

**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005
5:00 P.M.**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean T. Martin, Dr. Geraldine Allen, Samuel L. Randolph, Johnnie M. Leashore Bennie R. Crenshaw and Jannie M. Venter. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. Reverend Grover Brown gave the invocation.

RECOGNITION OF SELMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

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. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she would like to add Selma City Ambassador to the agenda. Councilman Cain stated he feels item twelve should read Budget Review instead of Budget approval. A motion was made by Councilman Cain to change item twelve to Budget Review instead of Budget Approval. The motion failed due to lack of a second. President Evans stated this item would remain as written with just one addition as noted. A motion was then made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members.

After approval of the agenda, President Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2005 regular meeting. A motion was made Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the minutes of September 12, 2005. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members.

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A. Length of Service Recognition Awards. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask Ms. Valeria Jones to come forward to address the Council. Ms. Jones stated on behalf of Mayor Perkins, she would like to present before the Council those employees who are being honored this month for their length of service. Ms. Jones stated the following employees will be awarded with a certificate and pin: *Five years of service*; (1) Fire Engineer Eric Richburg, Fire Department, (2) Fire Engineer Roger Duke, Fire Department, (3) Dianna Johnson, City Council Secretary, (4) Herman Morgan, Cemetery Department; *Ten years of service*; (1) Sgt. Doug Stewart, Police Department; *Fifteen years of service*; (1) Melvin Johnson, Public Works Department, (2) Chief Jimmy R. Martin, Police Department.

B. 2005-2006 Budget Approval. Mayor Perkins stated the City has a statutory requirement to pass a budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask that the Council would consider passing the most current draft of the budget. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated the Council has two choices, can pass last year budget and carry it over; if this is done it will require the finance department to enter the budget numbers twice in this fiscal year's accounting process. Mayor Perkins stated the alternative would be to pass the current budget and move forward from there if the Council chooses to make any future amendments and this is his recommendation to the Council.

Councilman Williamson asked Mayor Perkins if he was going to answer the twelve pages of questions given to him by the Council. Mayor Perkins stated as far as he is concerned and as best as he understands it, ninety percent of the questions have answers either through the materials in the budget document or materials that have been provided prior. Mayor Perkins stated most certainly all of the budget specific questions in his judgment have been answered.

Councilwoman Crenshaw asked, while we are looking at the budget and this is a budget issue, how much of the one million dollars that was stolen from the City has been received in terms of accumulating at least half of this money back. Councilwoman Crenshaw further asked what has been done to make sure that the persons who took this money have not accumulated wealth enough for the City to be able to receive some of this money back. Mayor Perkins stated the City Attorney should address this question because there has been some legal action taken to insure that the City recovers the judgments. Mayor Perkins stated the City has been receiving restitution payments from those individuals on a steady basis and the specific amounts of those restitution payments would be in the revenue section of the reports provided to the Council on a monthly basis.

A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw that this Council adopt the proposed 2005-2006 budget. An amended motion was made by Councilman Williamson and seconded by Councilman Cain to amend the proposed budget to delete \$425,000.00 employee pay plan and delete the purchase of all computers and printers. No

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action was taken on this motion. Mayor Perkins stated to assist with the management of this process he would like to respectfully request that the Council would act on his recommendation, vote it up or down, and whatever the Council chooses to do afterwards is at the Council discretion. Mayor Perkins stated if the Council chooses to do otherwise he would like to go on record to say that he disagrees with any other process.

President Evans stated the Council could be in session for a long while if this is done item by item and his concern at this point would be if the motion is to be amended to the extent that the Council would amend the budget with other items to be deleted or changed at some point that would be fine, but to use this whole time to list these items one by one is a long process. Councilman Williamson stated if the Council considers changes to the budget it is going to take time whether it is done tonight or at the next meeting, he further stated he respects President Evans opinion as a great difference to his position and asked if President Evans would prefer a list is made to vote on a the next meeting. President Evans concurred. Councilman Cain stated there were one hundred twenty questions that the Council requested response to and have not received any response, there was a second request as well, and this budget does not include all the expenses that have been incurred by the City in previous and past years, for example; explanation for the purpose of not including line item 6100.501 through 99, that is one hundred thousand dollars that is not included in this budget and that makes a major difference. Councilman Cain stated there are many other line items like this and he does not feel the Council should approve this budget without the questions being addressed and changes being made appropriately. Councilman Williamson stated he would withdraw his motion and do this at the next meeting, however, he will speak against the main motion because it is a violation of the State law, which states that the Council should only appropriate ninety percent of the anticipated revenues. Councilman Williamson stated last year the State law was violated and we are doing it again and he respectfully disagree with Mayor Perkins because he has tried to read this information and he cannot find answers to these questions in the information that the Council has been given so he will be voting against the budget tonight.

President Evans stated he would vote against this budget tonight. President Evans stated the Council met on two occasions and came up with over one hundred questions pertaining to this budget that needs clarification only and the Council has received no response in writing to answer these questions. President Evans stated he wrote a letter on behalf of the Council, Part I and Part II, and furnished the Mayor will the questions. President Evans stated it is not right for the Council to have submitted these many questions pertaining to a budget of \$16,000,000.00 and not get any response. President Evans stated he knows that the department heads could very easily in only one day respond to these questions. Councilwoman Allen stated she wants to be fiscally sound in Selma with her decision to pass this budget, this is not a reflection on the Mayor or the department heads for all the hard work that they have done, but she too have questions about the budget which she took a considerable amount of time to review carefully and presented questions to President Evans for which she has not received answers. Councilwoman Allen asked that the answers could be given, not by spreadsheet, but clarified by narration. Councilwoman Allen stated she is accountable to the taxpayers of Selma and at this time she cannot vote on this budget.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote to adopt the 2005-2006 proposed budget. There were four affirmative votes and five negative votes. President Evans, Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean Martin and Dr. Geraldine Allen all cast a negative vote.

President Evans stated the Council would now need to approve the continuation of the current budget until a budget can be put in place. A motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Williamson to approve the continuation of the current budget as the 2005-2006 budget until a new budget is approved. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were five affirmative votes and four negative votes. Council members Samuel Randolph, Johnnie Leashore, Bennie R. Crenshaw and Jannie Venter all cast a negative vote.

During further discussion, Mayor Perkins stated he would like to clear up some points that were made during the budget discussion. Mayor Perkins stated on September 8, 2005, he received a memo from President Evans with a series of questions, and that President Evans has indicated that he received no response to this inquiry. Mayor Perkins stated on September 12, 2005, he sent President Evans a memo, which he read to the Council, stating, " I have reviewed the questions and anticipate the possibility of needing clarification about some of them. Therefore, by each question, please type the name of the councilperson that is responsible for that question so that, if needed, they may be directly contacted." Mayor Perkins stated he did not receive a response to this request and he wants to remind the Council that when they originally met to discuss the budget, committees were clustered, and the committees handled the discussions. Mayor Perkins

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stated prior to that meeting the Council told him that he was not needed and was not wanted in the discussions. Mayor Perkins stated he decided to bring all department heads to the meeting anyway and at the conclusion of that meeting the committee chairpersons presented the items of concern about the budget out of the committee, but when the questions were received they were not in that same format. Mayor Perkins stated he then received a second memo from President Evans on today. Mayor Perkins stated the second memo from President Evans conveniently ignores that he made an inquiry of him to provide specifics so that he could answer his first memo. President Evans stated he never read a memo from Mayor Perkins, although Ms. Johnson asked him if he received the memo that she passed to him during a meeting, not to say that Mayor Perkins did not send a memo. President Evans stated if he had received a memo, he would have responded to the Mayor. President Evans stated Mayor did ask him in passing that he needed to know who the individuals are that asked the questions and he stated to the Mayor at that time that he could not remember who asked each question, and he further stated that he would pass the questions to each member and let them place their names to the questions they asked, but personally he feels the names of the person asking the question is irrelevant.

C. **Math and Science Fun Day.** Mayor Perkins stated there is a group present tonight who are working on a Math and Science Fun Day. Mayor Perkins stated Ms. Tripp and Mr. Anderson are a part of this project and he asked them to come forward to address the Council regarding this concept. Mr. Anderson stated the Math and Science Fun Day will be October 15, 2005 and they are seeking support of the Council in the amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Anderson stated an outline of the project has been given to Mayor Perkins. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to authorize funding for this project with the City Council Special Projects Funds for this fiscal year in the amount of \$2,500.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

D. **Supervisory Training for Municipal Employees.** Mayor Perkins stated one of the training initiative opportunities obtained by the Personnel Department to provide Supervisory Training for Department Heads. Mayor Perkins stated he apologizes to the Council for overlooking this issue at the last Council meeting, he further stated the city has been doing business with the company providing the training in the past and the amount of the training is \$592.50; Mayor Perkins stated the reason why he express apologies is because this training was held on this morning, so instead of canceling, he felt \$592.50 was a good deal to train all of the City's department heads. Mayor Perkins stated he would like the Council to ratify, affirm and approve this training and contract between Decision, Inc. and the City of Selma for training provided to all department heads within municipal government. A motion was made by Councilwoman Venter and seconded by Councilman Cain to ratify, affirm and approve the said contract for training of department heads. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

E. **Crescent Hill Drive Update.** Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask Mr. David Painter to come forward to address the Council on the status of the Crescent Hill Drive project. Mr. Painter reported to the Council stating in his written report given at the last Council meeting he indicated that this project should be finished by the end of this month. During discussion, Mr. Painter stated today he received a report from the contractors, which indicated that the asphalt plant was closed all last week and due to this issue, however, it was decided the asphalt would be patched, which would allow the road to be opened by the end of the week.

F. **Hurricane Katrina and Rita - One Stop Service Center.** Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask Mrs. Bridget Mills to come forward to address the Council regarding issues surrounding Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Mrs. Mills addressed the Council stating she would like to thank all the Council members who attended the evacuee meeting on last week and those who attended the meeting heard the concerns and frustrations of the evacuees resonate throughout the room regarding their feedback received from various agencies. Mrs. Mills further stated Mayor Perkins also announced the concept of creating a One Stop Service Center on that evening with an effort to delay those frustrations and to develop an organized effort to expedite the assistance that is sought by the evacuees that entered into our city. Mrs. Mills stated Jeff Byard of the State EMA, discussed FEMA's ability to lead in this effort and after many conversations with FEMA, it has been determined that they cannot support a One Stop Service Center. Mrs. Mills also stated during a preliminary review of the assessments statistics received from evacuees who completed the needs assessments made it clear that a lot of the evacuees have not registered to receive the available services in the city. In conclusion, Mrs. Mills asked the Council consideration an

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appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of supporting a One Stop Service Center to provide services for evacuees. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution for the One Stop Service Center. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

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A. Alcoholic Beverage License - Mr. W.C. Rogers, Jr. Attorney Nunn stated an alcoholic beverage license was placed on first reading for Mr. W.C. Rogers, Jr., Roger's Liquor Store at 2306 U.S. Hwy 80 East. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the said license. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were five affirmative votes and four negative votes. Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Dr. Geraldine Allen and Jannie Venter all cast a negative vote.

B. Alcoholic Beverage License - Mr. Albert Crum. Attorney Nunn stated reconsideration is being requested for an alcoholic beverage license application that was voted on at the last Council meeting. President Evans stated a vote was taken at the last Council meeting; however, all members were not present, including Councilman Randolph, whose ward this establishment is located. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the said license. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council. There were three affirmative votes and six negative votes. Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean Martin, Dr. Geraldine Allen, Bennie R. Crenshaw and Jannie Venter all cast a negative vote.

C. Resolution #R190-04/05 Surplus Property. Attorney Nunn stated the Council has been given copies of a resolution #R190-04/05 as it relates to Chief Martin having presented the City Clerk's Office with a listing of personal property no longer needed by the police department and he asks the Council to declare as surplus property. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the said resolution. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

D. Ordinance - #O114-04/05 "The Garbage Ordinance". Attorney Nunn stated ordinance #O114-04/05 has been presented to the Council and placed on first reading at the last Council meeting. Attorney Nunn stated this is dealing with the amendment to the Garbage Ordinance fee changes. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the said ordinance. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

E. Single Event License Agreement. Attorney Nunn stated about a year ago a single event license agreement was prepared and the City of Selma established it as a policy or procedure to follow when renting or leasing City owned facilities. Attorney Nunn stated one amendment has been made to this policy due to Hurricane Katrina as it relates to section A. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Leashore to adopt the said policy with the amendment. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

F. Live Stock Update. Attorney Nunn stated about a month ago the issue as it relates to the livestock in the City was discussed with a legal update, however, the Council requested additional research. Attorney Nunn stated this research was continued and an opinion from the Alabama League of Municipalities has been received and copies given to the Council. Attorney Nunn stated this information would confirm information already provided to the Council as it relates to livestock.

G. Lawsuit - Mary Beth Sullivan, et al vs. Robert Brady, et al. Attorney Nunn stated the Council has a copy of a letter as it relates to Mary Beth Sullivan vs. Robert Brady concerning plaintiffs alleged the officers incorrectly prepared the incident report by falsely listing witnesses. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council would like to go in depth with details of this lawsuit, he would be happy to discuss in an Executive Session of the Council. Attorney Nunn stated he asks the Council approval for the settlement amount of \$4,500.00 to the above referenced plaintiff in this lawsuit. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve payment of the said settlement. A roll call vote

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was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were six affirmative votes, one negative vote and one abstention. Councilman Williamson cast a negative vote. Councilman Cain abstained from the vote. Councilman Randolph was absent from the chambers.

H. Statement - Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation. Attorney Nunn stated the Council also has a copy of a statement from the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation as it relates to liability payments. Attorney Nunn stated, again, if the Council would like to go in depth with details of these claims, he would be happy to discuss in an Executive Session of the Council. During discussion, President Evans stated this item would be tabled until the next Council meeting.

I. Truck/Trailer Located behind the Old Wal-Mart Building. Attorney Nunn stated he will pass around pictures to the Council of the Trailer Truck located behind the Old Wal-Mart Building. Attorney Nunn stated the City of Selma has an ordinance as it relates to office trailers, and Fire Inspector Greg Lewellen and Building Inspector Finis Harris have both inspected this site and the ordinance states approval must be given by the Selma City Council. Attorney Nunn stated Dr. Taylor is present to address the Council if necessary. Dr. Taylor addressed the Council stating there is an MRI machine located in the trailer and he is trying to provide healthcare for the large population in this area with no insurance. Dr. Taylor further stated safety measures have been taken to insure safety of the clients as well as protect his investment by putting in place cameras to monitor the building, and twenty-four hour video surveillance cameras outside the building, and obtained an insurance policy for liability. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the variance for the office trailer subject to having building codes in compliance. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

J. Alabama Ethics Commission. Attorney Nunn stated on last Friday Councilwoman Crenshaw requested his office to call the Alabama Ethics Commission concerning statements that were made during the Council meeting and statements that were published by the Selma Times Journal. Attorney Nunn stated he spoke with Mr. Hugh Evans, General Counsel of the Alabama Ethics Commission, and he stated as it relates to the statements that were made that there was a violation or unethical for the Mayor to provide certain funds to the Council members to go on a conference. Attorney Nunn stated these statements were published in the newspaper and Councilwoman Crenshaw had some concerns, and what Mr. Hugh Evans has stated is that as long as there was a public purpose such as a conference or meeting that would benefit the City of Selma and that the money was not used for a personal benefit, then it is legal. Attorney Nunn further stated the money coming out of the Mayor's fund did not require a vote of the Council if the Council has already voted to give him the money and it is within the budget of his office. Attorney Nunn stated Mr. Evans further stated that he did not talk to Councilman Cain and that no one in his office would have told him that this was unethical and that the statements made in the newspaper are untrue. Attorney Nunn stated Mr. Hugh Evans asked for a copy of the newspaper, which was forwarded to him. Attorney Nunn stated the City does not want to jeopardize the relationship with the Alabama Ethics Commission and the Alabama League of Municipalities, the City does not want them spending time trying to defend themselves on statements said to be made by them that we allege they did make. Attorney Nunn stated communication cannot be jeopardized because we do call them weekly, monthly trying to get advice.

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated in light of this information she has a statement that she would like to make a matter of record. Councilwoman Crenshaw read this statement to the Council and the statement in its entirety is attached. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she asks for a public apology and retraction with regard to this matter. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated if this is not forthcoming, she can only speak for herself, but she plans to seek whatever legal resource may be available to her. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she is not above apologizing for anything she does wrong, but she refuse to apologize for speaking on matters she feels very strong about and those are matters of her conviction. Councilman Leashore stated he would like to ask Councilwoman Crenshaw if she would allow him to be a part of this document for the record, because he too was concerned about the accusation that was made via the radio, newspapers and misinformation that was being discerned to the public. Councilman Leashore stated he concurs with the information from Councilwoman Crenshaw and he too will seek whatever legal resource may be available to him. Councilwoman Venter stated she concurs with Councilwoman Crenshaw as well because it makes their constituents think that they are doing something illegal and that is

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not right and she too will seek whatever legal resource may be available to her. Councilman Cain stated on March 28, 2005, the Council passed a policy stating that all future trips would be self-pay.

