

MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 10, 2006
5:00 P.M.

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present during roll call: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Jean T. Martin, Geraldine Allen, Samuel L. Randolph, Johnnie M. Leashore and Jannie M. Venter. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant Sherri James. Reverend George Birchler gave the invocation. Councilman Cain and Councilwoman Crenshaw were both absent from the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2006 regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the minutes of June 12, 2006 as written. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.**

President Evans then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2006 regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the minutes of June 26, 2006 as written. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After review of the agenda items, the following amendments were made:

Additions: Executive Session: To discuss Item VI - Hiring City Prosecutor
Deletions: None

A motion was then made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the agenda as amended. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.**

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Ms. Joyce Kendrick (Addressed the Council after the Mayor's Report)
Re: Ward Eight Brown Bag Program

I. MAYOR'S REPORT

(1) **Appointment of Battalion Chief.** Mayor Perkins stated due to the recent retirement in the Fire Department, Battalion Chief Cook, this position is available and is an appointed position by the mayor. Mayor Perkins stated he is informing the Council of the appointment of Captain Joe Phillips to this position. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask Chief Allen and Captain Phillips to come forward, and stated that Captain Phillips has been with the department since 1989, he has moved up through the ranks, and he is a fine officer in the department. Mayor Perkins stated he wants to make the Council aware of this appointment.

(2) **Resolution - #R117-05/06 TRUSTBuild Phase II (Community Outreach Director).** Mayor Perkins stated he has given the Council a copy of the resolution #R177-05/06 dealing with the TRUSTBuild Phase II. Mayor Perkins stated there is an administrative change with this initiative and we are anticipating a lot more changes. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated during consultation it was decided to elevate the position of Outreach Supervisor to Community Outreach Director with the salary range dictated by the pay plan. Mayor Perkins stated he has made a selection for the position and he is reluctantly, with total mixed emotions, appointing Mrs. Sherri James to lead this new effort. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the said resolution. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.**

(3) **Resolution - R178-05/06 TRUSTBuild Phase II (Budget Amendments).** Mayor Perkins stated if the Council recalls, the original budget that was approved for the implementation of TRUSTBuild in this fiscal year was \$350,000.00. Mayor Perkins stated when we begin the process of implementation, there were items recognized that need to be eliminated. These positions are van driver and one community outreach liaison and by eliminating these two

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positions, the revised budget is \$268,612.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the said resolution. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

(4) Speed Breakers Regulation. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask that the Council continue to honor the rules of the inherited procedures for speed breakers, to only accept a unanimous consent petition of the residents on that block. During discussion, Mayor Perkins asked if the Council would consider his recommendation.

(5) Larry Striplin Property. Mayor Perkins stated on the issue of the offer of first rights of refusal, he has spoken with Mr. Larry Striplin and Mr. Striplin is in agreement to finalize the negotiations with Attorney Nunn for the execution of those documents. Mayor Perkins stated Attorney Nunn is working on the details of the language.

(6) Minutes of the Council Meetings. Mayor Perkins stated we have had these discussions before and he discourages the Council from having public discussion about a personnel performance issue. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to acknowledge to the Council that he has had discussions with the Clerk's Office and he feels confident that what the Council asks for, they will get. Mayor Perkins stated should this problem arise again, he asks that the Council would come to his office to figure out a clean and concise resolution to the matter.

(7) Request for Service Time Frame. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated he would like to strongly encourage the Council to complete the forms and not use phone calls for their requests.

II. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

(1) Procedure for Installing Speed Breakers. Attorney Nunn stated per the request of the Council the procedure for installing speed breakers has been revised. Attorney Nunn addressed the Council with the steps for the procedure. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Allen place the said procedure on first reading for approval of the Council at the next Council meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

(2) EEOC Complaint. Attorney Nunn stated he would like to notify the Council that the EEOC complaint filed by Edward Merrill, of the Police Department, has been dismissed. Attorney Nunn further stated there is another EEOC complaint filed by Scott Swanson, of the Police Department.

