

**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 10, 2000 in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members present: President Carl C. Morgan, Jr. and Council Members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Mark V. West, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie R. Crenshaw, and Yusuf Abdus-Salaam. Others present were Mayor Joe T. Smitherman, City Attorney P. Henry Pitts, City Clerk Jackie Smith, and City Treasurer Jimmie S. Abbott. Councilman Benny L. Tucker gave the invocation.

After roll call, President Morgan declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda.

President Morgan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on Monday, March 27, 2000. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, on motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin, the minutes were approved as recorded.

I. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Fiscal Audit FYE 9/30/99. Mayor Smitherman stated that the fiscal audit for year ending September 30, 1999 was presented at the last Council meeting for review and discussion. The Mayor asked the Council to officially accept the audit as presented. After the Mayor clarified the section dealing with the City's debt, a motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilman Tucker to accept the audit as presented. The Council voted unanimously to accept the motion.

B. Liquor License Application. Mayor Smitherman presented a retail liquor license application on behalf of Murry's Bar and Grill located on Plant Street near the new Marina. The Mayor turned the application over to the Public Safety Committee and requested the application be placed on first reading.

II. RECOGNITION OF OTHA CARNEAL

President Morgan informed the Council that Mr. Otha Carneal has retired from service at the Old Depot Museum this past month. Mr. Carneal was the Chief Cataloger who has cataloged some 1774 items of the 2000 artifacts present at the Museum. The Council presented Mr. Carneal with a silver tray recognizing him for his service to the City.

Councilman Salaam entered the Council meeting at 10:15 o'clock.

III. Mr. Larry Hughen – Alabama Power Company

Mr. Larry Hughen presented each Council member with a reference book prepared by Alabama Power Company. Mr. Hughen stated that this book could be used as a very valuable reference source for the Mayor and Council. The manual contains information such as the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor and Council, information about the Sunshine Law, grants and other funding sources.

IV. Mrs. Becky Nichols – Selma-Dallas County Public Library

Mrs. Becky Nichols stated that she was present before the Council to give a state of the Library report. Mrs. Nichols presented each Council member with a tee shirt observing National Library Week. Mrs. Nichols thanked the City of Selma for the support it gives to the library and stated that growth has been tremendous over the last five years.

V. Mrs. Hazel Salter – Quarterly Beautification Awards

Mrs. Hazel Salter gave the Council a brief update on the statewide spring clean up that is being sponsored by Alabama PALS. The kick-off of the spring clean up begins April 15th and all Council members were given litterbags and bumper stickers to be used during this campaign.

The quarterly beautification awards for the 1st quarter in the year 2000 are as follows:

Vaughan Place Senior Living Community	Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Dillard
Selma Central Jehovah's Witness	Miss Clara Sue Lovinggood
Dr. Rickman E. Williams, Jr.	Mrs. Louise Gould
Church of the Nazarene	Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Parrish
United Methodist Children's Home	Miss Jackie Peterson
Plant Street Baptist Church	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Crum
Mrs. Ethel Contee	Good Samaritan Hospital
Ms. Gennie P. Thomas	Shiloh Baptist Church
Selma Middle School	

VI. Mr. John Ingram – Jesus Day

Mr. John Ingram stated that he was present before the Council to request assistance in efforts to bring the people of Selma together in one location for a time of celebration on June 11, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Ingram requested barricades be set up for a stage to be erected at the intersection of Dallas Avenue and Lauderdale Street, and permission for the people to circle the municipal complex. Mr. Ingram stated that these events are in concert with the March for Jesus celebration. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Sexton to allow the barricades to be set up and to allow for the parade around the municipal complex on June 11th. There was a unanimous vote of the Council. President Morgan asked Mr. Ingram to coordinate the efforts with the Traffic Division of the Selma Police Department.

VII. Mr. Winston Williams – Concordia College Soccer Tournament

Mr. Winston Williams stated that he was present before the Council to request permission for Concordia College to use the open area across from Bloch Park for a soccer tournament on April 10th through April 16th. President Morgan stated that Mr. Williams has talked with Elton Reece and there is no conflict with the Recreation Department. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to allow the Concordia College soccer program to use the field at across from Bloch Park. The Council voted unanimously on the motion.

VIII. Resolution – Commissioner Perry Varner

Councilwoman Sewell read a resolution drafted honoring the deceased County Commissioner Perry Varner. The Council extended their sincere sympathy to the family. On motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Salaam to adopt the resolution as prepared. The Council voted unanimously on the motion.

IX. Mr. Ken Burden – Selma Shadows Basketball Tournament

Mr. Ken Burden stated that he was present before the Council to ask for financial support to assist with expenses associated with the Selma Shadows Basketball Team participating in a State basketball tournament on May 19, 2000. Mr. Burden estimated the expenses to total approximately \$1,400. President Morgan asked the Council Secretary to distribute a request form for each Council member to make a contribution from his or her discretionary fund.

X. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Percy Sanders vs City of Selma. Attorney Pitts informed the Council that a City garbage truck backed into a parked car owned by Mr. Percy Sanders. Attorney Pitts stated that Mr. Sanders has filed a claim against the City in the amount of \$5,000, but it has been determined that the value of the vehicle is approximately \$2,300. The City Clerk presented the claim to the liability insurance carrier and a check was drafted to Mr. Sanders on Friday, April 7, 2000 in the amount of \$2,500.

B. Rezoning Ordinance – 2201 Broad Street. Attorney Pitts stated that a rezoning petition has been filed by the property owner to rezone property located 2201 Broad Street from “R-50 District” to a “B-2 District.” Attorney Pitts stated that the change was properly advertised and the Planning Commission voted to approve the application. A motion was made by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Tucker to suspend the rules for immediate action on the rezoning ordinance. On roll call vote, the Council voted unanimously to suspend rules. A motion was made by Councilman West to adopt the rezoning ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salaam and on roll call vote, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance to rezone the property as described.

X. City Attorney's Report

C. Rezoning Ordinance – 2192 Broad Street & 2194 Broad Street. Attorney Pitts stated that a rezoning petition has been filed by the property owner to rezone property located 2192 Broad Street & 2194 Broad Street from “R-50 District” to a “B-2 District” to be consistent with other property in the area. Attorney Pitts stated that the proper procedures for rezoning has been followed with no objections. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw to suspend the rules for immediate action on the ordinance. Councilman West seconded the motion and on roll call vote, Councilman Salaam voted not to suspend the rules. The motion died for the lack of a unanimous vote. The ordinance was placed on first reading for consideration at the next Council meeting.

D. Rezoning Ordinance – 1208 Highland Avenue. Attorney Pitts stated that a rezoning petition has been filed by the property owner to rezone property located 1208 Highland Avenue to be consistent with the other property in the area. Attorney Pitts stated that the proper procedures for rezoning has been followed with no objections. Attorney Pitts asked that this ordinance be placed on first reading for consideration at the next Council meeting.

E. Rezoning Ordinance – Highland Avenue/Summerfield Road. Attorney Pitts stated that a rezoning petition has been filed by the property owner to rezone property located at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Summerfield Road. The property will be the location of the new McDonald's. Attorney Pitts stated that he is very impressed with the plans and specifications and that all the proper procedures for rezoning has been followed. Attorney Pitts asked that this ordinance be placed on first reading for consideration at the next Council meeting.

F. Absentee Election Commission. Attorney Pitts presented the Council with a copy of the motion that he will file, if authorized, to set aside the consent decree, which was entered into in the Circuit Court on August 26, 1994. The decree established an Absentee Election Commission to oversee the absentee election through the municipal election through the 2000 election.

A lengthy discussion followed, and a motion was made by Councilman Tucker and was seconded by Councilman Salaam instructing Attorney Pitts to follow the procedures outlined in the presentation. On roll call vote, the motion was approved by a majority vote of seven affirmative votes, one negative vote, and one abstention. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast the negative vote and Councilwoman Sewell abstained on the vote.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Public Safety Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Community Development Committee report was informational only.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Administrative Committee report was informational only.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Recreation Committee report was informational only.

XII. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

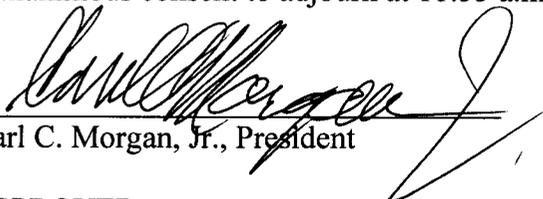
A. Alabama Tombigbee Regional Meeting. President Morgan informed the Council that the semi-annual Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 12th at Ezell's Catfish Restaurant near Butler, Alabama. President Morgan asked for a count on the number of Council members who would be attending the meeting.

B. Joint Meeting of School Board & City Council. President Morgan informed the Council that a joint meeting of the City School Board and the City Council has been scheduled for Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the J. A. Pickard Auditorium to discuss the questions raised about the School Board appointments. President Morgan urged the Council members to attend this meeting.

C. Selma's Promise Teen Summit. Councilwoman Sewell stated that she and Councilwoman Martin have been working diligently with Selma's youth and a teen summit is planned for May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Wallace Community College. Councilwoman Sewell stated that several workshops are planned and students from all the area schools have been invited to participate.

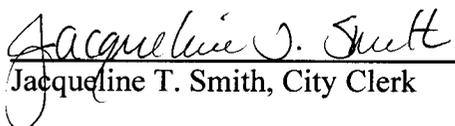
D. Request to use Ronnie Sharpe Park. Councilman Tucker stated that the SCLC has requested the use of the Ronnie Sharpe Park for a family day gathering. President Morgan stated that the group should coordinate the events with the Selma Police Department Traffic Unit. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to grant permission to the SCLC to use the Ronnie Sharpe Park. The Council voted unanimously on the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded, the Council voted by a unanimous consent to adjourn at 11:55 a.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr., President

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk


Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor