

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, July 14, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: President George P. Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Samuel Randolph, Bennie R. Crenshaw, Benny L. Tucker and James Durry. Others present were Acting City Clerk Lois Williams, Finance Director Vickey B. Locke, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, Mayor James Perkins, Jr. and the Mayor's Secretary, Heather McIntyre. Reverend Ernest Wright gave the invocation.

Recognition of 2003 City Baseball League winners.

After roll call, President Evans declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda prepared for this meeting. Councilwoman Franklin stated that the death penalty moratorium, President Evans stated that Selma native in the running for Miss America, and Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that Discretionary Funds should be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2003. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the minutes as recorded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the special called Council meeting held on Saturday, June 28, 2003. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Durry to adopt the minutes as recorded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

I. MR. CARL C. MORGAN, JR.

Mr. Carl C. Morgan, Jr. stated he was present before Council to make his monthly liaison report. Mr. Morgan's report consisted of the following items:

- Attended the city council meeting and reported normal activities.
- Went to Montgomery for AHC meeting.
- Visited all three of the farmers markets: Down South Selma and Thomaston. The rains have hurt the hay, soybeans, and cotton farmers, but the vegetable producers have not suffered as much.

II. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Defiant Run Program. Mayor Perkins stated that he thinks this will be an excellent program; Mayor Perkins stated that Mr. Frank Hardy has come forward and requested support of the Council. Mayor Perkins stated he is not clear of the meaning of "support", but he urges the Council to provide support when it is clearly defined. Mayor Perkins stated that he feels this program will have strong tourism and economic development potential for the community. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would like to request that Mayor Perkins meet with Mr. Hardy to find out more details about the program and bring additional information back to the Council, President Evans concurred.

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B. Action to Close Vine Street. Mayor Perkins stated that as you are aware, the Council has taken action to close Vine Street, between Selma Avenue and Jeff Davis Avenue, during the June 23, 2003 Council meeting. Mayor Perkins stated the action has been taken by Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department to move forward with that initiative. Mayor Perkins stated that a notice will be going out to the citizens, a statement has been made to the press, and this is an update to the Council. Councilman Durry stated there are citizens who live in that area who protests that they had not been informed of the closing. Mayor Perkins stated that the City was on notice by the courts that the area is a dangerous intersection and the City has done what is best for the safety and the welfare of the public. Mayor Perkins further stated that this matter has been publicly discussed several times, the Council voted on this action, and he believes the matter has been covered in the press.

III. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Petition - Dedication of Public Street. Attorney Nunn stated that Attorney McNeil is present as it relates to the petition for dedication of a public street that was discussed earlier during the work session. Attorney Nunn stated that Attorney McNeil is the attorney representing his client as to the dedication of the street and he would like to address the Council regarding the dedication. Attorney McNeil stated that this street is known as Office Park Circle and has previously been dedicated as a City street in the City of Selma, in 1966, it was used as a public street until 1998, when it was vacated by action of the Council because at that time the hospital owned all of the property. Attorney McNeil stated he is before the Council at this time to request that the street is rededicated as a public street. The offices are being sold to the physicians that are located in the area and they are concerned that they will have a public street serving their place of business. A motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to accept the rededicated of Office Park Circle as a public street. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

B. Resolution – Nextel – Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facility. Attorney Nunn stated that two resolutions have been presented to the Council as it relates to the 150-foot tower located at 2614 Citizens Parkway and the 250-foot tower located at 4 Marina Drive. Attorney Nunn stated that the Council should recall that an ordinance has been passed via Mr. Rusty Monroe, our consultant, as it relates to erection of towers within the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Greg Qualls would like to make a brief statement to the Council at this time. Mr. Qualls stated that he works with Mr. Monroe, who is the City's representative assisting with the tower ordinance and the regulations thereof. Mr. Qualls stated that there have been two applications for co-location on existing towers from Nextel for the above-mentioned locations, and they have met all aspects of the application process except for four items, which they have agreed to provide. Mr. Qualls stated that in light of these concerns and in an effort to move forward with this situation, his request is that the Council would adopt the resolution as presented with the understanding that the four items listed will be performed prior to issuance of Nextel's building permit. President Evans stated that Mr. Nunn should be made aware of the conditions met concerning the items listed on the resolution and Mr. Qualls concurred. Attorney Nunn stated that it is his recommendation that the Council adopts these two resolutions. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the resolution for 2614 Citizens Parkway. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the resolution for 4 Marina Drive Parkway. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

C. Ordinance – Public Indecency. Attorney Nunn stated that the next item on the agenda is an ordinance to provide prohibition of public indecency and to provide penalties for

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violations of this ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated that he is requesting the Council to place this ordinance on first reading until the next Council meeting at which time he will also request an ordinance number from the City Clerk's Office. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to place this ordinance on first reading. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

D. Ordinance – Regulation of Cable Rates. Attorney Nunn stated that the next item is an ordinance presented for the regulations for rates charged to cable television subscribers for basic service. Attorney Nunn stated that this ordinance provides a clause providing for publication of an effective date. Attorney Nunn stated that there are people who help with cable companies who take advantage of small cities. Attorney Nunn stated he requests the Council to leave this ordinance on first reading until he consults with these people. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Sexton to place this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Tucker stated if Attorney Nunn has spoken with the person whom the letter is addressed to at Charter Communications. Attorney Nunn stated that this is the first letter drafted and they have not contacted his office yet. Councilman Sexton asked if the phone numbers have been changed yet. Attorney Nunn stated that he checked the number again today by calling himself and there has been no change. After further discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

E. Selma Police Department Policies & Regulations Manual. Attorney Nunn stated that as it relates to the policies and regulations manual for the police department, he has forwarded a letter to Mayor Perkins and hopefully the next step will be meeting with the public safety committee to go over some of the recommendations and concerns he has as it relates to the manual. Attorney Nunn stated that following those meetings, it will be brought to the Council for approval or denial of the manual.

F. Letter – Pitts & Pitts. Attorney Nunn stated that a letter has been presented to the Council from the law firm of Pitts & Pitts regarding Mr. Rick Williams. Attorney Nunn stated that it is his recommendation that the Council does not approve a settlement of this claim in that amount until investigation and review of the medical bills and bring before the Council again. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to table the settlement of this claim until medical bills have been reviewed. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

G. 2003 Regular Session & 2003 First Special Session of the Alabama Legislature. Attorney Nunn stated that the Council has been presented with a copy of the final reports of the 2003 Regular Session and the 2003 Special Session of the Alabama Legislature that has been provided to the Council for their information.

IV. VEHICLES PARKED ON RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SIDEWALKS

Councilwoman Franklin stated that this is a terrible problem in Councilwoman Martin's ward and it is getting worse in other parts of the city as well. Councilwoman Franklin stated that one of the worse locations is at the corner of Dallas Avenue and Church Street. She also stated that this is a violation of the historic ordinance and it is also a violation of parking on the sidewalks and the ordinances need to be enforced. Councilwoman Franklin stated that the newspaper could help with the enforcement process by placing a notice in the paper, that would really be of good help to everyone and President Evans concurred. After further discussion, President Evans stated that help on this matter is appreciated and getting with our law enforcement to help as well.

V. E-911 COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Martin stated that the committee met with Mayor Perkins, Chief Green, Assistant Chief Jacobs, Fire Chief Allen, Councilman Randolph, Councilman Sexton and Mrs. Vickey Locke, Finance Director, during which Mayor Perkins gave an excellent overview of where the City stands right now with E-911, our feelings were expressed and our opinions were considered, but no action was taken since the members of the County Commission were not able to attend. Councilwoman Martin also stated that another meeting has been requested for a week from today, July 21, 2003. President Evans stated that he would ask the committee to certainly prepare to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting. Councilman Randolph stated that during the meeting they were made aware that the City pays over half of the E-911 services through our telephone bills and his opinion is that the E-911 Board should really try to work with the City on this situation. After further discussion, President Evans stated that he is of the impression that there are several options that can be considered by the Council and one of these options need to be decided on and move forward.

VI. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Councilwoman Franklin stated she would like an update on the status of this matter. Attorney Nunn stated that on last Thursday, July 10, 2003, all of the officers involved were contacted and they met with them in the chambers and distributed their checks and had them to sign the waiver. Attorney Nunn stated that all checks were distributed with the exception of two that needed to be verified. Mrs. Vickey Locke, Finance Director, concurred and stated that there were some concerns that required double-checking and some recalculations may need to be done, which Ms. Jones assisted with initially. President Evans stated he appreciated the work that has been done on this matter.

