

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2003**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 24, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: President George Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Samuel Randolph, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie R. Crenshaw and James Durry. Others present were City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, Mayor James Perkins, Jr. and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. Councilwoman Sewell arrived in the Council Chambers at 5:16 p.m. Councilman Randolph arrived in the Council Chambers at 5:22 p.m. Reverend Ralph Joseph gave the invocation.

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 she has two items she would like to add to the agenda, the Sales Tax Report and the Bank accounts/Payroll account locations. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that Councilman Randolph is not present at this time, but he asked if vicious dogs could be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, November 3, 2003. There being no corrections to be made to the minutes, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to adopt the minutes as written. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

**I. WARD REALIGNMENT**

President Evans asked if there were any citizens present that would like to address any concerns regarding the new ward realignment, which are posted on the wall in the back of the Chambers. There were no citizens' questions or responses at this time.

**II. CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

**A. Charter Communications.** Ms. Christina Mosc, Government Public Relations Manager for Charter Communications and Cass Chandler, Operations Manager for South Alabama addressed the Council regarding Charter Communications. Ms. Mosc stated that they are present tonight to introduce themselves and give the Council their business cards if anyone has any questions, she stated that she works on franchise agreements and franchise relationships between the City and Charter Communications and Mr. Chandler works on the actual service issues, and she'll let him tell the Council more about some improvements they've made. Mr. Chandler stated that recently Charter Communications has completed a two-year upgrade of the plant in Selma offering additional channels and high-speed Internet service, and they have discussed with Mayor Perkins the possibility of adding a public education government channel that will be available to the schools.

**B. Nancy Travis-SABRA Sanctuary.** Ms. Nancy Travis stated that she would like to address the Council to introduce herself as the new Executive Director of the Sabra Sanctuary. Ms. Travis stated that the Sabra Sanctuary is a temporary emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and she wants to thank everyone for all the wonderful support in the past years. Ms. Travis stated that she understands that the Council had to cut back on their funds, but she is hopeful that the Council would use some of their discretionary funds to help every now and then, they do have other sources that they are trying to receive money from and things are going great at Sabra Sanctuary and in the last year they have had 63 women and children in the

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shelter and about 800 victims who went in and out of the court system with counseling and these services are free to the public.

C. **Cheryl Strong-Circuit Clerk.** Mrs. Cheryl Strong stated that she would like to address to the Council to make them aware of the drastic cuts that are going on in our local Circuit Clerks Office. Mrs. Strong stated that effective November 26, 2003, there will be six employees layed off out of twelve employees, five and one of which will be retiring in an effort to save a job for one other employee. Mrs. Strong stated that she's here today to appeal to the Council to see if there were anything that the City can do to assist the Circuit Clerks Office in their effort to try to save the jobs of these employees would be greatly appreciated.

D. **Thonda Craig, Sr.-Noise Ordinance.** Mr. Thonda Craig, Sr stated that his message tonight is "no new message" and he would like to ask the City Council and the Mayor to try to find some way to hire additional police officers in order to make our streets safer and quieter. Mr. Craig stated that he has called several times about the noise that occurs near his home and even when he's at church. Mr. Craig further stated that he would like to see an officer patrol his neighborhood at least once every hour.

E. **Mr. Robert Turner-Wrecker Service Rotation.** Mr. Robert Turner addressed the Council stating that he apologizes for being out of order at the last meeting, but that was the only way he felt he could get his point across and as wrecker in the wrecker industry he was upset because the ordinance was being changed without consulting anyone in the wrecker industry. Mr. Turner stated that he had asked Chief Green about the change and Chief Green stated that he didn't state such in his letter and Mr. Turner stated he would like for someone to find out why the ordinance was changed and mislead the Council so much that they didn't know anything about it. Mr. Turner stated that anytime an ordinance is changed, someone should consult the people involved in the industry. Mr. Turner further stated that he and other wrecker companies have worked with the Public Safety Committee and revised the wrecker ordinance which will bring the language up to date, and it will protect the citizens, the city and the wrecker drivers. He stated that "It's just a little bit more insurance and general things that brought it up to date, and it is consistent with pretty much the State and I believe all of you have a copy of it already; you can review it and if you have questions you can ask me and I can say where it came from."