Councilman Cain stated certain Council members as well as the Mayor, as well as the City Clerk and the City Treasurer wrote checks against Council policy. Councilman Cain stated when he approached the Alabama Ethics Commission as well as the Alabama League of Municipalities as well as the Attorney Generals Office, he addressed his question in each of those departments about the self-pay situation concerning our Council policy and they all stated those funds should not have been used for any future trips. Councilman Cain stated he would like to clarify in the records, as he read a statement from Mr. Hugh Evans' letter, "While we talk to many people, and I cannot say for certain that I have never talked to Reid Cain,". Councilman Cain stated he did talk to someone at the Alabama Ethics Commission, but he did not talk to Mr. Hugh Evans, he was unavailable, which was three to four weeks ago, now this is coming up on September 21st and maybe they did forget that they spoke to me, and he did get the name of the person he spoke with at their office, because he felt it could be easily resolved with Council members repaying what they have already stated by Council majority what they would do, which is self-pay for their trips.

Councilwoman Martin stated the Mayor asked her if she needed to go on the trip to Huntsville because he was aware that she is a committee member and she thanked and said she could not, but she is just as certain that if anyone else on the Council needed to go and went to him he would have found the money, fair is fair. Councilwoman Martin stated she feels a wrong impression has been given about trips that a Councilperson makes to an official meeting, about it being a vacation and all sorts, but the City is one of the oldest city members of the Alabama League of Municipalities and the Council learns things they need to know about city government, about rules of government and they make contacts that help this city and help city government. Councilwoman Martin stated the City is also one of the oldest members of the National League of Cities and because of the contacts made during the conferences, this City benefits enormously. Councilwoman Martin briefly shared one personal experience with the Council, which the City of Selma benefited from a conference contact with regards to the St. James Hotel.

Councilman Leashore stated when the Council voted not to amend the travel budget they understood perfectly well that there would be no line item budget amended to add any funds to the travel budget.

Attorney Nunn stated he does not want anyone to take this letter out of context, Councilman Cain only referred to just one line, and since we are on the air, he wants to read the letter very quickly. The letter read in its entirety by Attorney Nunn is attached.

Councilman Williamson stated he has given Mr. Evans a letter as well as the Mayor requesting copies of the checks given to his three colleagues after the Council adopted a proposal that all future travel this fiscal year would be self-pay. Councilman Williamson stated his letter also requests copies of how much money each of the three Council members returned after their trip and he wants to ask the entire Council to join him in asking the Ethics Commission and or the Attorney General for a ruling about this matter. Councilman Williamson further stated he looks forward to seeing Councilwoman Crenshaw and Councilman Leashore in a court.

In conclusion, Mayor Perkins stated irregardless of the decision of the Council not to fund any additional travel, it does not supersede the fact that the Mayor has a budget that is approved by the Council and the Mayor has the discretion to spend his budget as long as it is for a public purpose.

K. St. James Hotel Update. Attorney Nunn stated he spoke with Mr. Striplin and he continues to entertain various investors. Attorney Nunn stated he did call him regarding a potential investor. Attorney Nunn stated Mr. Striplin also stated he would proceed with changing the management of the hotel, to make it a better hotel, in the event he cannot find an investor.

L. Consent Decree. Attorney Nunn stated this item would be continued. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council desires, this item can be taken off the agenda for the time being and as soon as more information is develop he will bring to the Council. Councilwoman Allen concurred.

M. Clarification of City Owned Property. Attorney Nunn stated Mr. Goldsby is still out of the office due to surgery, however, when he returns, he will be meeting with Mayor Perkins regarding this matter and possibly a presentation to the Council will be done via the Mayor's report.

N. Trailer Moratorium. Councilman Williamson stated at the last meeting a moratorium was approved on the enforcement of our ordinance preventing trailer from being located in the City limits. Councilman Williamson stated this was done so that FEMA approved

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trailers could be placed in the City, but now FEMA is not going to provide the City with any trailers, he wanted to know if this should be removed and go back to enforcing the ordinance. During discussion, Mayor Perkins stated his suggestion would be to give it about thirty days, then revisit the issue.

