

**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 14, 2005  
5:00 P.M.**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present during roll call: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean T. Martin, Dr. Geraldine Allen, Johnnie M. Leashore, Jannie Venter and Bennie R. Crenshaw. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell and the Mayor's Secretary Darlene Rudolph. Councilman Randolph was absent during roll call, arriving later at 6:49 p.m. Father Carroll Flourde gave the invocation.

Meditation - Selma High School Choir  
Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

President Evans due to the problem with the last agenda his order of business is to look at each item and be sure of what the Council wants on the agenda for the sake of peace and harmony. President Evans individually announced each item prior to approval of the agenda.

Additions: COLA (include with Administrative items III through VII)

Deletions: II - Crescent Hill Drive Update

X - Drug Task Force

XIX - Report On Travel

XXIII - Selma Public Library Power Bill

Following discussion of the agenda, a motion was made by Councilwoman Venter and seconded by Councilwoman Allen to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with a majority vote (show of hands) of the Council members present. There were six ayes, one abstention and one nay. Leashore abstained from voting and Crenshaw cast a nay vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Cain stated he has received the final copy of the minutes and he would like to have his statement included in its entirety in item number seventeen of the minutes. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the minutes of the meeting for October 24, 2005 without any corrections. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council members present. A motion was then made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Williamson to table the approval of the minutes based on the corrections to be outlined for approval at the next Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were five ayes and three nays. Leashore, Crenshaw and Venter each cast nay votes.

**I. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Tax Resolution - Dr. James Carter. Mayor Perkins stated Dr. James Carter, Selma City School Superintendent, would like to come forward to address the Council. Dr. Carter addressed the Council stating he would like to ask the Council to consider initiating the process to renew the 7.4 mill taxes for the purpose of continuing to generate revenue for the Selma City School System. Dr. Carter further stated this tax was negotiated in 1954. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to acknowledge and accept the request from Dr. Carter. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

B. Minutes of the Meeting. Mayor Perkins stated as a point of clarification and to acknowledge that the minutes of the October 24, 2005 meeting were prepared and distributed to the Council and Mayor on October 31, 2005, which was seven days after the last meeting.

C. Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority Board Appointment. Mayor Perkins stated the Council has a copy of a communications action item regarding the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority Board Appointment. Mayor Perkins stated the nominee for this board appointment is Dr. James Mitchell, who will serve the term of May 17, 2003 through May 16, 2009, by the authority under the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority bylaws, Article III, section I, respectfully submitted. Mayor Perkins further stated the said nominee will replace Mr. John Pilcher, and he asks the Council favorable consideration of the recommendation. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to accept the nominee recommendation for Dr. Mitchell to serve this appointment. The motion carried with a majority vote (show of hands) of the Council members present. There were seven ayes and one nay. Williamson cast a nay vote.

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D. IT Department Development. Mayor Perkins stated if the Council recalls, at the last Council meeting a proposal was submitted to the Council to formulate an Information Technology Department within the City of Selma, and he trusts the Council has reviewed this information and asks the Council favorable consideration at this time. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the development of the IT Department. President Evans asked if this would include any expenditure changes. Mayor Perkins stated it would include moving some funds around and the attached correspondence shows the from and to on the proposal. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were seven ayes and one nay. Cain cast a nay vote.

E. Police Coverage at Council Meetings. Mayor Perkins stated President Evans asked for police coverage at Council meetings and he would like the record to reflect that there are two sworn police officers in the chambers, Chief Jimmy Martin and Officer James Walker. Mayor Perkins stated he asked that they be in plain clothes, however, the request has been complied with.