## III. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Town Hall Meeting.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to remind the Council that on Monday, December 1, 2003 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a town hall meeting on crime, the second meeting, a following meeting, the committee will be presenting its results to the community at that time. The meeting will be held at the Convention Center.

B. **Circuit Clerks Request.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to remind the Council that this is a consequence of amendment one, that is a State issue, and he stated that he would also like to remind the Council that the City lost \$500,000.00 as a result of the non-passage of amendment one and the City voted 58% in support of amendment one. Mayor Perkins stated that he is not certain if the City of Selma or any local government agency should be trying to solve a State problem and we have to be careful about this issue because the City has over 450 employees who deserve a raise, who are underpaid and underemployed, so as the Council deliberates this issue, be very sensitive of that matter.

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C. National Honor Society-Selma High School. Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to acknowledge that 66 young people were inducted into the National Honor Society at Selma High School today. Mayor Perkins stated that this is good news, there has been a lot of negative talk about our youth and he thinks these 66 students deserve applaud. Mayor Perkins further stated that just as we have honored others in the past for sports achievements, he would like to ask the Council if they would invite those students to the Council meeting so that they can be recognized by City government and encourage them to move forward academically.

D. Animal Shelter-Lovelady Construction. Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Mrs. Elizabeth Driggers, Planning & Development Director, to come forward to address the Council concerning this issue. Mrs. Driggers stated that at the last Council meeting, the Council received copies of the balances of each trust fund and requested to receive this status prior to making any commitments. Mrs. Driggers stated that she would like to ask the Council to make a commitment to this project. President Evans stated that the Council requested that he and Councilwoman Franklin should appeal to the County Commission in terms of the County being a part of the contributions to this project, which they did so this afternoon before the Judge and the County Commission and asked for \$75,000.00 to go towards this project for the next fiscal year budget. President Evans stated that the Judge appointed Commissioner Ballard and Commission Williams to serve on this committee to work with the Council to move forward with this project and he indicated that they would make a contribution in addition to a van and he feels comfortable that they will make this a part of their budget next year and he will ask them to draw up a commitment in writing to present to Mrs. Driggers.

E. Acquisition of Lovelady Building. Mrs. Elizabeth Driggers, Planning & Development Director, stated that a couple of years ago Senator Shelby appropriated through some special EDI grant money \$100,000.00, to be used toward the acquisition of the Lovelady Building for the City to acquire for the future. Mrs. Driggers stated that the City had three years to turn in the application but the application has not been turned in because the City needed an additional \$150,000.00. Mrs. Driggers stated that a gentleman from HUD who is responsible for this division called and asked if we could go ahead and turn in the application for \$100,000.00, which would secure these funds without going back into treasury while Senator Shelby is trying to get the remainder of the funds. Mrs. Driggers stated that her request to the Council is to approve submitting the application to the department of Housing and Urban Development for \$100,000.00 in special EDI funds with no match. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to approve the request by Mrs. Driggers to move forward with submitting the application to HUD for \$100,000.00. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

F. Ordinance Enforcement - Historic District. Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Councilwoman Martin if she would willing to move forward with the discussion on the Historic District Ordinance enforcement while Mrs. Driggers is present so that she may be able to answer any questions. Councilwoman Martin stated that Mayor Perkins is referring to some new procedures that require code enforcement of the historic ordinance. Councilwoman Martin stated that what will happen is that if a property owner has been sited and does not respond in ten days, a registered letter and a copy of the ordinance will be sent to notify them of the violation, which requires a response, and in the letter the City requests the owner to bring the property into code compliance and fine the property owner \$50.00 per day until the improvements are made. Councilwoman Martin stated that she would like to ask the Council to support her in the enforcement of this ordinance. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and

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tertiarius seconded by Councilwoman Sewell, Councilwoman Crenshaw and Councilwoman Franklin. The motion carried with unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was out of the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**G. Wrecker Service & Towing.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Mr. Robert Turner if he would please come forward. Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to read two letters; one from Lt. Evans addressed to Chief Green and another from Chief Green addressed to the Mayor. After reading of the letters, Mayor Perkins stated that this is the information that was presented to the Council just as it was presented by the Chief of Police. Mayor Perkins further stated that he feels all the wrecker industries should be involved when discussing the amendment to the wrecker ordinance.

**H. Holiday Pay-E-911 Dispatchers.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Ms. Valeria Jones, Personnel Director, if she would come forward to address this issue at this time. Ms. Jones asked if the Council would please refer to their copy of the memo regarding holiday pay for the E-911 telecommunications employees, stating that this request is for holiday pay for nine dispatchers who were not granted their holiday when they moved to 311 Dallas Avenue. Ms. Jones stated that she discussed this matter with their supervisor, Mr. Tracy Williams, who stated this was a topic of discussion during the E-911 negotiations, but was somehow overlooked, and when these dispatchers were transferred to E-911 they did not receive their holiday pay from the City, which comes to a total of \$4,291.92. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve to pay these dispatchers totaling \$4,291.92 out of the unpaid prior year adjustment funds. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**I. Approval of Christmas Holidays 2003.** Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she would like to recommend that the Christmas Holiday 2003 be observed on Thursday and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup> and asked the Mayor if he agrees with her on these days. Mayor Perkins stated he does not have a preference in the matter. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell for the City to observe Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday 2003. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**J. Letter - Permission for Lot Cleaning.** Mayor Perkins stated that Mr. Clarence Walker and Ms. Georgia Brown are present and they are citizens of Ward 6. Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to read the letter presented for permission to enter real estate and clean up. After reading of the letter, Mayor Perkins stated that prior to the Weed & Seed grant, attached to this letter is a three page document that shows citizens contributions to this initiative and expenditures from the fund, and what happened is that the Council of the Ward received permission from the property owners to enter the property and clean off the lots, but the debris has been pushed up and left in a pile and subsequent to that there has been additional growth and because of this incompleteness of the project, it will take a major effort to clear what was originally done. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Randolph to give the Mayor authorization to have the debris moved by Public Works and General Service departments on the two properties in question with permission from the property owners. Councilwoman Sewell stated that the citizens have given the City permission to enter the property to clean the debris and this matter is a public health hazard and needs to be cleaned up. The motion carried with a unanimous

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vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**K. Cost Analysis on Garbage Collection.** Mayor Perkins stated that the Council has a copy of the analysis for the cost of garbage collection and this is a best effort provided by the Treasurer's office and the analysis shows the total cost of operations year to date for 2002-2003, then total collections which is about a half of a million dollars. After further discussion, Mayor Perkins stated that the City has moved forward with the publication of the ordinance for the increase in fees.

**L. Sales Tax Collections.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, Treasurer, to come forward to address the Council as it relates to this issue. Ms. Mitchell stated that due to the recent transition of tax collections from the State of Alabama to AlaTax, what has happened is that normally in a span of a month the City would have collected around \$700,000.00-\$800,000.00, but this month to date we have only collected about \$213,000.00. Ms. Mitchell stated that one of the issues is that the State of Alabama stated that since the City is not a current customer, they are no longer obligated to send any funds more than once a month at the end of the month, although they have been cooperative in sending some at times, but there is still some being held. Ms. Mitchell stated that out of the \$213,000.00 collected, only \$93,636.00 was sent from AlaTax and the Tax & License department and the Finance department have had several calls from our merchants concerning their confusion about what to do or where to send their money, even though they have received a letter from AlaTax with instructions, they still seem to be confused. Ms. Mitchell stated that there is a possibility that some of the City's money may still be with the State of Alabama. After further discussion, Mayor Perkins stated that they will continue to work through this situation and figure out what needs to be done.

**M. Resolution – Fire Department Uniforms.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Ms. Lois Williams, City Clerk, to come forward to present two resolutions; one for Fire Department uniforms and another for the Vertical Carousel System for the Police Department. Ms. Williams stated that the City Clerk's office has submitted and accepted bids for the Fire Department uniforms and a resolution has been prepared to award Terry's Uniforms bid for firemen uniforms in the amount of \$461.25 per complete unit for a fireman up to the budget appropriation of \$37,000.00 and asked the Council to approve said resolution. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Sexton to approve the resolution for fire department uniforms. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**N. Resolution - Vertical Carousel System - Police Department.** Ms. Williams stated that the City Clerk's office has submitted and accepted bids for a Vertical Carousel System for the Police Department and a resolution has been prepared to award the only responsible bidder, Walter Hopkins Company in the amount of \$16,953.10. After a brief discussion regarding funds appropriated, this resolution was tabled until the next Council meeting.

### IV. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**A. Resolution – Nextel Partners.** Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Rusty Monroe, Consultant for telecommunications from Albany, NY is present tonight. Attorney Nunn stated that there are two resolutions; one for 300 Karen Street and another for amendment of the prior resolution. Mr. Rusty Monroe stated that Nextel Partners submitted a

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application to attach a set of antennas and associated equipment on an existing 300 foot tower located at 300 Karen Street, the application has been reviewed and they are in compliance with the ordinance and he recommends approval the application. Mr. Monroe stated that there were five conditions that he recommended in conjunction with the City Attorney to be attached with the permit, the Council has been given this information and he stated that he would be happy to answer any questions at this time. A motion was made by Councilman Durry and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to approve the said resolutions. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**B. Ordinance – Amendment - Telecommunications.** Attorney Nunn stated that the second copy is dealing with the amendment of the ordinance. Mr. Rusty Monroe stated that the Council previously approved two similar applications for Nextel Partners; at 2614 Citizens Parkway and 4 Marina Drive. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Sexton to approve the amendment of said ordinance. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Andrew Rotenstreich is also present and he is the Attorney at Law representing Nextel Partners.

**C. Retail Liquor License.** Attorney Nunn stated that the Council has a recommendation for Mr. Tommy Buford, Detective, Selma Police Department, for a Retail Liquor License for 1208 Highland Avenue. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to approve the said license. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**D. Retail Table Wine License.** Attorney Nunn stated that the Council has a recommendation for Elizabeth and Richard Rabb for a Retail Table Wine License for 3000 Citizens Parkway. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Sexton to approve the said license. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**E. Ambulance Service Contract.** Attorney Nunn stated that a letter has been addressed to the Council President as it relates to the ambulance service. Attorney Nunn stated that the ambulance service contract expired as of October 1, 2003 and it was agreed to keep Haynes Ambulance on a month-to-month basis until we received an opinion dealing with the competitive bid law. Attorney Nunn stated that the competitive bid law has not come out, but an opinion from the Attorney General was received on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, which states that the sole authority for determining which ambulance service should receive dispatch calls rest with the E-911 Board and the Board must comply with the competitive bid law. Attorney Nunn stated that he has written the E-911 Attorney as it relates to this opinion and they have discussed this matter and he informed them of his recommendation to the Council to keep Haynes on contract until December 31, 2003 and that would give the services time to appeal to the E-911 Board. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Durry to accept the recommendation of the City Attorney. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker and Councilwoman Crenshaw were absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**F. Ordinance – Transient Merchants.** Attorney Nunn stated that the transient merchants ordinance has been published as of Sunday, November 23, 2003. Attorney

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Nunn stated that he has contacted the Department of Revenue and they stated that in passing the ordinance, it was not in violation with the letter received or any state law and that other Cities have passed similar ordinances as well.

**G. Bush Hogg – Street Pavement.** Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. David Painter, City Engineer is present tonight as it relates to Bush Hogg's request for permission to pave the street on Griffin Avenue, between Vine Street and Weaver Street. Attorney Nunn stated that Bush Hogg has agreed to absorb the cost to pave this street with concrete in this location and they will maintain that street and they are asking the Council to approve this request. Attorney Nunn stated that his recommendation is to approve the request, but to also have all specs and site work approved by the City Engineer until completion of the project. After further discussion by Mr. Painter regarding the schematics, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Sexton to give Mr. Painter and the Mayor authorization to negotiate with Bush Hogg for a contract. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**H. Redistricting.** Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Painter and Mr. Reynolds are present tonight as it relates to the redistricting. Attorney Nunn stated that a draft description has been prepared of each Council member's ward and ask the Council to review and add the description to the map and get back with him.

