

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 11, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Tom McLemore, Pastor
Houston Park Church of Christ

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen and Council members Cecil Williamson, Susan Keith, Monica Newton, Angela Benjamin, Samuel Randolph, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie R. Crenshaw, and Corey Bowie. 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Allen asked for the approval of the minutes of July 28, 2009 regular meeting minutes. President Allen asked that the record reflect that the Council thanks City Clerk, Ivy Harrison, for her expeditiousness in always getting the minutes to the Council on time. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the minutes of July 28, 2009. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

PRESENTATIONS

"Youth Group" Presentations (Youth Conference Held August 6th - 8th) - Green Room Workshop - Community Service Projects - *"Go 'Green' with the Community"*

Poem by Ms. Letha Dillard and *"Special Presentation of a Drawing"* by Ms. Nokuthula Ndebele - Recipient - *Councilwoman Angela Benjamin*

President Allen stated she wanted to thank Councilwoman Benjamin so very much for her wonderful and successful Youth Conference that occurred.

"Art Exhibit" Display, City Hall, 1st Floor, Presented by the Selma Art Guild

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Ms. Sherrette Spicer
Re: "Rapist on the Police Force"

Ms. Diane Smitherman, Owner and Operator
Re: Restaurant on Grumbles Alley - Liquor Taxation - Imposition

MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Proclamation - "Amelia Platts Boynton Day"**. Mayor Evans asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring Mrs. Amelia Platts Boynton for her dedication to public service and her work as an integral part of the American Civil Rights Movement. Mayor Evans stated to celebrate the 98th birthday and honor the lifelong commitment of Mrs. Amelia Platts Boynton to uphold the human rights, and civil rights of people across the United States and around the world, the City of Selma proclaims August 16, 2009, as "*Amelia Platts Boynton Day*". A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to proclaim Sunday, August 16, 2009 as "*Amelia Platts Boynton Day*". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

B. **Selma Police Department - "Allegation of Rape" - Update**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has met with Chief Riley, who is aware of the allegation of rape, as it relates to this matter. Mayor Evans further stated at this particular time, this whole matter is being investigated and currently in the "hands" of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI). Mayor Evans asked Chief Riley to come forward and address the Council. Chief Riley stated that this matter is currently in the "hands" of the ABI, and that they are working on this case. Chief Riley further stated right now this case is under investigation, and once it is completed the report will be forwarded to him. Chief Riley stated the Police Department will perform an internal investigation via the Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau which, if there is anything found, will be dealt with in the appropriate manner, via the Mayor's Office. Chief Riley also stated the Officer that is involved in this case, is on "Desk Duty" and is not in a Patrol Car, patrolling the streets as was earlier reported. Chief Riley further stated even though it is an allegation, he felt it was necessary to take him off Patrol Car duty to handle other administrative duties, while the investigation is ongoing.

C. **Liquor - Taxation**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that one of the things that he pledged to all of them and the Citizens was that they would try to find a way to find everything that they could about how to correct things, and getting things in place, and that this is just one of those items that is among many other items; such as, garbage that is not connected and we are trying to connect the "pieces" in terms of making sure that the City Government get its funds based on things that are Law that we are trying to follow. Mayor Evans further stated the Council makes Law, and has the authority to change anything that they would like to, but that this issue was not necessarily an act of "picking" on anyone other than the fact than the fact that it was discovered, and work was begun on it. Mayor Evans stated, as said before, there are some people who are paying the liquor taxes, and some who are not. Mayor Evans further stated there are a lot of things that we are trying to work together on, and that he asks the Citizens to be patient and work with us because we just want to get the things right that are necessary. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Roosevelt Goldsby, City Tax Collector, to come forward and address the Council, with questions as it relates to the liquor taxation. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve a moratorium on the liquor tax collection for a month, in an effort to gather more information as it relates to the liquor tax ordinance. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

D. **Monthly Financial Report - July, 2009**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of July. Mayor Evans further stated as can be seen, the Monthly Financial Report reveals that our revenues listed under "Y-T-D" Totals based on last year's "Y-T-D" Totals, are \$387,641.21 less than we had last year this time.