(3) Striplin Property Survey. Attorney Nunn stated the survey has been completed on the Striplin Property. Attorney Nunn stated a walk-through is being requested and asked the Council for suggested dates. During discussion, Councilman Leashore suggested that President Evans and Mayor Perkins should go to this cite for the walk-through. The tentative date of this cite visit would be Monday, July 17, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

(4) Curfew Ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated during work session a recommendation was made to send this ordinance to the Crime Task Force for review. Attorney Nunn asked who would be responsible for forwarding this information. President Evans asked Attorney Nunn if he would forward the ordinance to the Crime Task Force. Attorney Nunn concurred.

(5) Application - Alcoholic Beverage License - Pit Stop. Attorney Nunn stated Jackie Elaine Newberry-Agee, trade name the Pit Stop, located at 1326 Voeglin Street, has submitted an alcoholic beverage license application for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only). Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to place the said alcoholic beverage license on first reading to be decided on at the next Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

III. COUNCIL'S BUDGET

President Evans reminded the Council to give their budget information to Council Secretary Dianna Johnson.

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IV. \$5000 FOR LARRY STRIPLIN

Councilman Williamson asked if the \$5,000.00 for the Striplin Property was going towards the purchase price of the property, and if not purchased, would the City receive the \$5,000.00 back? Attorney Nunn stated in the right of first refusal the \$5,000.00 would be applied towards the purchase price, and if it does not go through the \$5,000.00 would be lost. Councilman Williamson asked if the funds would be taken from the unappropriated funds? Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to do so.

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

President Evans asked if all Council members have an email address and also asked if it would be appropriate for the minutes of the Council meetings to be emailed to the Council? If so, he asked if the Council would please submit their email address to City Clerk Lois Williams to have the minutes of the Council meetings forwarded to them via email. He stated Ms. Williams has the form, which they could list their addresses and an alternate address if necessary.

VI. WATER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Evans stated the Water Board appointments would need to be done in the next thirty to sixty days, and discussion needs to take place of how this would be done procedurally. Following comments from Councilman Leashore and Councilman Williamson, and discussions regarding the procedure to following for voting on the appointments to the Water Board, President Evans stated there are two positions available; 1) Mr. Billy Hicks, which would be dealt with during the seconded meeting in August, and 2) Councilman Samuel Randolph, which would be dealt with during the seconded meeting in September. President Evans stated, in the interest of those members of the Council whom are not present, he would make this a business item at the next meeting for the purpose of coming up with the procedures by which the Council would vote on the new Water Board members for the next term.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN SAMUEL RANDOLPH, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Recreation Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - COUNCILWOMAN DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Administrative Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN REID CAIN, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Public Safety Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCILWOMAN JEAN MARTIN, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN LEASHORE, CHAIRPERSON

There is no report for the Public Works Committee.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE - COUNCILWOMAN CRENSHAW, CHAIRPERSON

Councilwoman Allen stated the Council has given a total of \$1,350.00 from discretionary funds for the Ward Eight Brown Bag Program.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER (2 MINUTE LIMIT)

Councilman Leashore. Thank you to Colleagues for support.
President Evans. Donations to Children First. Thanks to everyone for July 4th program.
Councilman Randolph. Educational Trip; UAB St. Vincent Hospital.
Councilwoman Allen. Thank you from the Clarence Lee, Jr. Family.
Councilwoman Martin. Thanks for support of the new YMCA.

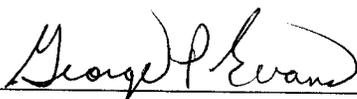
EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Evans requested a motion to recess into executive session, and stated the reason for the executive session. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to recess this meeting into executive session to discuss matters of hiring city prosecutor at 6:35 p.m. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.**

Following executive session, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Allen to reconvene the meeting into regular session at 6:54 p.m. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.**

ADJOURNMENT

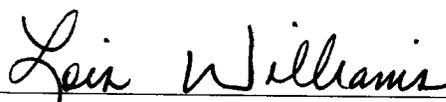
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adjourn, and by unanimous consent the Council adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



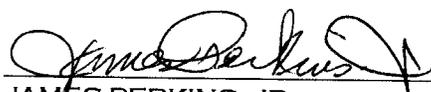
GEORGE P. EVANS, *PRESIDENT*

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



LOIS WILLIAMS, *CITY CLERK*



JAMES PERKINS, JR., *MAYOR*