**I. Ordinance – Wrecker Rotation.** Attorney Nunn stated that about one month ago an ordinance to amend the existing wrecker service ordinance was passed by the Council. Attorney Nunn stated that this ordinance was amended to exclude the boom so that Mr. Tony Folk could be in compliance with the ordinance, but since then, Mr. Folk has purchased a boom and he now falls in compliance and he is also back on rotation with the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated that it is his recommendation to the Council at this time is that instead of publishing the amendment, to repeal the amendment to the ordinance and review the amended ordinance that has been drafted for the Council. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to suspend the rules in order to vote on the repeal of the amended ordinance. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Councilwoman Franklin and the seconded withdrawn by Councilwoman Sewell and the amended ordinance will not be published and further review of the drafted ordinance will be done.

**J. Ordinance – Industrial District Renewal Community.** Attorney Nunn stated that the Council has requested an ordinance to amend the industrial district zoning for the City of Selma as it relates to the classifications for establishing a licensed Day Care Center within the Industrial site, which must be approved by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to suspend the rules in order to vote on the amended ordinance. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Durry to adopt the amended ordinance. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**K. Ordinance – Business License Revocation.** Attorney Nunn stated the Council has a copy of and ordinance for the revocation of a business license for illegal operation of a business. Attorney Nunn stated he request that this ordinance be placed on first reading and reviewed by the Council. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to place the said ordinance on first

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reading. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council member present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**L. Ordinance – Loitering.** Attorney Nunn stated that per request of the Council, a review of the loitering ordinance has been done and it only allows the City to enforce under the conditions read to the Council and this is in accordance with the State law and the City cannot do anything beyond this code and at this time this will not help the problem dealing with the clubs. Attorney Nunn stated that he surveyed a few other Cities and their ordinances are also in compliance with the State law. President Evans stated the Councilwoman Franklin and Mayor Perkins are in the process of selecting a committee to begin a study of this situation for the purpose of coming up with a remedy to the problems. Councilwoman Franklin stated that Mayor Perkins and Attorney Nunn have previously done this study once with the Chief of Police and it may be just a matter of sending out notices again.

**M. Letter – Jail Contract.** Attorney Nunn stated that he has received a letter as it relates to the jail contract from Mr. Kelly and the Council has received the letter as well. Attorney Nunn stated that the next step is to wait for Mr. Kelly to check with the Commission and then President and himself will meet and discuss further steps. President Evans stated that based on the agreement of the contract, the City could not terminate the contract until it is determined whether a particular bond has been retired or paid off. Attorney Nunn stated that the request is to renegotiate or try to work out the situation to terminate the contract because the terms of the contract are not pleasing to the City of Selma. After further discussion, Councilwoman Sewell stated that the existing documents should be reviewed and revised for renegotiation. Mayor Perkins concurred.

**N. Barking Dogs and Vicious Dogs.** Attorney Nunn stated that he has spoke with President Evans regarding section 5-78 for barking dogs which states that if the owner of any dog shall suffer or permit on his lot or premises the loud and frequent or continued barking or howling of any dog so as to annoy or disturb neighbor, such person shall be guilty of an offense against the City. Attorney Nunn stated that the section for vicious dogs is section 5-80, which states that it shall be unlawful for the owner or other person in charge there to keep a vicious dog in the City, unless the same is securely confined, bound, or adequately leashed in such a manner to prevent such dog from biting or attacking. After further discussion, Attorney Nunn stated that the code could be revised to prohibit certain situations with the dogs.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### **V. FINANCIAL UPDATE - CENTRAL ALABAMA SHELTER**

Councilwoman Franklin stated that this item has already been discussed but she would like to remind the Council to look at this issue.

#### **VI. NEW WORLD SYSTEMS**

President Evans stated that there is a tentative meeting with New World for December 22, 2003 or the date of the next Council meeting.

#### **VII. MEDICAL CENTER PARKWAY TRAFFIC LIGHT UPDATE**

Councilwoman Franklin stated that this issue is between the City and the County.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT ON RENAMING STREETS**

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that nothing would be done on this issue at this time.