F. Special Projects Account Report. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to start by acknowledging the date on this report that he received from Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, City Treasurer. Mayor Perkins stated the date of this report is November 2, 2005 and was received in his office on November 3, 2005, which was dropped off in his office by Ms. Mitchell prior to going on her vacation. Mayor Perkins stated he reviewed the information, but had some questions, and he held the report until he could get answers from Ms. Mitchell, who returned from her vacation on today, November 14, 2005. Mayor Perkins stated this report responds in total to all of the transactions that occurred with the Special Projects accounts, and he would like to read this information into the record. Following reading of the memo, Mayor Perkins stated Ms. Mitchell prepared this report in response to his request to document the expenditures from that account for that fiscal year. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to go through the spreadsheet that Ms. Mitchell prepared showing the in and out of all transactions. Mayor Perkins read through the spreadsheet starting with the original adopted budget of \$8,000.00 through the balance of \$14,684.45. Mayor Perkins stated he trusts this answers the questions.

Mayor Perkins further stated all contracts that are executed as a consequence of any expense that comes out of this account is brought before this Council. Mayor Perkins stated since he has been Mayor, it has always been that way, and it has been the practice of this City that the Mayor would use the special projects account in the general accounting process just as the Council uses theirs, but when there are instances where contracts are involved, they would be brought to the Council for approval and in every instance that has been done. Mayor Perkins stated he does not know what else to say about this matter, but he will just say now that if asked about this matter again, his response would be asked and answered.

President Evans stated he appreciates the mayor and his staff for the detail report on this matter. Following further discussion, Councilman Williamson asked where did the \$10,000.00 come from. Mayor Perkins stated we were not having a lot of public discussion about this transaction; we simply came in and made the motion to deal with it because it was a part of the Economic Development project, and the existing special projects was used for the mayor to deal with those kinds of transactions, including the \$13,900.00 for the school system. Councilman Williamson asked if it came from the unappropriated funds that the City has. Mayor Perkins concurred. Councilman Williamson stated that is all he needed to know.

Councilman Cain stated he would like to commend Mayor Perkins and he appreciates his comments and the information provided; it is very self-explanatory. Councilman Cain also stated this information tells him actually what is going on with the account and gives him a greater understanding of that specific special project account and how the money is being used in it, so he would just like to say thank you.

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would like to accept the mayor's report so that at the next Council meeting it will not be still on the agenda and a new issue brought to the Council. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Leashore to accept the report given by Mayor Perkins. Councilwoman Venter amended the motion to state that this item will not surface on the agenda again. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were six ayes and two nays. Williamson and Cain cast nay votes.

G. Misunderstanding of Comment. Mayor Perkins stated he wants to address what he perceives as misunderstandings about his comment specific to the mayor does not work for the

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Council. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to clarify that and he referred the Council to the A. G. Opinion dated May 6, 1977, which he read to the Council. Councilman Leashore stated he would like to add to the information read by the mayor, from the Selected Readings for Municipal Officials from the Alabama League of Municipalities, page 27, which he also read to the Council. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated he raised this issue because of a couple of reasons, one is because of discussions centered around many of these items and also because of written correspondence that he has received and city employees have received from Council members giving directives and issuing instructions. Mayor Perkins stated he is simply saying that the mayor/council form of government is not the same as a board/CEO structure, the mayor does not report to the Council.

Mayor Perkins stated he also raised the issue so that we can go back to address ordinance #O102-04/05, because according to the A. G. Opinion, there are some aspects of this ordinance that are null and void and he asks that the Council goes back and revisit this issue so that this can be clear. Councilman Williamson stated the Selma code clearly says that the Council can request department heads to appear, and the State code saying that the Council can subpoena any city employee; he stated he guarantees that the A. G. Opinion does not negate the *Code of Alabama* and he does not think it will negate a local ordinance. Councilman Williamson stated he believes what needs to be done is to ask the A. G. for an opinion if the 1977 opinion negates the Selma City ordinance. President Evans stated he would like to ask City Attorney Jimmy Nunn to seek an opinion of the A. G. based on whether the State code is in effect based on comments from Councilman Williamson, and whether the City code supersede codes of the State.

Attorney Nunn stated sometimes people misinterpret the law and what has been done is that the handout, as it relates to the State code, is just a portion of the law, but he has copies for the Council of the entire article so that the Council can see what it applies to instead of taking just a piece of it and applying it to make it fit a particular situation. Attorney Nunn read as per his handout from Article 8, Section 11-43-160 and Section 11-43-161, and he stated this information has nothing to do with getting a department head to the Council meeting.

**H. Contract - Electrical Work on Power Poles for Christmas Trees Lights.** Mayor Perkins stated the Council has been given copies of a memo from the Office of Planning & Development requesting that the City enters a contract to have electrical work done for the additional Christmas Trees lights that are being installed. Mayor Perkins stated he asks the Council to favorably consider this contract in the amount of \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the said contract. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilman Randolph has arrived in the Chambers at this time.

**I. Contract - DHL Analytical Laboratory, Inc.** Mayor Perkins stated this contract was presented to the Council at the last meeting, he has attached the communications that further explains the source of funds for this transaction and he respectfully request the Council vote to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the said contract. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were seven ayes and two nays. Williamson and Cain cast nay votes.

**J. Statement from Mr. Daryl Thomas.** Mayor Perkins stated he has been asked to read a statement to the Council on behalf of Mr. Daryl Thomas. The statement is attached.

**K. Classification Pay Plan Proposal.** Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask Ms. Jones and Ms. Diane Clark to come forward to address the Council regarding the City's pay plan. Ms. Jones addressed the Council stating she would like to introduce Ms. Diane Clark, Decisions, Inc. Consultant, who has been working with the City on various projects roughly about ten years. Ms. Clark addressed the Council stating a proposed pay plan has been passed to the Council and currently the police and fire departments have a plan whereby their personnel have a pay range for each classification and this proposal contains a pay range for all City of Selma employees. Ms. Clark stated a pay plan is just that - - a pay plan, it is not a cost of living increase, and it is not designed to give raises, but what it attempts to do is come up with a structure that is fair and equitable for all employees. Ms. Clark stated some employees may receive a substantial increase where others may only receive a few dollars per year, and what has been done is that employees have been moved to the step closest to their current pay without being less than their current pay, and when you use that kind of a rule, those things just happen, so other means were looked at and

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what this quotes provides for a minimum of a three percent increase for all employees. Ms. Clark further stated there are four pay structures; general pay structure, police pay structure, fire pay structure, and the executive pay structure for appointed employees, which is a little different from the others. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated his goal was to have this plan to the Council by the first Council meeting in November, review and have approved by the second Council meeting in November, and if this is successful he has asked the staff to try to expedite the implementation of the plan to have in place by the first payroll in December. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask the Council if they would be sensitive and considerate, because we are dealing with payroll issues and personnel issues and he asks that the Council would respect his request and not debate this in a public forum or with the press, but to hammer out the details in the appropriate meeting to see if a consensus can be developed without insulting or embarrassing people. Councilman Leashore asked if it could be made a matter of record that this Council will not engage in any discussion pertaining to this pay plan to the press or anyone else until it has been approved or disapproved by the Council. President Evans stated the Council would have a work session on Monday, November 21, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the implementation of the pay plan.

**II. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. **Hearing - Vacation of Street.** Attorney Nunn stated a hearing has been scheduled as it relates to the vacation of a street that has been published in the newspaper for five o'clock. Attorney Nunn stated the Council has been given copies of a petition to vacate a portion of a city alley. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Allen to approve the said vacation of a street. The motion carried with a majority vote (show of hands) of the Council. There were eight ayes and one nay. Leashore cast a nay vote due to this petition involving his church. Mayor Perkins stated there are three members of the Water Board present and there was some question of the Board possibly owning a portion of that property, but there was no opposition expressed from the majority of the members of the Water Board who were present.