E. **Police Department Reports - July, 2009**. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Police Department Report, which gives all of the incident report totals by percentages for each Ward, along with a copy of the Loud Noise Statistics. Mayor Evans stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the month of July, 2009. Mayor Evans further stated as seen by Wards, the percentage of incidents that have been reported, the total for the month are 1,256 in the various Wards, and outside of the Wards was 37%, with a total of 447. Mayor Evans stated the Loud Noise Statistics reflects, in the Loud Noise Incident report, that Ward 8 had the greatest percentage, with a report of 4 Loud Music Incident Reports, and 4 Issuance of Loud Noise Citations. During discussion, Councilwoman Newton stated she is very concerned about the procedure explained to her by Code Enforcement as it relates to issuance of warnings with regard to the Parking on the Yards' Ordinance, and starting September 1st we need to start issuing citations. Councilwoman Newton further stated if we wait until September 1st to start issuing citations she does not think we have done right by the public; further, that they deserve a warning period. Councilwoman Newton stated she thinks Police Officers should be the ones who enforce the Parking on the Yards' Ordinance, as opposed to the Code Enforcement Office, and that she thinks this needs to be visited in "short order" and something has got to be done about it quickly. Mayor Evans stated he totally agrees with that, and that the citations will be issued for "Parking on the Yards" by Police Officers, based upon the Ordinance that is in place that the Council reinstated at last Council's meeting, for thirty (30) days. Mayor Evans further stated he will follow-up on this with Chief Riley, as to how many warnings have be made already, and bring back a report to the Council at the next Council Meeting.

F. Code Enforcement Reports - February, 2009 - July, 2009. Mayor Evans stated to Council to Council that what they have before them now is a copy of all of the identified properties in the City, since February, 2009, to-date, since Code Enforcement has been operating. Mayor Evans further stated this report gives them the Date Recorded, the Ward that is in, the Property Owner and Address, Address of the Property identified, Type/Status, Dates Notified, Action Taken, and a Follow-Up Status. Mayor Evans stated that they are trying to "tweak" it and make it better.

G. Broadband/Wi-Fi Project - Update. Mayor Evans stated as it relates to the Broadband that we have been looking at with Honeywell, with the Committee of the Chairperson, along with Staff Persons, he is at a point where at this time he would like to make the recommendation to Table this grant process, until we can obtain more clarification as it relates to questions and concerns surrounding this project. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to table the grant process with Honeywell, as it relates to the Broadband/WiFi Project for this round, and perhaps re-visit it in November, 2009, during the "second" round. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

H. Meadowcraft Lease of All-Lock Building Facility - Update. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he has some good news to report on this Item; further, that Meadowcraft as they probably already know has been purchased by a new Company. Mayor Evans further stated they met with him on last week, and that they are interested in leasing all of the back space at the All-Lock Facility for maybe 2 or 3 years, for the storage of some of their equipment. Mayor Evans further stated they are putting together a proposal for which he will be bringing back before the Council, for review.

I. Business Community - Town Hall Meeting. Mayor Evans asked Council to join him in trying to have a Business Community Town Hall Meeting with the Business Leaders of our City, on Monday, August 17, 2009, Performing Arts Center, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Evans stated the purpose of the meeting would be to have dialogue with them, to share the bond concept with them, as well as, many other things that may be on their minds as it relates to the role of City Government and Businesses working together.

J. J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard - Street Naming & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - August 26, 2009. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Family of Attorney J. L. Chestnut, Jr. would like to host a Street Naming and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at the First Baptist Church, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Evans asked that Council Members be available, along with others, who have a message or comment to share in that Ceremony. Mayor Evans invited the Citizens of Selma to also come out and attend the Ceremony.

K. Grand Opening Ceremony - VA Outpatient Clinic - September 3, 2009. Mayor Evans stated to Council as they know we now have a VA Clinic in Selma, and they have forwarded him a letter of invitation as it relates to the Grand Opening Ceremony. Mayor Evans further stated the Grand Opening Ceremony will be on Thursday, September 3, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Evans stated the new VA Outpatient clinic is located at 206 Vaughn Memorial Drive, and that it is the Building behind where the former Vaughan Memorial Hospital was located, off of Dallas Avenue. Mayor Evans stated this is going to be a great opportunity for our City to have this VA Clinic, and that it is a "plus" for Selma for the Veterans to now get health care here in the City of Selma.

L. Issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Facility Permit for Proposed City of Selma C/D Landfill. Mayor Evans stated to Council that what they have before them is basically for informational purposes only. Mayor Evans further stated said Solid Waste Disposal Permit that we have gotten is for the City's proposed C/D Landfill, and that he is providing it to the Council for their information.

M. Khafra Engineering Consultants Billing/Invoice Reconciliation. Mayor Evans stated what the Council has before them now is a Billing/Invoice Reconciliation, with a reconciliation and final payment in the amount of \$18,658.44, which is the amount we are going to try and settle on. Mayor Evans further stated a meeting is set for Thursday, August 12th, at 1:00 p.m., with a representative of Khafra, and he is hopeful at that meeting that we can obtain a settlement on this matter.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Weed Abatement - Public Hearing - August 11, 2009, R#226-08/09. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that per §11-67-60 of the Alabama Code, and Ordinance #O118-06/07, Weed Abatement Law Hearing is scheduled on the six (6) properties which were scheduled for hearing today; namely, 402 Kingsley Drive, 437 Pettus Street, 715 Woodrow Avenue, 2601 North Broad Street, 1408 Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, and 107 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated the property owners have been given 21 days to object, and if they object to the weeds or grass being 12 inches or higher, they must file an objection within the City Clerk's Office within 5 days of the public hearing, scheduled for today, August 11th. Attorney Nunn stated we did not receive any objections with the exception of one, which the Council should have a copy of; Mr.

