

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 26, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Daniel Martin
Bethel Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen and Council members Dr. Cecil Williamson, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilwoman Dr. Monica Newton, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, and Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw. 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 Brenda Smothers. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:15 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent due to medical leave. Councilman Corey Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Allen asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the agenda items as written. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council Members present.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Allen asked for the approval of the minutes of January 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes. President Allen asked that the record again reflect that the Council thanks City Clerk, Ivy Harrison, for being expedient, and having the Council Meeting Minutes forwarded to all of the Council Members in a very timely manner. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2010. **The motion carried with a majority (show of hands) vote of the Council Members present. There were five affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.**

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Rev. Winston Williams
Re: Selma Christian Ministries, Incorporated

Ms. Yasmine McKinney
Re: Selma-Dallas County Y.M.C.A.

Ms. Mary Kissel
Re: Kissel Entertainment

A. Proclamation Declaring the Month of February, 2010, as "Black History Month". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has prepared a Proclamation for the Council to approve and adopt, Proclaiming the Month of February, 2010, in Honor of "Black History Month". Mayor Evans read the Proclamation in Honor of "Black History Month" in its entirety, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve and adopt the Proclamation Declaring the Month of February, 2010, in Honor of "Black History Month" in the City of Selma, and to encourage all Citizens to explore the history and culture of Black Americans, and to acknowledge the contributions made by Black Citizens to our City. An amended motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to include in the Proclamation *Selma's First Black Council President, George Evans*. 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 abstention. Councilwoman Crenshaw abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, "if we are going to go back with the first 'Black thing', I took issue with the number of names, because some people are going to be offended; they're not on here at all. I am going to abstain because a lot of people are not even mentioned". Mayor Evans stated if there are names of any Black Persons not listed who deserve that recognition, please get that information to him, and he will make the changes. Mayor Evans further stated that it will not be a problem for him at all to do that and bring it back before the Council. After more discussion, Councilwoman Crenshaw asked that her vote be changed to a "nay vote", at this time until we offer something that we want to be inclusive, because she does not want it to be said by any Family Member that she did not recognize their Family.

PRESENTATION OF "RETIREMENT PLAQUES" TO:

**SGT. JIMMY MARTIN
SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT
IN APPRECIATION OF 20 YEARS OF SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 4, 1990 - FEBRUARY, 1, 2010**

**MRS. CARNIS (CISSY) ELLIS
SELMA FIRE DEPARTMENT
IN APPRECIATION OF 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, JANUARY 25, 1986 - FEBRUARY, 1, 2010**

**BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT WAS EXTENDED TO BOTH OF THEM,
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL,
AND THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA**

PRESENTATION OF LONGEVITY CERTIFICATES AND PINS

B. Length of Service Recognition Awards. Mayor Evans stated he would like to present a Certificate of Service in recognition of the following employees: Mr. Roosevelt Sanders, Public Works Department, *Ten Years of Dedicated Service* to the City of Selma, and Police Officer Willie Billingsley, Selma Police Department, *Fifteen Years of Dedicated Service* to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated he would like to thank them for their years of dedicated service to the City of Selma. They were both presented with Longevity Pins.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

C. Introduction of New Employees. Mayor Evans stated he would like to introduce to the Council, Officer Daniel Boone, who recently began employment with the City of Selma, within the Selma Police Department, and Ms. Chanel Smith, who began employment with the City of Selma, within the City Personnel Department.

D. Stewart- McKenzie Building - Deed of Additional Parcel to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated to Council if they will recall we took ownership of the Stewart-McKenzie Building, but we found out that they would like to donate another piece of property, across the street from the property which was previously donated to the City, which should have been part of the original piece of property donated to us. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that he would like for them to visit the site, before accepting the Gift, but that it is really nice and appears to have potential. Mayor Evans stated he did not expect the Council to take any action at tonight's meeting, and that he was providing this for "informational purposes" tonight, and suggests that the Council do a site visit.

E. Selma Water Board - Purchase of 3 Lots from the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a Memorandum of Understanding as it relates to the Selma Water Board, and the purchase of Three (3) Lots from the City of Selma. Mayor Evans further stated this is the property right behind the Selma Water Board, adjacent to the Parking Lot. Mayor Evans stated said Property is described in "Exhibit A", as an Attachment of the Memorandum of Understanding. Attorney Nunn also addressed the Council, and stated that the Memorandum of Understanding states that the City of

Selma already has a "Bartered Agreement" with the Selma Water Board, and that the Board wants to purchase these 3 Lots, a total of \$11,300.00, which will be added to the "Bartered Services Agreement" in which the City of Selma already has. Attorney Nunn further stated said Agreement states the Board shall not bill the City for water and sewage provided by the Board to the City; the City will not charge the Board for street repairs or patching required as a result of water or sewer line repairs by the Board; and the City shall not charge the Board for solid waste delivered to the City's Landfill, amounting to approximately 550 metric tons per year. Attorney Nunn further stated the \$11,300.00 will be added to the "Bartered Services Agreement", and when the tallying is done for the Fiscal Year, they will pay the difference owed for services. Attorney Nunn stated at one time the Selma Water Board did own this property but that they transferred it to the City of Selma in 1994, and at this time they are asking that the City of Selma transfer it back to them. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the purchase of the 3 Lots by the Selma Water Board, from the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Resolution #R163-09/10 - Resolution Supporting the Selma City Schools' Application for a Safe Routes to School Program Grant from ALDOT. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R163-09/10, Resolution Supporting the Selma City Schools' Application for a *Safe Routes to School Program Grant* from ALDOT. Mayor Evans read Resolution #R163-09/10 in its entirety, and asked Council's support and consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve said Resolution #R163-09/10, Resolution Supporting the Selma City Schools' Application for a *Safe Routes to School Program Grant* from ALDOT. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. Revised Demolition List. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets a "revised" list of the properties approved for demolition by the Council, and if there are some properties that he missed, he asked that the Council advise him of those properties he may have missed. Mayor Evans further stated that he has also met with the Code Enforcement Department, who has confirmed that the majority of the 86 properties on the List have already been approved to be demolished, or a possible controlled burn, and that he is providing it for informational purposes tonight. During discussion, Mr. Darryl Moore, Code Enforcement Officer, was asked to come forward and address the Council as it relates to questions that they had. Following discussion, President Allen asked the Council to check and review the List, and forward any changes and/or revisions to Mayor Evans, who will follow-up with the Code Enforcement Department, to make any necessary changes and corrections to the List.

H. Broad Street Sewer Cave-In - Update. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the repair of the Broad Street Cave-In is in progress and it is his understanding that it should be complete by the end of the week, no later than the first of the week, depending on the weather. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward to address questions concerning the Broad Street Cave-In repair. Ms. Griffeth stated to Council that the document that they have within their packets has been forwarded to A.D.E.C.A., which states that the Engineer has certified the Bids, which also means he has checked all of their credentials that are required, and that everything that is required has been checked and certified for the City. Ms. Griffeth further stated that Smitherman Brothers has done several projects before for the City.

I. O'Hara Place Storm Drain Project - Update. Mayor Evans stated that the O'Hara Place Storm Drain Project is a project that we as a City have been working on that was supposed to have been repaired some time ago. Mayor Evans further stated prior to the rain on last Sunday, we had gotten an estimate as to how much it was going to cost to repair it, but since Sunday's rain, the entire front yard has collapsed. Mayor Evans stated a lawsuit was brought against the City a few years ago with regard to this matter, and that it had been forwarded to the Insurance Company to handle. Mayor Evans further stated the Insurance Company represented the City and offered a settlement to the Property Owners, based upon the specifications Khafra Engineering provided, and at this time, the Insurance Company will not proceed any further on this matter. Mayor Evans further stated he did not know where we would be able to get the money from to pay for it; possibly, Oil Lease Money. Mayor Evans stated at this point it is up to us now, to go in and do an assessment as to how much it is going to cost to repair the entire front yard. Mayor Evans stated by the next Council Meeting he should have this information for the Council. President Allen asked Mayor Evans to get the information to them as soon as possible, so that Council Members can make a decision as to whether or not they want to appropriate their Oil Lease Money.