B. **Resolution - K-9 Purchase Request.** Attorney Nunn stated during the last Council meeting, the Council stated they would proceed with allowing Sergeant Hopkins to have the K-9 on October 30, 2005 upon his retirement. Attorney Nunn stated an A. G. Opinion stated that the City could do this but there would have to be a value set to the K-9. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Cain to grant Sgt. Hopkins the opportunity to purchase from the City of Selma, Police Department, for a reasonable value in the amount of \$100.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

C. **Changing Council Meetings.** Attorney Nunn distributed copies to the Council for informational purposes to be discussed later in this meeting. Attorney Nunn stated he has spoken with the A. G. for an opinion, as it relates to the same, and it has been noted that it is within the authority of the Council to make this change if they wish by amending the ordinance.

D. **Petition to Vacate an Alley Hearing Request.** Attorney Nunn stated he asks the Council to consider this petition at a hearing on December 12, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Attorney Nunn stated this notice would be published in the newspaper four times, on November 20, 2005, November 27, 2005, December 4, 2005, and December 11, 2005.

E. **Alabama Beverage Control Board (ABC) Letter.** Attorney Nunn stated if the Council recalls, a request was made at the last Council meeting to write a letter to the Alabama Beverage Control Board. Attorney Nunn stated a letter was drafted to the attention of Mr. John Richardson; however, he has not received a response as it relates to the letter at this time. Attorney Nunn stated the Council has been given a copy of the letter.

F. **Ordinance - Amending the Garbage Ordinance.** Attorney Nunn stated the Council is asked to place this ordinance on first reading, which is an amendment to the Garbage Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to place the said ordinance on first reading to vote on at the next Council meeting on November 28, 2005. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present. Venter was absent from the chambers momentarily at the time this vote was taken.

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**G. Resolution - Retirees Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).** Attorney Nunn stated this resolution is dealing with the retirees' cost of living adjustment requested by the Council for review. Attorney Nunn stated two resolutions have been prepared by his office, one as it relates to declining to come under the provisions of section 6 of Act 316 of the first special session of the 2005 legislature, and one electing to come under the provisions. Councilwoman Allen stated following an Administrative Committee meeting the committee recommends to the Council that there be no new changes to COLA at this time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the said resolution declining to come under this provision. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council. Venter has returned to the chambers.

**H. Liquor License Applications Placed on First Reading.** Attorney Nunn stated during the last Council meeting two liquor licenses were presented to the Council for approval. Attorney Nunn read as per minutes of the last meeting, that both licenses were placed on first reading and he asks the Council approval or denial of the said liquor licenses: (1) 12<sup>th</sup> Stone, 1408 Water Avenue and (2) El Charro, 211 Highland Avenue. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to table both liquor licenses until the necessary forms have been obtained. The motion carried with a majority vote (show of hands) of the Council. There were seven ayes and two nays. Williamson and Cain cast nay votes.

**I. Liquor License Application.** Attorney Nunn stated the Council has copies of a liquor license application as it relates to Islander Steak and Seafood Restaurant located at 1629 West Highland Avenue. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Allen to place this liquor license on first reading. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**J. Contract for Services.** Attorney Nunn stated he is presently working on the agency contracts and they should be completed with all signatures by the next Council meeting.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**III. REVISIT CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

President Evans stated he would like the Council to consider placing the citizens' requests back to the beginning of the meeting prior to the Mayor's report. Mayor Perkins stated, as a point of order, he would like to remind the Council that the order for meetings is a part of an ordinance and in order to make this change the ordinance would have to be changed. President Evans stated the motion could be that we vote to amend the ordinance, and when in written form, take a vote to suspend the rules to approve at the next meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Cain to amend the ordinance to change this order of business pertaining to the citizens' request and any other items in the ordinance to be addressed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATES**

Councilwoman Allen stated copies of the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting has been given to each Council member. Councilwoman Allen discussed the following items as per the attached agenda:

1. St. James Hotel Update
2. Good Samaritan Hospital Update
3. Report Of Collection Of Outstanding Garbage Fees
4. Report Of Collection Of Outstanding Traffic Citations
5. Enforcement of City Ordinances and Codes
6. Clarity Of City Owned Property
7. Cola
8. City's Pay Plan
9. Applications for Liquor License
10. School Ad Valorem Tax
11. Department Heads meet with Council in Work Session

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**V. INERT LANDFILL RELOCATION**

President Evans stated per Mayor Perkins, if approved and specifications met, the relocation of the landfill will be behind the old All-Lock Building, but the Mayor will bring this information to the Council for approval when available.

**VI. COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

President Evans stated the Council has agreed to potentially try to have a work session on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would like to see the Council work through this work session first and then revisit the issue on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

**VII. TRAVEL**

Councilman Williamson stated it was done once last year and he would like the Council to consider doing each time, that is, when the Council goes on trips to come back and make a report to the Council, maybe three to five minutes, regarding what was learned on that trip, and perhaps give some ideas that would benefit our city. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she believes that every time the Council has gone on a trip that some form of report was given in terms of what that person felt was important to them. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated those who travel will report back, as they have done in the past.

**VIII. BUDGET REVENUES AND MEMORANDUM SENT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilman Cain stated his second issue has been answered, but he has a question regarding the budget revenues that was passed for this fiscal year. Councilman Cain stated he is aware of the smoking ordinance being passed and he wondered if there is an explanation for the tobacco tax that says other, and cigarette tax that says city share, that shows an increase of \$46,000 in revenues, which is quite significant especially since we have many restaurants under the smoking ordinance, and he would like to know where this extra income will be truly realized or come from with an explanation. Councilman Cain stated he would also like to know when the \$100,000.00 in equipment sales revenue would be realized. President Evans asked if Mayor Perkins and Ms. Mitchell would give the Council an update on this issue. Mayor Perkins stated these numbers are estimates and will be monitored throughout the year.

**IX. APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARD VS. ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD**

Councilwoman Allen stated everything was done necessary to allow the public to have an input on this matter. Councilwoman Allen stated several public forums were held and a very thorough investigation of this possibility was done, and at the conclusion there was no evidence that there needed to be a change.

**X. CHANGING BI-MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM MONDAY TO TUESDAY**

President Evans stated that so much goes on on Monday evenings, but there has been a formal request that the Council consider moving their meetings to Tuesday. President Evans stated if there is any member who feels that the meeting should be moved to another night and give rational and reason, let it be discussed. Councilwoman Martin stated she would like to make a request that the meeting remains on Monday nights. Some Council members voiced concurrence.

**XI. COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Councilwoman Martin stated Councilwoman Crenshaw has served with this board for a long time and very well and they have asked they she is nominated for reappointment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the reappointment of Councilwoman Crenshaw to the said board. Councilwoman Martin stated this appointment is for a term of two years. The motion carried with a majority vote (show of hands) of the Council. There were seven ayes and two nays. Williamson and Cain cast nay votes.

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**XII. YOUTH-IN-GOVERNMENT**

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she has not received names from all Council members. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would provide an agenda of all the activities the students will be participating in.

**XIII. DISASTER PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Evans stated each Council member has been given a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the disaster plan committee. President Evans stated this meeting was called during the time we were having a lot of hurricane situations in our area, and we are still in the hurricane season. President Evans stated the committee met and discussed the items per the attached report.

**XIV. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) UPDATE**

Councilman Cain stated he has questions and wants to know if he can get an update by the next Council meeting. Councilman Cain stated (1) It is indicated that the City would receive \$600,000.00 to \$900,000.00 from Hurricane Ivan; he stated he knows from reports that we have received about \$160,000.00, and he wants to know where we are on the insurance; (2) Need explanation of the expenses to general government line item for Hurricane Ivan. President Evans stated these questions would be noted for discussion at the next Council meeting. Mayor Perkins stated when the Council receives their monthly financial reports if they would look at fund 1.4002.15, proceeds from FEMA, he would suggest that if you want to track FEMA proceeds, please look at this account. Mayor Perkins stated he would not ask the staff to prepare a special report for something the Council receives every month.