VII. PARK ENFORCEMENT – LAFAYETTE PARK

Councilwoman Franklin stated that problems still remain in this area with parking. Councilwoman Franklin stated that cars are staying parked there on both sides, it is a fire hazard and emergency vehicles cannot get through if there is an emergency. President Evans stated that he would like to ask Mayor Perkins to get with Chief Green to give the Council an update on the status of enforcement of all situations of this nature. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked why this area has not been sectioned off as a “no parking” zone. Councilwoman Franklin stated that signs are there. President Evans asked Mayor Perkins to consult with Chief Green on this matter. Mayor Perkins stated that he strongly encourages the Council to tell the citizens to call the police department, and he would be glad to meet with Chief Green, but if the police department does not get a call or complaint they cannot enforce, and if Council members are continued to be called, who has no enforcement authority, they need to be refer the calls to the police department. President Evans stated that the Council should do all they can to communicate to the citizens to call the proper authority to hopefully begin to resolve this problem.

VIII. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS 2002-2003

President Evans stated that requests are constantly being made for discretionary money, and during the last Council meeting it was discussed and voted down on the return of these funds. President Evans stated that this issue has been brought to his attention again and he would like having a motion to request to have the funds returned to any individual who would like to do so. President Evans also stated that the Council has the right to vote to allow this return of funds pending the individual making the request. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that if the Council chooses to change the voting process on this particular issue, it could set precedence on how the Council chooses to vote on future issues.

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Councilwoman Sewell stated she is delighted to see this item back on the agenda because, being the chairperson of the discretionary committee, she gets requests for every Council meeting for funds. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Durry that funds given by each Council member out of their discretionary funds in an attempt to balance the budget, but since Mrs. Locke and Mayor Perkins have found some funds that were not needed to balance the budget, that the funds be returned to each member who request to do so. President Evans stated that it was never stipulated in the Council's discussions that the funds were not needed. Mrs. Locke stated that she would like the records to reflect that she has never made the statement that she found money. Councilwoman Sewell stated that the newspaper reported that Mayor Perkins set aside a number of dollars that the Council was not aware was available, so with that in mind, she stated since the Council is in charge of the funds, that money can be allocated to help balance the budget. Councilwoman Franklin stated that she has some needs to be met with discretionary funds and her funds are getting really low, so that is the reason why she voted the way that she did previously, she further stated that she cannot make the motion that Councilwoman Sewell wants to make, but she does feel as though their funds need to be replaced if they so desire. Councilman Durry stated that he could certainly use his funds in a number of ways and he would like to make contributions to worthy causes, but his funds have really been depleted at this point, so he would be happy to have his funds replaced.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Durry that the Council would have the option to receive their discretionary funds back to use as needed in their wards. Mayor Perkins stated that he feels it is important for him to state clarification on the contingent that was made by Councilwoman Sewell that the Mayor was hiding money that the Council did not know about. Mayor Perkins stated that he would hate for the Council to vote on this matter under that false pretense, he has made several public statements fully explaining the sinking funds and the sinking fund was listed on every financial report that the Council has received since November or December of last year. Mayor Perkins stated that the sinking fund was used for payment on the lighting project that the Council voted to approve the payments. Mayor Perkins stated that every transaction of spending that the City has done, the Council has approved. Mayor Perkins stated that for someone to imply that the Mayor saving money is wrong is a disservice to the City. Finally, for the record, stated Mayor Perkins, as Mrs. Locke has stated, the Mayor has not stated that there is excess money sitting around for the Council to spend. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were six affirmative votes and three negative votes. Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Crenshaw casts negative votes.

Councilwoman Franklin stated that she would like to have it made a part of the record for each Council member to say whether or not they want their funds returned. President Evans stated he would like a roll call vote on this matter. A roll call vote was taken, five members voted to have their funds returned and four members voted not to have their funds returned. President Evans, Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Randolph, and Councilwoman Crenshaw voted not to have their funds returned.

IX. SELMA PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Evans stated that the Council has a copy of names of persons who serve on this board that we need to make new appointments and he would like to place this item on first reading until the next Council meeting. President Evans stated that there are approximately nine names of individuals who currently serve and have been done in 1994, which should have been done in 1996. Councilwoman Franklin stated that clarity should be established for number three

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as to whether it is the junior or senior and number eight is no longer a citizen of Selma. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she would ask each Council member for a list of names and move forward.

