he could put all of Russell Drive in there, and still not go over the "2700"? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he can check that real quick, and come back with an answer. After checking, Attorney Nunn stated that Ward 1 can only take about 220 more Residents, and Ward 3 can only give up around 160 maybe; so, he thinks that would be okay if they want to give up that 27, the 61, 6, and the 2, to Ward 1, and that would fit within both, and we could give that up, to Ward 1. Councilman Atchison stated that he has not heard anything from anybody in Ward 1, except for that exception, so he appreciates Councilman Bjelke for bringing that to his attention. Attorney Nunn asked Council if he was to go and make revisions, prior to the vote; that being 2, 27, 6, and 61, and the Council concurred that that would be fine. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Ordinance #O103-11/12, Revised Ordinance to Adopt the 2012 Ward Realignment Plan. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were five affirmative votes and four nay votes. President Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, Councilman Bjelke, and Councilman Tucker each cast a nay vote.

E. Election Update. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the deadline for Redistricting is May 28th, and Wednesday, May 30th, is the last day that a person can become a Resident of the Municipality and qualify for the August 28th General Municipal Election; further, that Candidates must reside in the Municipality at least 90 days before the Election. Attorney Nunn stated that the Qualifying Period will begin on July 3rd, and end on July 17, and the next Item that he will be presenting to the Council would be that of the Qualifying Fees, which he will be bringing to the Council for them to set.

F. 2709 N. Broad Street - Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he is requesting to go into Executive Session, to discuss potential litigation against the City of Selma, concerning an Item that the Council discussed last December, 2011, as it relates to a threat of litigation. Attorney Nunn further stated there was a Report done, requesting that the Council go into Executive Session for discussion of the same.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated that we talked about this during the Mayor's Report, and 25 citations were issued and he thinks that that is a few more than normal, and asked that they keep doing that.

II. FEE WAIVER FOR CONVENTION CENTER ON MAY 10TH FOR Y.M.C.A., "BOY OF THE YEAR" PROGRAM

President Williamson stated that we had a request for the Y.M.C.A. "Boy of the Year" Program that we would waive the fee on Thursday, May 10th, at the Carl Morgan Convention Center. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to waive the fee at the Carl Morgan Convention on Thursday, May 10th, for the Y.M.C.A. "Boy of the Year" Program. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

III. ANGEL'S PHOTOGRAPHY - \$370.60 - SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

President Williamson stated that we have a Bill here for Pictures for when they took office, in the amount of \$370.60, and that they need to pay said Bill. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and

seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve and pay \$370.60, to Angel's Photography, via the Special Projects Accounts, for Photography Services. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

IV. OLD Y.M.C.A.

Councilman Bjelke stated that the Society met with the Engineers this past Thursday, and the Contractor should have all of the Bids in by the end of May, if not sooner. Councilman Bjelke further stated that they are going to "roof" it, "gut" it, and strip all of the material on the front that includes bricks, shingles, etc. Councilman Bjelke stated that they are trying to save all four (4) walls.

V. TEPPERS BUILDING

Councilman Bjelke stated that he has made several calls, but has no answer at this time, but will continue to pursue this.

VI. B & G 99 CENTS STORE - 907 BROAD STREET

Councilman Bjelke stated that he has talked with the Applicant, Mr. Lutfur Rahman, on behalf of the Alcoholic Beverage License Application, as it relates to this matter. Councilman Bjelke stated he is in agreement, and if the Council agrees, he would like to grant the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for a Retail Beer/Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) Transfer License, as was requested during the last Council Meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bjelke, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of B & G 99 Cents Store, 907 Broad Street, for a Retail Beer/Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) Transfer License. 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. President Williamson abstained from voting.