J. Public Works Department - Hazardous Materials Removal. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they have within their packets information as it relates to hazardous materials in the form of mold that has been sited at the Public Works Department Building. Mayor Evans further stated he considers this situation an emergency, and that he has received a proposal from EnviroTek, LLC, in the total cost of \$29,438.00. Mayor Evans stated it is his recommendation to approve said cost from unappropriated funds. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the cost of the remediation of mold in the amount of \$29,438.00 at the Public Works Department. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed due to lack of a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were three affirmative votes and four nay votes. President Allen, Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Keith, and Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. During roll call, President Allen

stated she does want this taken care of, but she also thinks there may be others who can do this; that she is a little concerned of approving this for one individual if we could get some more bids by the next Council Meeting, but her vote is "no" at this time. During roll call, Councilman Williamson stated his vote is "no" and that he is not voting on a proposal when there is only one individual listed. During roll call, Councilwoman Newton stated she thinks that you need to take care of mold "right away", and her vote is "yes". During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated we have employees out there and there is a possibility of cross-contamination, so her vote is "yes". During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated her vote is "no", and stated that the same statements that are being made about EnviroTek should have been the same statements made about Broad Street Cave-In; that we needed more people, bids and experience, and an understanding of what they were supposed to do with that. Following roll call, President Allen asked Mayor Evans to try and bid this item out, and if he would come back with a bid amount of the one that would be most credible for them to take action on at their next Council Meeting.

K. Active and Expired Contract - List. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their packets an Active and Expired Contract List, for which they had requested. Mayor Evans further stated it reflects all of the Contracts that he is aware of. President Allen thanked Mayor Evans for preparing this list for the Council.

L. Invitation to the Re-Opening of the Globe Specialty Metals Plant. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have an Invitation to the Re-Opening of the Globe Specialty Metals Plant, on Friday, January 29th, at 10:00 a.m., at 2401 Old Montgomery Highway. Mayor Evans further stated that Governor Bob Riley will be an Honored Guest for this occasion, and he asked that as many of the Council Members that can, to be a part of the "Ribbon Cutting" Ceremony.

M. Census Day, April 1, 2010 - Reminder. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should also have within their packets information as it relates to "Countdown to Census Day, April 1, 2010". Mayor Evans further stated it is his understanding that there are jobs available for people who want to work with the Census Program, and if they would like to be a part of that, to please contact Ms. Debra Reeves Howard at CareerLinc, or apply on-line.

N. Total Amount of Liens - Update. Mayor Evans stated the Council had asked him about the total amount of Liens, to-date, and he received a report on today from Mr. Roosevelt Goldsby, which states the total amount of Liens Placed on Properties within our City is \$44,550.00, based upon the demolition of properties since 2006. Mayor Evans further stated the total amount collected so far is \$6,020.00.

O. Announcements.

(a) *Town Hall Meeting.* Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has rescheduled the Town Hall Meeting, "State of the City Address" from February 5, 2010, to February 8, 2010, at 12:00 Noon, and at 6:00 P.M., at the Carl Morgan Convention Center, and he is inviting everyone to attend.

