

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 9, 2010  
5:15 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend B. 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, March 9, 2010 at 5:15 p.m., following the Bush Hog Public Hearing that was held at 4:00 p.m., as it relates to the Street Closings.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council Pro Tempore Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilwoman Dr. Monica Newton, 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. Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen was absent from the Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Pro Tempore Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the agenda items as written. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After approval of the agenda, Council Pro Tempore Williamson asked for the approval of the minutes of February 23, 2010 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**CITIZENS' REQUEST**

Ms. LaFawnda Watson, The Selma Children's Museum  
Re: Waiver of Building Usage Fee (*Performing Arts Center*)

Ms. Watson stated she was before the Council, seeking approval from the Council for the fee to be waived at the Performing Arts Center, for the "*Children's Film Festival*", this Summer, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and July 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Ms. Watson further stated the "*Children's Film Festival*" will feature over Twenty (20) films, with Seventeen (17) of them being Rated G, two (2) are rated PG, and one (1) is rated PG 13. Ms. Watson stated said "*Children's Film Festival*" will be free, and Open to the Public. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to waive the Building Usage Fee at the Performing Arts Center, to allow for the "*Children's Film Festival*", on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and July 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

Ms. Ella Lowry  
Re: Dogs Barking, and Trash in the Neighborhood

Mrs. Becky Nichols  
Re: Selma-Dallas Public Library - Utilities

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**PLAQUE IN HONOR OF MR. ADOLPH JAMES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, HAVING SERVED THE CITY OF SELMA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.**

A. **Monthly Financial Report - February, 2010.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of February, 2010. Mayor Evans stated based upon our Y-T-D Total variance in sales tax collections, we have a deficit, and we are "short" in the amount of \$164,680.48, compared to this time last year.

B. **Police Department Reports - January and February, 2010.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Police Department Report, for January and February, 2010, which gives all of the incident report totals by percentages for each Ward, along with a copy of the Loud Noise Statistics. Mayor Evans further stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the months of January and February, 2010, and that Chief Riley is present tonight if the Council has any questions for him. Mayor Evans stated the report for January, 2010, has been revised, and the report for February, 2010, is also available for discussion at tonight's Council Meeting. Council Pro Tempore Williamson read the statistics, and stated that the Loud Noise Statistics reflect in the Loud Noise Incident Report, a total of 35 Loud Music Incidents reported, with 9 Loud Noise Citations given; 2 in Wards 3 and 4, respectively, 3 in Ward 6, and 1 each in Ward 7 and Ward 8, in one month. Council Pro Tempore Williamson further stated there was a total of 34 Loud Music Incidents reported in another month, with 5 Loud Noise Citations given; 2 in Ward 6, 1 in Ward 7, and 2 in Ward 8.

C. **Code Enforcement Reports - February, 2010.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of all of the identified properties in the City, for the Month of February, 2010, which they have just received today, for their review. Mayor Evans further stated that the Staff of Code Enforcement has been re-located from the Franklin Street location, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, here at City Hall, as of last week. Mayor Evans stated that he has made a change, and that Sgt. Reginald Fitts will no longer be working with Code Enforcement, and that Sgt. Natasha Rozzell will be working with Code Enforcement in his place.

D. **Update - Traffic Light Cameras.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he and Mr. Graham Champion had met again, and that they are still trying to assess the traffic light situation in our City. Mayor Evans further stated Mr. Champion is planning to do a tentative traffic survey, beginning tomorrow for the purpose of testing whether or not the "test" locations are locations that we have problems with high traffic violators. Mayor Evans stated that before we take this to the Legislature, it will have to be published in the local newspaper and it is going to cost about \$8,166.00 to run in the newspaper for four (4) weeks, and right now we just do not have that kind of money to do that. Mayor Evans further stated he is trying to find a way to get the money to fund the cost of this to be published in the newspaper. Mayor Evans stated during this "test", there will be no tickets issued; this is just a "pilot" program at this time. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to move forward with the traffic light camera Legislation, and to allow the survey of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw to table this item at this time, until the Council can look at where the funds will come from for the cost of the traffic light cameras, but the motion failed due to lack of a second. A roll call vote was then taken on the original motion, and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilwoman Benjamin and Councilwoman Crenshaw each cast a nay vote.