**IX. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR-SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, WEED & SEED, SELMA HOUSING AUTHORITY DETAIL**

Councilwoman Franklin stated that this is regarding the Selma Housing Authority and Weed & Seed reimbursements and until the Council looks at the printouts there is no information at this time.

**X. WORSHIP SERVICES/CHURCH VISITATION**

Councilman Randolph stated that he would like to invite everyone to his church, Morning Star Baptist Church on Sunday, December 28, 2003.

**XI. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

President Evans stated that Ms. Salter has called him and indicated that she must give up her position as chairperson of the beautification committee. President Evans stated that she has done an outstanding job and he tried to convince her to stay, but she stated that she must resign at this time. President Evans stated that the Council would need to try to find someone to serve as chairperson of the committee to replace her. Councilwoman Sewell asked if it would be possible to present Ms. Salter with certificate or something to recognize her for all her hard work and dedicated. President Evans concurred.

**XII. TREE COMMISSION GRANT**

Councilwoman Franklin stated that all the Council should remember that the City of Selma received a grant from the Alabama Urban Forestry through Auburn University for \$7,950.00 and quarterly reports have to be done. Councilwoman Franklin stated that part of that report is the Selma Education Tree Trust Project and Mayor Perkins has the schematics in his office and what has to be done is find a site so that the fifth graders can do pottery. Councilwoman Franklin stated that she suggests the Marina Drive area at Bloch Park, which is fenced in, and she stated that Ms. Lola Rogers would be facilitating this project. Councilwoman Franklin stated that Auburn would hold 20% of the grant and supplies and material has to be purchased. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to designate the fenced in area of Marina Drive at Bloch Park for the Tree Trust Project. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**XIII. CELL PHONES VS. BEEPERS**

Councilman Sexton stated that he would like to make a motion to eliminate cell phones for Council members, seconded by Councilwoman Franklin. Councilwoman Sewell stated that she understands that this issue is to help to save money for the City, but the cell phones are very useful in conducting business. President Evans stated that the City is under a contract for the cell phones and may not be able to terminate the contract without paying a cost for cancellation. President Evans stated that he would like for the Mayor and Ms. Mitchell to look into how much it would cost the City to cancel the contract for cell phones. After further discussion, this item was tabled until further information is obtained.

**XIV. ACCOUNT – CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

Councilwoman Franklin stated that she would like to know what funds are obligated and un-obligated especially on the CD and have this information by the next Council meeting.

**XV. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

President Evans stated that there would be only one meeting for the month of December and the date of the next Council meeting will be December 15, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

**XVI. VOTING DELEGATES FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to appoint the following persons to serve as voting delegates for the 2003 National League of Cities, Congress of Cities Conference in Nashville, TN; Mayor James Perkins, Jr., as 1<sup>st</sup> Voting Delegate, President George Evans as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Voting Delegate and Councilwoman Jean Martin as 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate Voting Delegate. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**XVII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

There is no report from the Recreation Committee.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

There is no report from the Administrative Committee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Franklin stated that there would be a Public Safety meeting held prior to the next Council meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to place the wrecker ordinance on first reading. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker and Councilwoman Crenshaw were absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

There is no report from the Community Development Committee.

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES**

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

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE**

There is no report for the Discretionary Funds Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

President Evans requested a motion to recess into executive session at this time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin recess into an executive session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss good name and character. The

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motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker was absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

The Council reconvened into regular session at 9:58 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda business items.

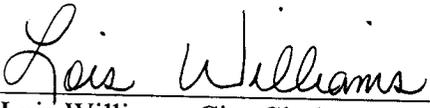
**XIX. RESOLUTION – #R131-03/04**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve resolution number R131-03/04. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Tucker and Councilwoman Crenshaw were absent from the Chambers when the vote was taken.

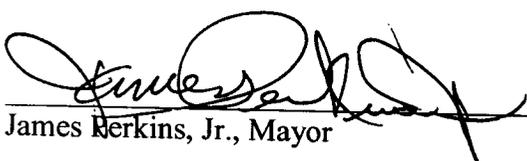
There being no other business to come before the Council, on motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn this meeting at 10:05 p.m.

  
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George P. Evans, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lois Williams, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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James Berkins, Jr., Mayor