X. PARALLEL TESTING – CITY’S WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

President Evans stated that some members of the Council participated in the trip during parallel testing of the City’s water supply and he would like to know if there is an update at this time. Councilman Sexton stated that he feels what was done is right, but what really concerns him is that \$1,200.00 was paid to an individual who does not have a city license to do business in the City of Selma and this individual has also been paid to oversee the AL-Lock facility without a business license as well. Councilman Sexton further stated that he feels that if a private enterprise is chosen to collect sales taxes, these two things will really match up better than what the State of Alabama department does.

Councilman Randolph stated that he feels it is very important for the citizens to know why the City had additional parallel testing done. Councilman Randolph stated that following listening to view point it appears that citizens are being misinformed and the basis for his opinion is that he tried for almost one year to receive a bacteria report from the Water Board and he was told that he could not receive a copy of this report. Councilman Randolph further stated that because of the misinformation that he received, he asked Mayor Perkins if he would assist in getting additional testing done on the water supply so that the citizens will know the truth about the water that they would have to drink.

Councilman Durry stated that in order to become more knowledgeable of the process of the testing of the water supply, he decided to go along with them during the testing. Councilman Durry further stated that following the testing as far as bacteria is concerned, the results of the testing indicated that the water is okay now and maybe we need to move forward with some other items that are pressing to the Council at this time.

Mayor Perkins stated that early on in this process he cautioned specific Council members’ regarding attacking the creditability of persons in this Council Chambers without having full knowledge of what is alleged, and again, he makes that same caution. Mayor Perkins stated that Councilman Randolph did come to the Council in a public forum stating that he felt strongly there were several sites that were listed, as being tested in the biweekly/monthly water testing cycle that do not exist. Mayor Perkins stated that Councilman Randolph also made the allegation that several of those sites were vacant lots and some were abandoned houses. At that time, the Council urged the City to move forward with parallel testing. Mayor Perkins stated that he agreed to pay for the testing in an effort to move forward with getting it done to dispel or confirm the perception that the City has problems with the water. Mayor Perkins stated that Councilman Randolph was truthful with his concerns in that nine of the thirty sites that were listed as being tested do not exist. They were vacant lots and abandoned houses. Mayor Perkins stated that these sites were listed in the test reports as being sites that were tested, but when those sites were visited, they did not exist. Mayor Perkins further stated that the Water Board has since updated their list of addresses and are now providing correct addresses where the water sites are being tested and that is a good thing; another concern is that chloroform was found in one of the tested site results. Mayor Perkins stated that the City would have been negligent, if we had not moved forward with some follow up.

President Evans stated that the City would continue to move forward with this matter for the purpose of accountability. Mayor Perkins stated that he does intend to continue random testing of the water supply because he feels under these present conditions it is his responsibility to ensure that the water supply meets the standards of quality for our citizens.

XI. CENTRAL ALABAMA ANIMAL SHELTER

Councilwoman Franklin stated that several months ago Attorney Nunn brought before the Council the purchase of the building on Medical Center Parkway to be used as an animal shelter and she was concerned about when this shelter will be opened and what funds are available. Mayor Perkins stated that the Council approved the expenditure of \$70,000.00 for the acquisition of the property. Mayor Perkins stated that the last engineering estimate that he has seen concerning the renovation of the facility was approximately \$175,000.00 minimum, and this amount is more than what is left of the balance of this fund and if the Council would like to appropriate some additional money to proceed with the construction of this project that would be fine, but in the mean time, he has been working with the board to try to come up with some alternative construction materials that could be used to get the project done within the budget constraint. Councilwoman Franklin stated that some of the Council members would like to request to use their oil lease money, but without a proposed or model budget of what it would cost, the Council is in the dark. Mayor Perkins asked if the Council would agree to appropriating some additional funds to proceed with the project and Councilwoman Franklin stated she would like to use the oil lease money, so Mayor Perkins stated consider the request asked.

XII. CUTTING GRASS

Councilwoman Franklin stated that there are vacant lots owned by the City that have weeds grown up and dirt piled up. Councilwoman Franklin stated that the City cannot enforce the residents to clean up while the City has property that also needs to be taken care of, especially sidewalks that have weeds that are knee high. President Evans stated that he would like Mayor Perkins to address this item. Mayor Perkins declined to address this item.