E. **#R182-09/10 - Appointment of Alisa T. Summerville to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority, Board of Directors.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R182-09/10, Appointment of Alisa T. Summerville to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority, Board of Directors. Mayor Evans further stated this item had been brought before the Council and Tabled, during the last Council Meeting, in an effort to get some matters clarified, and that that has been taken care of. Mayor Evans stated he is asking Council's consideration of Resolution #R182-09/10, approving the Appointment of Alisa T. Summerville to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority, Board of Directors. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Resolution #R182-09/10, Appointment of Alisa T. Summerville to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority, Board of Directors, replacing Mr. Frank J. Smith. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. **New World Systems Budgetary Hardware - Proposal.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets information as it relates to the New World Systems Budgetary Hardware Contract. Mayor Evans further stated this is an upgrade of the Contract that we already have in place, and that this component was put into the Bond for said upgrade at the Selma Police Department. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Chief Riley was here if they had questions, along with Ms. Vesta Broady and Mr. Craig Bickley, of New World, and asked that they come forward to address the Council, who may have had questions. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration to approve the continuation of the Contract for the New World Systems Budgetary Hardware, in the amount of \$293,300.00, for the upgrade. Attorney Nunn was also asked to address the Council who had questions as it relates to the Contract. Ms. Bessie Curtis

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and Mrs. Mal Harrison were also asked to come forward to address the Council, with questions that they had. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the New World Systems Budgetary Hardware Contract, in the amount of \$293,300.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. **New World Systems Mobile and Field Reporting Contract.** Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the New World Systems Mobile and Field Reporting Contract, in the amount of \$352,200.00, which was also discussed along with the New World Systems Budgetary Hardware Contract, for the Police Department Upgrade. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the New World Systems Mobile and Field Reporting Contract, in the amount of \$352,200.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. **#R186-09/10 - Summer Food Program, 2010.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R186-09/10, Summer Food Program, 2010. Mayor Evans further stated a budget has not been put together at this point, but will be similar to what we have done in the past for the Summer Food Program. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Resolution #R186-09/10, Summer Food Program, 2010. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

I. **#R179-09/10 - Award of Contract for Professional Services for Riverfront Walking and Bicycle Trail to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R179-09/10, Award of Contract for Professional Services for Riverfront Walking and Bicycle Trail to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. Mayor Evans stated Ms. Charlotte Griffeth was present at tonight's Council Meeting if the Council had questions, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R179-09/10, Award of Contract for Professional Services for Riverfront Walking and Bicycle Trail to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

J. **#R193-09/10 - Award of Contract to Northwest Building Supply & Equipment Rental, Incorporated.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R193-09/10, Award of Contract to Northwest Building Supply & Equipment Rental, Incorporated, in the amount of \$261,871.00, for construction of the Selma Historic Multi-Use Riverfront Trail, Phase I; further, pending ALDOT approval, with the specifications provided by Gresham, Smith and Partners. Mayor Evans further stated said contract expenses shall be encumbered via the ALDOT line item, and funds will be reimbursed from ALDOT based on an 80/20 match requirement. Ms. Charlotte Griffeth addressed the Council with answers to questions that they had concerning said Resolution #R193-09/10. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R193-09/10, Award of Contract to Northwest Building Supply and Equipment, Rental, in the amount of \$261,871.00, for construction of the Selma Historic Multi-Use Riverfront Trail, Phase I, pending ALDOT approval, with the specifications provided by Gresham, Smith and Partners, and, further, that contract expenses shall be encumbered via the ALDOT line item, and funds reimbursed from ALDOT based on an 80/20 match requirement. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Council Pro Tempore Williamson and Councilman Bowie each cast a nay vote.

K. **#R194-09/10, Award of Contract to Alabama Power Company.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a copy of Resolution #R194-09/10, Award of Contract to Alabama Power Company, which represents the City of Selma being the recipient of a \$400,000.00 Omnibus Appropriation through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Relocation of Overhead Utilities to Underground in two (2) blocks of Water Avenue. Further, the Alabama Power Company has reviewed the proposed scope of work and submitted three (3) options to the City, and following careful review along with a professional engineering firm the City has chosen Proposal "C" in the amount of \$300,000.00, which outlines all specifications and requirements for the scope of work. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R194-09/10, Award of Contract to Alabama Power Company. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

L. **#R195-09/10 - Award of Contract to BellSouth Communications.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R195-09/10 represents another utility, BellSouth Communications, that has to go underground, as it relates to the Water Avenue Utility Relocation Project, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R195-09/10, Award of Contract to BellSouth Communications. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

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M. #R196-09/10 - Award of Contract to Charter Communications. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R196-09/10 represents another utility, Charter Communications, that has to go underground, as it relates to the Water Avenue Utility Relocation Project, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R196-09/10, Award of Contract to Charter Communications. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.