O. Council Travel. Councilwoman Martin stated she does not think its fair for travel funds to be divided between each Council member because she feels it was working well the way that it was in the past. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated this item would be discussed at the next Council meeting. Attorney Nunn stated the division policy applies to the 2005-2006 budget. President Evans stated the budget approved was to continue the current budget that is in place. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask the Council to consider a special called meeting between now and October 1st for the purpose of passing the real budget for this fiscal year. Mayor Perkins stated if the Council does not do this, then basically we will start to operate under the old budget, which is drastically different from the budget that needs to be passed for this year.

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III. GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FORM-INCOME STATEMENT.

President Evans stated a copy of a form has been given to the Council as well as the Mayor that was given to him by Councilman Cain for the purpose of maybe getting this type of report on the Good Samaritan Hospital in the future. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Williamson to adopt this income statement for financial reporting of the Good Samaritan Hotel. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

IV. DISASTER PLAN COMMITTEE/ EVACUATION PLAN

President Evans stated each Council member received a copy of the plan at the last Council meeting and he feels we need to move forward with trying to appoint a committee to begin putting something together to let the community know that we are working on this matter. President Evans stated he would like to ask Councilman Leashore, Councilwoman Martin, Councilwoman Allen, and Councilman Williamson to serve on the committee along with him. President Evans stated he would also like to ask each Council member to make a recommendation for two individuals from their ward to also serve on the committee as well as Mayor Perkins.

Councilman Williamson stated he has read this book from cover to cover and there are no details included to evacuee the City of Selma and he would be interested in knowing how the Mayor would evacuee the City in the event of a disaster. President Evans asked if this committee could meet next Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Council concurred.

V. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

President Evans asked if the Council members would submit their recommendation to him for the committee they are interested in serving on or chairing. Following discussion, President Evans stated the Council will work through this issue and meet at a later date.

VI. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Councilman Williamson stated he would still like to ask the Ethics Commission or the Attorney General at some point, if the Council says that funds cannot be spent on an item, can the Mayor and the department heads spend money on that item, he asked "Is that a part of the checks and balances of city government?" Councilman Williamson stated this has been covered tonight so we can move on. Councilman Leashore stated Councilman Williamson must understand that the Council was informed that the budget line item would not be amended and this is the focal point.

VII. CITY AMBASSADOR

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she has been soliciting names of young people who would serve Selma City Ambassadors. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated these young people who serve when the Mayor and the City Council has certain activities such as Jubilee and Market Day. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated when special people are in town we do not place our young people on exhibit and she wants to do this by forming and working with the Selma youth

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ambassadors. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she along with Councilwoman Martin and Councilwoman Venter will also ask Mrs. Valerie Chittom to work with them to get these individuals setup. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she received a list of names from Mrs. Carolyn Powell, Selma Youth Leadership Director. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated having said that, she would like to know if the Council would approve funds to purchase T-shirts and blazers. President Evans stated he feels this is a great program and hope all Council members will get involved. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated twenty-five youth will be selected for the youth Council and twenty of those youth will serve as ambassadors, but she would like for each Council member to select two youth from their ward to serve on the youth council. President Evans stated he would like to be a part of the project.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

There is no report for the Recreation Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Dr. Geraldine Allen, Chairperson

There is no report for the Administrative Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Reid Cain, Chairperson

There is no report for the Public Safety Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jean Martin, Chairperson

There is no report for the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Leashore, Chairperson

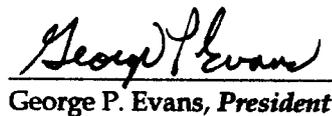
There is no report for the Public Works Committee.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Crenshaw, Chairperson

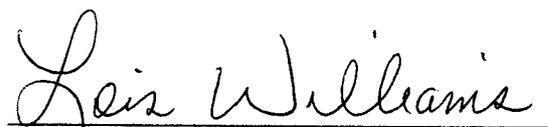
There is no report for the Discretionary Funds Committee.

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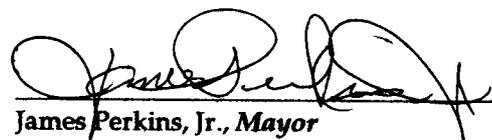
There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, the Council voted by unanimous consent to recess this meeting at 8:54 p.m. This meeting will reconvene on tomorrow, September 27, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.


George P. Evans, *President*

ATTEST:


Lois Williams, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


James Perkins, Jr., *Mayor*