XIII. UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FUNDING

Councilwoman Franklin stated the President Evans requested that she contact ADECA to find out if there was any money through the traffic and enforcement department of ADECA. Councilwoman Franklin stated that she did speak with them on last week and they do not have any funds and she suggested that they look at the National Arbor Day Foundation for funds because there is a partnership between law enforcement and the National Arbor Day Foundation and she gave them the information which they were not aware of. Councilwoman Franklin further stated that the National Arbor Day Foundation has done a number of studies which shows that a clean, litter free environment of a city promotes cleanliness, number one, but also promotes a healthy environment for non-criminal activities.

XIV. SALES TAX REPORT

Mayor Perkins stated that this item would be discussed in the second meeting.

XV. FEASIBILITY STUDY-CHANGING FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

Councilwoman Franklin stated that she has had numerous people in her ward to question her about the feasibility of changing our form of government from mayor-council to council-manager form of government. Councilwoman Franklin stated that Attorney Nunn can verify, but section 11-43-A1 deals with council-manager form of government and what she has learned of this matter is that there must be ten percent of voters to petition this request, and once that petition is drawn, it has to be presented to the probate judge. President Evans asked Councilwoman Franklin why does the City need this form of government. Councilwoman Franklin's answered stating the citizens are concerned about the City's spending and appropriation of funds. Councilwoman Franklin stated that this issue has been asked of her

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several times in the past and she has always just let it go, but she stated when you represent the people in your ward, sometimes it has to be brought to the table. President Evans stated that his concern is that appropriation of funds is the responsibility of the Council by majority vote, and if there was a council-manager form of government this would still have to come to the Council, so if that is the case, the Council still would make the decision on appropriation of funds. Councilwoman Franklin concurred but stated that it does change the form of government in that the manager is basically an employee of the Council. Councilwoman Sewell stated that this feasibility study was also conducted during the previous administration and some cities such as Auburn and Decatur were operating under this form of government, and she also stated this study was a part of the 2020 Plan, but that is as far as it goes. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she feels at this point and time this issue should not be a concern for at least the next twenty years. After further discussion, President Evans stated that the Council should move forward with the next item on the agenda.

XVI. PAYMENT TO SELMA WATER WORKS FOR DAMAGED PHONE LINES

Mrs. Vickey B. Locke, Finance Director, stated that Councilman Tucker asked her if the payment for the damaged telephone line at the Selma Water Works had been paid, and she stated that this invoice has been paid. Mayor Perkins stated that he was not aware that Councilman Tucker had requested a payment from the Finance Director and it is his understanding that the damage was done by a contractor working for the City and the contractors insurance will cover the damage, but the Water Board refused to invoice the contractor and instead they were attempting to receive the money from the City. Mayor Perkins asked Mr. Henry Hicks, Code Enforcement Officer, to explain the situation to the Council. Mr. Hicks stated that the company that was contracted to demolish the building in question agreed to pay for the damages and replace the fence and that their insurance would cover if the invoice was submitted to their company. Mr. Hicks stated that the Water Board sent the bill to him and he forwarded the bill to the contractor, and he has attempted to make contact with the Water Board and no response has been given, but the City does not owe the Water Board. After further discussion, President Evans stated that this issue would be addressed at a later date.

XVII. SINKING FUNDS BALANCE

Councilwoman Franklin stated she would like to have a report of the sinking fund balance, deposits and transfers. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Mrs. Locke if this balance is included in the report that the Council receives each month. Mr. Locke stated yes. President Evans stated that the Council could refer to this report for information concerning the sinking fund.

XVIII. LIST OF CITY EMPLOYEES WITH CELLULAR PHONES

Councilwoman Franklin stated that for budget purposes she would like a list of all city employees who have cellular phones and what is the City's cellular phone bill. President Evans stated that the Council would like for this information to be a part of the financial report at the next Council meeting.

XIX. ENFORCEMENT OF FAILURE TO YIELD TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Councilwoman Franklin stated that the ambulance on Highway 22 has reported that they have difficulty getting onto the highway because people do not yield to emergency vehicles. Councilman Sexton stated that a truck stop is being constructed in that area and that is a dangerous intersection, and he and Mr. Roy Moore have met with the State department

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concerning monitoring this area. After further discussion, Councilwoman Sewell stated that this area is in her ward and she is aware of the danger there with the heavy flow of traffic, she suggested that this issue is revisited.