N. #R197-09/10 - Award of Contract to Pine Belt Broadcasting. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R197-09/10 represents another utility, Pine Belt Broadcasting, that has to go underground, as it relates to the Water Avenue Utility Relocation Project, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R197-09/10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

O. #R187-09/10 - Award of Contract for Police Package Motorcycles' Bid to Lee Kawasaki Company. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R187-09/10, Award of Contract for the Police Package Motorcycles' Bid to Lee Kawasaki Company, in the amount of \$39,000.00, which was part of the Bond, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R187-09/10, Award of Contract for the Police Package Motorcycles' Bid, to Lee Kawasaki Company, in the amount of \$39,000.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

P. #R188-09/10 - Award of Contract for Police Package Mid-Size Sedans to Turner Chevrolet Buick Company. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R188-09/10, Award of Contract for the Police Package Mid-Size Sedans to Turner Chevrolet Buick Company, in the amount of \$57,747.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve Resolution #R188-09/10, in the amount of \$57,747.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Q. #R189-09/10 - Award of Contract to Police Package Vehicle SUV's to Turner Chevrolet Buick Company. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R189-09/10, Award of Contract for the Police Package Vehicle SUV's to Turner Chevrolet Buick Company, in the amount of \$248,386.59. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R189-09/10, in the amount of \$248,386.59. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

R. Rejection of Bids - Selma Police Department - Police Package Sedans. Mayor Evans stated to Council that after discussion of the Police Package Sedans' Bid with Chief Riley, they are both of the opinion that said Bid should be rejected, due to the high bid amount that came in, and that it should be re-bid out in the near future. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to reject the Police Package Sedans' Bid, with the understanding that they will move forward and re-bid said item out. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

S. #R190-09/10, #R191-09/10, and #R192-09/10, Recreation Department Equipment Bids. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets information as it relates to Bids that were sent out with regard to Equipment for the Recreation Department. Coach Elton Reece was asked to come forward and address the Council who may have had questions as it relates to the Equipment Bids. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to accept all three (3) Resolutions; namely, Resolution #R190-09/10, Award of Recreation Department Equipment Contract to Sports Supply Group, d/b/a BSN Sports; #R191-09/10, Award of Recreation Department Power Rake Contract, to Beard Equipment Company, and Resolution #R192-09/10, Award of Recreation Department Vacuum Trash Vehicle Contract to Tennant Company. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

T. #R198-09/10 - Award of Fire Department Pumper Truck Contract Bid to Pro-Fire Equipment Company (Pierce Fire Apparatus). Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets Resolution #R198-09/10, Award of Fire Department Pumper Contract Bid to Pro-Fire Equipment Company (Pierce Fire Apparatus), in the amount of \$394,569.00, and asked Council's consideration of the same. Chief Stokes was asked to come forward and address the Council, and offer an explanation as it relates to the Pumper Truck. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R198-09/10, Award of Fire Department Pumper Contract Bid to Pro-Fire Equipment Company (Pierce Fire Apparatus), in the amount of \$394,569.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

U. #R199-09/10 - Award of Fire Department Rescue Truck Contract Bid to Custom Works Company. Chief Stokes addressed the Council, with an explanation of Resolution #R199-09/10, Award of Fire Department Rescue Truck Contract Bid to Custom Works Company, in the amount of \$194,855.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R199-09/10, Award of Fire Department Rescue Truck Contract Bid to Custom Works Company, in the amount of \$194,855.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

V. Proposals for Demolition of Building - 2720 Etheridge Avenue. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them copies of three (3) proposals as it relates to the cost to demolish the property located at 2720 Etheridge Avenue, which was given to the City a few months ago. Mayor Evans further stated it is his recommendation to proceed with the proposal from D.C. Tolver Construction Company, in the amount of \$1,377.77. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to accept the proposal for demolition of the property located at 2720 Etheridge Avenue, in the amount of \$1,377.77. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

W. Update - York Street Extension. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them information as it relates to the York Street Extension, which was submitted by Mr. Ray Hogg. Mayor Evans further stated that according to Mr. Hogg's correspondence, bids were received, and the lowest bid was from Tri-County Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$17,980.00 for the York Street Extension Project. Mayor Evans stated that it was the recommendation of Mr. Ray Hogg and his, to accept the bid from Tri-County Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$17,980.00. Mayor Evans further stated that the cost for this project can come out of Gasoline Tax, according to Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, and he asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to accept the bid from Tri-County Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$17,980.00, for the York Street Extension Project. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, she is voting for Tri-County Construction, LLC, at this time, with the understanding that she needs to know who that Company is.

X. Countdown to Census Day, April 1, 2010. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he just wanted to remind everybody of how critical it is for us to fill out the Census Form, and get it sent back in. Mayor Evans urged all of our Citizens to complete the form, and get it sent back in; ten (10) questions, 10 minutes to complete it!

Y. Bush Hog - Update. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has had about 5 meetings with different individuals on Griffin Street, and some of the other streets, to try and find a solution/compromise to the street closings in the Bush Hog area. Mayor Evans further stated his intent all along has been to try and find a "happy medium". Mayor Evans stated he has been working very hard with the Economic Development Authority (E.D.A.), as well as, Representatives of Bush Hog and Council Members, and Residents of that area, to try to find a way to reach a point of compromise for everyone involved. Mayor Evans further stated he met with the Selma Housing Authority to see if it was possible that some of the Citizens would be willing to relocate, but that was not something that the Citizens wanted. Mayor Evans stated to Council that as can be seen from the diagram that has just been handed to them, one option is to extend Etheridge Avenue back to the Bypass, where there will be access for the neighborhood to have a "way" out, and not feel "boxed" in. Mayor Evans further stated another option would be if individuals would be willing to sell their homes at Fair Market Price, and move some place else, and a street be placed from Griffin Street, straight into Etheridge Avenue. Mayor Evans stated at this point there are no individuals who are willing to sell their property; at this point we are at a "stand still", where this option is concerned. Mayor Evans further stated he is looking at the options of off of Griffin Street possibly into Etheridge Avenue using the Bypass way; or, either going out by Jeff Davis Avenue (J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard). Mayor Evans stated there is a section of Etheridge Avenue, where there are no homes in that section, and he asked the question of whether or not they would do something about the building in that location, tearing it down possibly, and placing a Park in the area; the Citizens would have the opportunity to go in and out of that area whereby nobody will have to be relocated, but Bush Hog was not receptive to that. Further, Bush Hog stated that it would cost about a half of million dollars to tear that building down. Mayor Evans stated this particular property goes from Griffin Street to J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, based upon the Railroad Company allowing us to put the road through the track. Mayor Evans further stated the cost to put the street in would be \$146,500.00; extending Etheridge Avenue out to the Bypass would cost \$245,000.00 to build that street for access. Mayor Evans stated the funds to do this would come from private enterprises who are willing to help, along with the City and the County giving some funds, and E.D.A. is willing to go to their Board for assistance for this Project. Mayor Evans stated that Bush Hog has also offered to help to defray the costs involved with this Project, as well. . During discussion, Councilman Tucker stated to Mayor Evans and the Council, that he had planned to ask for the Council to take action at tonight's Council meeting, with an "up" or "down" vote, but this is the first time that he has seen the Plan that was just presented, and he feels that they need to have a meeting and have dialogue with the Citizens of that area, along with Councilman Randolph, to discuss this Plan further.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. **Update - Police Jurisdiction.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the question was asked by Councilwoman Newton, concerning the Police Jurisdiction, and after research, he found that the Police Jurisdiction is established by Law under Section 11-40-10, which states that if towns are more than a population of 6,000 people, then the Police Jurisdiction is set by State Law at 3 Miles, and if it is under 6,000, then it is set at 1.5 miles Police Jurisdiction. Attorney Nunn stated the Police Jurisdiction cannot be reduced by the Council. Attorney Nunn further stated said Section of Law states that the Police Jurisdiction Levy may not exceed one-half of the amount that is collected within the City of Selma, and that is where we have an Ordinance to that effect, which states we will provide services out there, and collect one-half of whatever we collect within the Municipality. Attorney Nunn stated that we are already collecting what we can from the Police Jurisdiction.