(b) *Meeting with Council Members - Each Monday, the Day Before Council Meetings.* Mayor Evans stated he appreciates those Council Members who came by on yesterday to visit. Mayor Evans further stated as he said at the last Council Meeting, that he was inviting Council Members to come and meet with him, on the Monday before each Council Meeting, between the hour of 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., for the sole purpose of trying to go through the Agenda items, so that he can make sure that he has all of the information necessary to give to the Council Members, in order to move forward with the business of the City. Mayor Evans stated it was by no means meant to be a secret meeting; that it was merely, for the purpose of getting through the agenda items that they may have had questions or concerns that he needed to do more of, and that was the rationale for a much "smoother" Council Meeting, and that he would continue to do that.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Use of Weapons in City Limits. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Councilman Bowie stated that people are discharging a lot of weapons within the City of Selma, and he wanted to make Citizens aware that under the Selma Code, Section 17.224, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any gun, including air guns, or a firearm of any kind within the corporate limits of the City, without a permit from the Chief of Police. Attorney Nunn further stated it is unlawful for any person to hunt game of any kind in the City, and on City-owned property. Attorney Nunn stated, according to Councilman Bowie, people are firing a lot of weapons within the City, and they are just making Citizens aware that there is a prohibition against firing weapons within the City of Selma.

B. Resolution #R162-09/10 - Concession Stand Bid Award for the Softball/Baseball Complex, 2010 Season. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R162-09/10, Concession Stand Bid Award for the Softball/Baseball Complex, 2010 Season. Attorney Nunn further stated that the City Clerk, Ivy S. Harrison, has complied with Sections 41-16-50 through 41-16-63 of the Code of Alabama, and further, that the City Clerk opened the sealed bids on January 19, 2010, and L & S Snacks

offered the most responsible Concession Stand Bid, in the amount of \$6,500.00. Attorney Nunn stated the City Clerk has prepared Resolution #R162-09/10, and asked Council's consideration to accept the award contract of Concession Stand Rights to L & S Snacks, in the amount of \$6,500.00. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Resolution #R162-09/10, Concession Stand Bid Award for the Softball/Baseball Complex, for the 2010 Season, in the amount of \$6,500.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. Consideration of Appointment of Dr. Ralph Iomio as Police Department Consultant. President Allen stated to Council that Councilman Samuel Randolph had a Public Safety Meeting, along with a Public Forum, as it relates to the Contract for Dr. Ralph Iomio. President Allen asked Councilwoman Keith to read the Public Safety Committee's Report as it relates to this matter. Councilwoman Keith stated on January 20, 2010, the Public Safety Committee met, and Dr. Iomio was present. Councilwoman Keith further stated Dr. Iomio briefly outlined the process by which the Department of Homeland Security has money that filters through federal, state and local departments of Homeland Security Agencies for emergency operations' facilities, which include police, fire, and other safety providers. During that meeting, Dr. Iomio stated Alabama already participates in one of these programs, and that Selma's proposal would focus on Emergency Management and Emergency Operations. Also during that meeting, Dr. Iomio agreed to remove extra costs and accept a flat, monthly fee of \$1,700.00 in his contract for six (6) months, and further stated that even during the contract period if he did not perform any work, there would be no charge; his consultant fee would only be for work he did during the contract period. Councilwoman Keith stated the Public Safety Committee recommends contracting with Dr. Iomio upon mutually acceptable changes being made to the original proposal. During discussion, Mayor Evans stated the contract cost would be paid via unappropriated funds. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she wanted to state and make the Council aware that they should make sure that they do not get him started, and not have enough funds in the Budget to pay him for services. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to accept the Consultancy Agreement with Dr. Iomio, in the contract amount of \$1,700.00 monthly, for six (6) months. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

President Allen stated Dr. Iomio is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and invited him to come forward to address the Council. Dr. Iomio stated he was very thankful to be back working with Selma again, and it is his hope to do a real good job for us. Dr. Iomio further stated he has been working already, and has gotten some "lines" from the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, and he thinks there is some money available, and that he intends to make every effort to make that happen, perhaps even within this Fiscal Year.

D. Charter Communications - Public Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he wanted to remind the Citizens again that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 11, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., at the Carl Morgan Convention Center, located at 211 Washington Street. Attorney Nunn further stated the said Notice to the Public is as follows:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Selma, Alabama will hold a Public Hearing on March 11, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Carl Morgan Convention Center, located at 211 Washington Street. The City Council will use this Public Hearing to assess the past performance of Charter Communications, and to determine the future cable-related community needs of the City of Selma. This Hearing will help determine the number of Channels that are available, reception, quality, availability of high-speed internet service, quality of customer service, local community programming, and other issues of public interest. The City Council welcomes the public's participation in this process. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the attention of:

Ivy S. Harrison
City Clerk
222 Broad Street
Selma, AL 36701

Attorney Nunn stated his office has prepared a Complaint Form that will be posted in the City Clerk's office, and will also be available at the Public Hearing. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Form is very short, and that anyone who wants to state their complaint or any problems that they are having with Charter Communication, can use this process.

E. A.M.I.C. Invoice/Statement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an invoice from A.M.I.C. as it relates to the reimbursement of the deductible in the amount of \$6,388.17, to Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.). Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the reimbursement payment of the deductible in the amount of \$6,388.17, to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Abdul A. Almojadid - Express Food Mart, 1900 Selma Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application asking for a Retail Beer/Table Wine License for Off Premises Only, to be located at 1900 Selma Avenue; namely, Express Food Mart (formerly known as Big M Minute Shop #2). Attorney Nunn further stated there were some questions surrounding said Alcoholic Beverage License Application during the last Council Meeting as it relates to the Alcoholic Beverage License Application that was presented by the State ABC Board out of Montgomery. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is a corrected copy of that Alcoholic Beverage License Application that came from the State of Alabama, and everything should be correct as it relates to the correction of the location of the business, and its distance from the nearest school, church, and residence. Attorney Nunn further stated said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1st Reading during the last Council Meeting, and is before the Council for consideration tonight. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Express Food Mart. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Williamson and Councilwoman Newton each cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated since this is a Renewal of the License, her vote is "yes".

G. Resolution #R152-09/10 - Resolution Identifying Properties to be Condemned and/or Demolished. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R152-09/10, which identifies properties that have been declared as "dangerous buildings" and/or a "nuisance" within the meaning of the Selma Code, and are to be condemned and/or demolished. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they have a list of properties that were given to the City Council during its last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated said Resolution #R152-09/10 gives the City Clerk, Mrs. Ivy Harrison, authority to send certified letters to the Property Owners, requesting them to bring the properties into compliance, to rectify the condition of the properties, or the properties will be condemned and/or demolished. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve Resolution #R152-09/10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. Ordinance #O103-09/10 - Solicitation Within the City. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a "draft" copy of Ordinance #O103-09/10, Solicitation Within the City. Attorney Nunn further stated that he spoke with Councilman Samuel Randolph on yesterday, and he stated that he would not be here at tonight's Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall Ordinance #O103-09/10 was reviewed by Councilman Randolph's Committee, and he is asking that we continue this item until the next Council Meeting.

I. Garbage Collection (Draft R.F.P.). Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall a "Draft" R.F.P. Invitation for Bid for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection and Disposal was given to them. Attorney Nunn further stated this is a "Draft" R.F.P. Invitation for Bid for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, along with all of the related-attachments that go along with it. Attorney Nunn stated he is also waiting on some information from Mr. Tommy Smith, Public Works Director, that will need to be included in said "Draft" R.F.P.

J. Bus Hog - Public Forum. Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they look at the procedures that he handed out to them, it states under Step Number 3, #4, that we must serve all of the Utility Companies at least thirty (30) days prior to the Hearing, and if we have the Hearing on February 23rd, that will not allow him thirty (30) days to get notices out to them. Attorney Nunn further stated at this point that they will have to "push" it back to the next meeting, on March 9th, at 4:00 p.m. President Allen asked Council if they would be in agreement of that, and the Council concurred.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

President Allen stated she wanted to announce to everyone that Councilman Samuel Randolph did have surgery and he is at home recuperating. President Allen further stated that they all miss Councilman Randolph, and wish him a speedy recovery!