**XV. CONTRACTS**

Councilman Williamson stated this item has been addressed, but he suggests that unless there is an emergency, that the Council receives them at one meeting and vote on them at the next meeting. Councilman Williamson stated certainly if it is an emergency the Council could deal with it at that time. Mayor Perkins stated he has consistently brought contracts and asked the Council to review and prepare to vote on at the next meeting. Mayor Perkins stated there are instances where he may get a contract a week prior to the meeting and he may place in the Council boxes with a note asking for review and in this instance he does not feel it is necessary to ask the Council to wait another two weeks to deal with that issue.

**XVI. ENVIRONMENTAL COURT**

Councilman Williamson stated about two Council meetings ago this item was referred to the Public Safety committee and he would like to know the status. Councilwoman Martin stated several years ago they tried to set up an environmental court, and it was done through Community Development. Councilwoman Venter stated this has been discussed in the Selma Pride Committee meeting and they are in the process of getting someone from Mobile to come and meet with them regarding this matter. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would get with Mr. Hicks and Mr. Moore and set this up by the next Council meeting.

**XVII. MR. THUNDER CRAIG'S LETTER**

President Evans stated the Council has been given copies of a letter from Mr. Thunder Craig regarding situations occurring in Ward 8. Councilwoman Venter stated this is her Ward and she would like to address the issue. Councilwoman Venter stated she feels this is being done to aggravate Mr. Craig, but now there are others who are responding to this matter. This letter was then discussed by the Council.

**CITIZEN REQUEST**

Minister Jackie Caldwell-Phillips  
Re: American Red Cross

Mr. Hodtric Robinson  
Re: CITY Program of Dallas County

**CITIZEN REQUEST**

Mrs. Latresha Woods  
Re: Selma High School Choir

Reverend Winston Williams  
Re: Selma/Dallas County Soccer Club and Alabama Black Belt Soccer Initiative

Mr. Jessie Williams  
Re: Closing Alley

Mrs. Nancy Sewell  
Re: Reading is Fundamental (RIF) (Presented by Councilwoman Martin)

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson**

Councilman Randolph stated this committee met on October 17, 2005 and they discussed the Recreation renovated park areas and operations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Dr. Geraldine Allen, Chairperson**

Councilwoman Allen stated her report has already been given during business items.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Reid Cain, Chairperson**

Councilman Cain stated the committee has tried to meet on several occasions and the committee failed to show up at any meetings. Councilman Cain stated since receiving letters from the members stated they were not interested in attending the meetings, but he will do whatever President Evans choose to do with the committee. During a lengthy discussion, President Evans asked if any other Council members would like to volunteer on this committee.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jean Martin, Chairperson**

Councilwoman Martin stated the City of Selma in conjunction with the Rotary Club and the Downtown Selma Association is hosting the official City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Reception to be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Leashore, Chairperson**

There is no report for the Public Works Committee.

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Crenshaw, Chairperson**

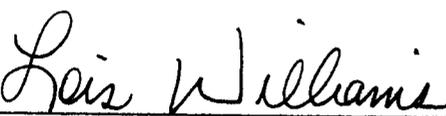
There is no report for the Discretionary Funds Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

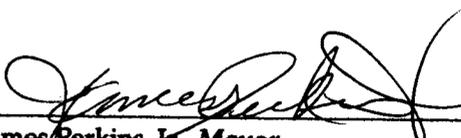
There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn this meeting at 10:21 p.m.

  
George P. Evans, President

ATTEST:

  
Lois Williams, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
James Perkins, Jr., Mayor