B. **Alcoholic Beverage License - Bryant Pritchett, Sr. - Lawrence Street Grocery - 1432 Lawrence Street.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Retail Beer and Table Wine for Off Premises Only, to be located at 1432 Lawrence Street; namely, Lawrence Street Grocery. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Lawrence Street Grocery, on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Council Pro Tempore Williamson cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is yes in order for this to be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, but that she does not vote in favor of liquor licenses to go directly into a neighborhood.

C. **Alcoholic Beverage License - Barbara Gilmore - Fire House 910 - 910 Landline Road.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License, to be located at 910 Landline Road; namely, Fire House 910. Attorney Nunn stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Fire House 910, on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes and one nay vote. Council Pro Tempore Williamson cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is yes to place it on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, but with the understanding that if there are homes and children in that neighborhood, she will not vote to place it in a neighborhood.

D. **Hearing on Vacation of Streets Near and Around Bush Hog/Alamo.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we had a Public Hearing on this evening at 4:00 p.m., and there were several people to come before the Council to discuss their concerns, as it relates to the vacation of streets near and around Bush Hog/Alamo. Attorney Nunn further stated Mayor Evans made a presentation to the Council, along with his recommendation as it relates to the vacation of streets near and around Bush Hog/Alamo. Attorney Nunn stated, as was stated during the Public Hearing, his office did post the Notice at the Courthouse and here at City Hall; contacted all of the abutting land owners and, also via certified mail, contacted any facilities who may have had equipment and/or utilities near or by the area in which we are considering on vacating the streets. Attorney Nunn further stated said Notice also ran in the Selma Times-Journal four (4) consecutive weeks, and at this point, it is before the Council to consider whether or not to vacate the streets at this point. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to Table this item until the next Council Meeting, to allow another meeting with the Citizens of that area. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and three nay votes. Council Pro Tempore Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, and Councilwoman Dr. Newton each cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is yes only because she heard the Councilman say that there may be new information, but that these people who are in the audience are very intelligent, and understand everything that was presented to them tonight. Further, that she thinks they can move forward with it but she is going to give them more time to decide how they plan to vote because she is thinking that that is the issue, and not whether the people understand.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

I. **NOISE ORDINANCE**

Council Pro Tempore Williamson stated the noise certainly continues to be a problem in the City, and there seems to be reluctance to do anything about it, and that we have all kinds of problems with noise but can not seem to get anything done about it.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**II. LITTER FREE EVENTS**

Councilwoman Keith stated to Council Pro Tempore Williamson that she would like to see an Ordinance enacted that all of our events that happen within the City Limits, be "Litter Free" Events, which means that we have special containers put up for litter; special containers for recycling. Councilwoman Keith further stated she would like to see recyclable containers be placed in all City and Public Buildings, by June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Councilwoman Keith stated she would like to work with the City Attorney to get this done. Councilwoman Newton stated that she has spoken with the Auntie Litter Organization, and it is \$250.00 per school, and that the most they can do is three (3) schools per day, and if there are more than three (3) she will have to stay over for the night. Councilwoman Newton asked for a Show of Hands of Council Members who would be interested in participating with the "Auntie Litter" Organization in their Wards; namely, Councilman Bowie, Councilwoman Keith, Councilman Randolph, Councilwoman Dr. Newton, Council Pro Tempore Williamson, and Councilwoman Benjamin. Councilwoman Dr. Newton stated if "Auntie Litter" has to stay the night, she will cover her expenses for the night, because she thinks that is important especially if they are committing to use their Discretionary Funds for that. Councilwoman Dr. Newton asked the Council Members to speak to the schools within their Wards, to coordinate the Project, and that she would make the arrangements and E-Mail that information to them.

**III. BALLING FOR HAITI FUNDRAISER**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the scheduled date for March 20<sup>th</sup> will likely change because the County and the City still need to meet, and that the date will be forthcoming.

**IV. UPDATE ON OLD AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Children and Families' Committee will be doing Community Meetings throughout the Communities, inviting parents and students, to discuss "Community Needs".

Councilwoman Newton stated that she is still trying to make contact with Ms. McKinney of the Y.M.C.A., as it relates to a "Ground" Clean-Up Day, possibly to be able to do it sometime in May; further, that she is hoping to get two (2) Saturday dates for that.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman**

No Report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman**

No Report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman**

Councilman Randolph made a report.

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairperson**

No Report.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson**

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

**SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairperson**

No report.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*