VII. POLICIES & PROCEDURES OF THE SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT TEPPERS BUILDING

Councilwoman Benjamin asked Chief Riley, how much of an incident are Police Officers allowed to record on Recorders? Chief Riley answered, and stated as soon as they possibly can, they are to cut the Recorder on; depending on the circumstances. Chief Riley further stated if it is something "hot and heavy" and they have to react for their own safety, then they have to deal with the situation at hand, and hopefully get it on as quickly as possible. Chief Riley stated that they tell them to try to get it on, either before they get out of the car, or very soon after getting out of the vehicle, and to try to leave it on for the duration. Chief Riley stated that the device acts as a Police Mic; it has Recording Properties, Photograph Properties, and Mic Properties.

VIII. PALS CENTER - YOUTH BASKETBALL OF AMERICA - 1ST PLACE WINNER

This Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

IX. WARD 4 WALKING PATH UPDATE FROM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Ms. Charlotte Griffeth that she had asked the Contractor for some Estimates, and if he has brought them to her office, she would like to see them, to see how much we would have to match, for the Walking Path, next to Cedar Park. Ms. Griffeth stated the Contractor had the recommendation to bring to her that would be most palatable, which would be to put it between the Ball Field and Cedar Park School, but he wants to get with her as well, to confirm it. Ms. Griffeth stated that he wants to go ahead and get started on her Trail, if that is what she wants.

X. WARD 4 PLAYGROUND UPDATE FROM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Benjamin stated, as it relates to the Ward 4 Playground on Green Street and First Avenue, that they have a Telephone Conference coming up. Ms. Griffeth stated that she thinks the big "hold-up" is finding the Corporate Sponsor, and once they feel that they have a Corporate Sponsor, they can expedite the rest of it.

XI. UPDATE ON WARD 8 WALKING TRAIL

This Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

XII. UPDATE ON ALABAMA AVENUE PROJECT

Ms. Griffeth stated that he should have completed the 2nd Building today; that he started on Monday (yesterday). Ms. Griffeth further stated that she does not have a completion date at this time, but hopefully

he can finish by the end of this week. Councilman Bowie stated to Ms. Griffeth that he will stop by her office to get the necessary paperwork from her.

XIII. RELAY FOR LIFE

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she thinks Ms. Mitchell was to look into seeing about a donation to Relay for Life, coming out of the Council's Special Projects' Account, in the amount of \$300.00. Ms. Mitchell stated that she had given the information to the Council Secretary as it relates to this matter. President Williamson stated that he will be glad to make up the difference, to give the \$300.00 to Relay for Life. Councilwoman Crenshaw thanked President Williamson for his donation to make up the difference.

XIV. DISCRETIONARY

President Williamson stated that we did have some Discretionary Requests, and asked that the Council check with the Council Secretary to see who has given, and the amount.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman

No Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

No Report.

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

Councilman Bjelke made a report.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Nunn made a request of the Council to recess into an Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes, to discuss potential litigation against the City of Selma. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to recess into executive session, to discuss a legal matter, at 8:24 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to reconvene the Council Meeting back into its regular session at 8:50 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT CONTINUED

G. 2709 N. Broad Street - Executive Session. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we Presented the Report again to the Council, and if they recall, during our last Executive Session, we came out and it was voted on by the Council to do a Home Inspection of 2709 N. Broad Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that that was done, and we did give them an update during the Executive Session as it relates to the Report that was done. Attorney Nunn stated it is up to the Council to make any type of suggestion on that Report at this point and time. President Williamson stated that he is going to appoint Mr. Bjelke, Ms. Keith, and Mr. Atchison, as a Committee, to meet with Ms. Charlotte Walters, along with Mr. Nunn, and try to work this situation out, and bring a recommendation either to the next Council Meeting, or if they need more time, then the first Council Meeting in June.

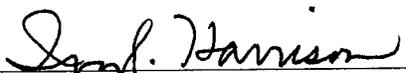
ADJOURNMENT

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



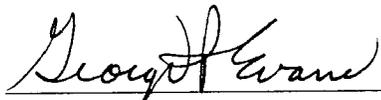
DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*