I. TREE CEREMONY

President Allen stated that she has a note from Councilman Bowie, asking that the Council take action at tonight's Council Meeting, to place Four (4) trees on the City's property at Annie L. Cooper Park, in observation of a Black History Program in February, 2010, to honor some of our Pioneers that made Historical contributions to Society. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve the placement of Four (4) trees on the City's property at Annie L. Cooper Park, in observation of a Black History Program in February, 2010. 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 abstention. Councilman Tucker abstained from voting.

II. PROCESS FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Councilwoman Keith stated she placed this item on the Agenda because she has received several calls from people who are interested in some work anticipated as a result of the Bond Issue. Councilwoman Keith further stated she explained that it would be a process, but she is unsure as to what that process is. Councilwoman Keith stated she is hoping that the Council will start seeing whatever Committee is bringing the bid and/or contracts, before action is taken by Council, and that the Council's Sub-Committee will have the opportunity to review it before it is brought before the Council. Councilwoman Keith further stated that she would like for the Committee she is on, to have the opportunity to review the Bid items as it relates to the Bond Issue, and is also asking for information on the process that will be taking place. President Allen asked Mayor Evans to provide a copy of the process for the Bids and Contracts, as it relates to the Bond Issue, for the Council.

III. BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FASHION SHOW

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Ward 4 is collaborating with T & T Fashions, and on Saturday, February 6th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center there will be a "Breast Cancer Awareness Fashion Show", and she is inviting everyone to come.

IV. MARDI GRAS PARADE AT CEDAR PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there will be a Mardi Gras Parade at Cedar Park Elementary School, which is in Ward 4, on February 18th. Councilwoman Benjamin also stated to Mayor Evans that they are asking for a small portion of Woodrow Avenue to be closed, and a request for a Police Officer to be present for the event. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated this event is also a fundraising project, and made an appeal for anyone who is interested to purchase an "Ad" for the Ad Booklet.

V. BALLING FOR HAITI FUNDRAISER

Councilwoman Benjamin stated she and a group of about four individuals got together to come up with what they could do to assist with the devastation involving Haiti. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated she called Detective Dorothy Cowan about this, and she suggested a Basketball Tournament as a fundraiser, bringing in College Alumnae to play, along with Policemen and Firemen, as "Basketball Team Members". Councilwoman Benjamin stated she is hoping that this will be a "fun" event, while helping some people out, at the same time. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they are targeting February 27th, for this, beginning at twelve o'clock noon.

VI. CONCORDIA COLLEGE SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that some of the Council Members had mentioned that they were interested in getting T-Shirts and Sweats as it relates to the Concordia College Soccer National Championship. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that there are a few items left, and she has a box in the back with some T-Shirts and Sweats. Councilwoman Benjamin made an appeal to anyone who is interested to remain in for a few minutes after the Council Meeting, to take a look at what she has available.

VII. UPDATE ON OLD AGENDA ITEMS

President Allen gave a report of the Public Forum, that was held on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., as it relates to the discussion of the Bush Hog Street Closure. President Allen stated that there were approximately 30 individuals present, including Mayor Evans, Councilman Tucker, Councilman Bowie, Councilman Randolph, and herself, along with Representatives from Bush Hog. President Allen further stated that there will be another Public Forum on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Weaver Street, at 6:00 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

Councilman Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

Councilman Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting. President Allen and the Council Members send Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to him.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Allen stated to Councilman Williamson that she has just received his note, which stated that he has resigned as Community Development Committee, Chairman. President Allen further stated she will be appointing a new Chairman.

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

No report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

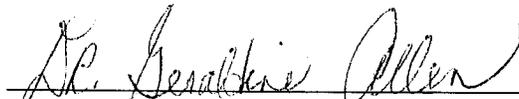
SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairperson

Councilman Bowie was absent from the Council Meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

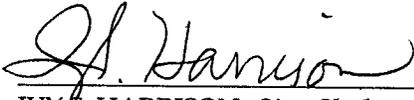
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*