XX. UPDATE ON REPAIRS & PAVEMENT OF HICKORY STREET

Mayor Perkins stated he would give an update at the next Council meeting.

XXI. FINANCE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION PLAN

President Evans stated that this item should be discussed in executive session and he would like to request a motion to do so. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to discuss the issue of the finance department reorganization plan in an executive session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

XXII. REALIGNMENT OF WARDS DISCUSSION

President Evans stated that this item would be discussed at a later date.

XXIII. RIF REPORT

Councilwoman Sewell stated that RIF was executed the week of June 30th through July 3rd, and she would like to thank the Council members who attended and the City of Selma for their support. Councilwoman Sewell stated that more than four hundred students were served and they collected approximately \$2,233.89. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to pay the amount of \$2,233.89 to Scholastic Book Fairs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

XXIV. PROJECT HOPE TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

Councilwoman Sewell stated that Ms. Esther Brown presented a wonderful proposal during the work session and she would like for the Council to go on record and accept her proposal to use whatever influence necessary to get the legislature to place a moratorium on the death penalty. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw that the Council will go on record as supporting the request to the legislature to place a moratorium on the death penalty. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

XXV. OTHER BUSINESS ITEM

Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to make a point of observation that Councilwoman Franklin, with her efforts to be fiscally responsible, made the decision to put back into spending another \$30,000.00 for discretionary; Councilman Tucker, who decided to be fiscally responsible, decided that he would take management into his own hands and request payment on an invoice that was not rightfully the City's responsibility; and Councilman Sexton, along with Councilwoman Franklin, has made it a point to spend every dime that has been saved by the City. Mayor Perkins stated that they are doing these things under the disguise of being fiscally responsible. Mayor Perkins further stated that the raid on the sinking fund is a disgrace and he wants to go on record that he is totally against this rapid spending spree that Councilwoman Franklin, Councilman Sexton and Councilman Tucker are planning for this city.

XXVI. PROCLAMATION-MS. SHANDRELL HUNTER

Councilwoman Sewell read the proclamation in honor of Ms. Shandrell Hunter, a Selma native, who is in the running for the Miss America Pageant.

XXVII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Durry stated that it is safe to say that our recreation program is A1 with their young all stars. Councilman Durry stated that the children along with their coaches were here to receive acknowledgement for their particular age bracket showing that fact, and these coaches and Coach Reece sacrificed a lot to put together what we have in Selma.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no report from the Administrative Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Franklin stated that at the last Council meeting a request was made to get information regarding the light at Medical Center Parkway and Sam Moseley Drive. Councilwoman Franklin stated that she spoke with the state's highway engineer for this area and she was told that the City would have to find out who owns the property, because some of the property belongs to the County and some belongs to the City and may have to be a joint issue project, but the State is not involved. Councilwoman Franklin stated that Mr. Nunn would have to research who owns each part.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no report from the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no report from the Public Works/General Services Committee.

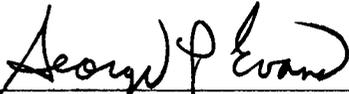
DISCRETIONARY FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Sewell stated that she has five applications requesting discretionary funds and asked if everyone would contribute to each of them, and they are ACT-SO, Girl Scouts, Calhoun Foods, Victor Nissan and Kendra Scott.

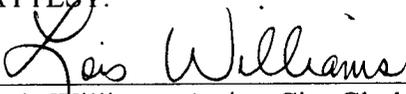
There being no other business to come before the Council, President Evans stated that the next work session will be scheduled the same day as the regular Council meeting to be held on Monday, July 28, 2003, with work session at 3:30 p.m. prior to Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. On motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn into executive session at 8:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

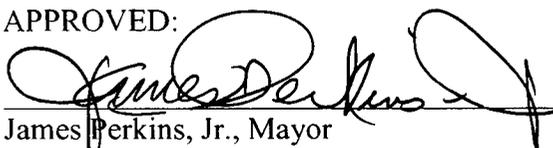
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George P. Evans, President

ATTEST:


Lois Williams, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:


James Perkins, Jr., Mayor