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Robert Treese, Jr. and Mrs. Cheryl A. Treese, property owners of 402 Kingsley Drive, and also copy of telephone call message, dated for Friday, August 7th. Attorney Nunn further stated Mr. Treese has a medical condition, and he and his wife are requesting that the City of Selma extend them an extra thirty (30) days to clean that piece of property up, and bring it into compliance. Attorney Nunn stated that Mayor Evans, along with Code Enforcement, have been working with 2601 North Broad Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that he is recommending to the Council that we would give an extension as requested, to Mr. Robert Treese and Mrs. Cheryl A. Treese, of thirty (30) days for them to complete the work, since Mr. Treese is ill, and allow the other properties to proceed as follow with declaring them as being in violation of the Weed Abatement Ordinance, and giving Code Enforcement Office the authority to abate. In addition to his recommendation to proceed with the weed abatement of the above-stated properties, Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of Resolution #R226-08/09. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve said Resolution #R226-08/09, with the understanding that an extension of thirty (30) days has been granted on the property located at 402 Kingsley Drive. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Councilwoman Keith was absent when the vote was taken.** Attorney Nunn stated, for the record, that letters were forwarded to the property owners via certified mail, which were signed and receipted, and also notices were published in the newspaper. Attorney Nunn further stated a copy of Resolution #R226-08/09 will be given to Code Enforcement and the Public Works Department on tomorrow, and they will go out soon afterwards and cut the grass.

B. Weed Abatement - Procedure. Attorney Nunn stated during the last Council Meeting there were Two (2) Steps of the Weed Abatement Procedures requested by Councilwoman Newton, shortening the procedure for abatement of weeds. Attorney Nunn further stated as can be seen, the process has been shortened to an Eleven (11) Step process, for abatement of weeds within the City of Selma, and that the procedures for Weed Abatement have been revised to delete Step One (1) and Step Two (2). A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the revised Procedures for Weed Abatement, as per Ordinance #O118-06/07. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

C. Resolution #R227-08/09 - Weed Abatement. Attorney Nunn stated that what they have before them is Resolution #R227-08/09, Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement. Attorney Nunn further stated according to the revised procedure for weed abatement, this will be Step #2, wherein he is presenting it to the City Council. Attorney Nunn stated that there are Twenty-Seven (27) properties listed, and he is asking Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve said Resolution #R227-08/09. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

D. Weed Abatement Hearing - August 25, 2009 - Update. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we are again requesting the City Council to have a weed abatement public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, as we did on today. Attorney Nunn further stated approximately 11 or 12 letters have gone out to property owners, requesting them to correct the problem with their weeds, and they have been put on notice that if the problem is not corrected within the twenty-one (21) days that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, which is the next Council Meeting.

E. Vacating of Street - Near Dallas Avenue - Update. Attorney Nunn stated the vacating of street, near Dallas Avenue, is set for a public hearing on September 8, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council if they recall, we have received a Petition and a Request from Attorney Reeves, as it relates to Vacating of the Street. Attorney Nunn stated that they have also sent out certified letters to the property owners, and to the utility companies. Attorney Nunn further stated that they have also started the newspaper publications, which have to run in the newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

F. Resolution #R228-08/09 - Dangerous Buildings and/or a Nuisance. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R228-08/09 represents properties that have been identified as "dangerous buildings" and/or a "nuisance" within the meaning of §6-101 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated that there are a total of Twenty-Six (26) properties which Code Enforcement has identified as being dangerous buildings and/or a nuisance. Attorney Nunn stated Resolution #R228-08/09 will direct the City Clerk to proceed to forward certified letters to the property owners, requesting them to correct the problem by rectifying the condition of the property or demolishing it within forty-five (45) days, and if they fail to do the same, then the Code Enforcement is authorized to proceed in rectifying the "dangerous" building in accordance with the Law. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve said Resolution #R228-08/09. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

G. Ordinance #O118-08/09 - Ordinance Setting Qualification Fees - School Board Election. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Ordinance #O118-08/09 which represents an Ordinance Setting Qualification Fees for the candidates who are seeking a position as initial Members on the Selma City School Board of Education was presented to the Council during the last Council Meeting, and was placed on 1st

Reading. Attorney Nunn further stated in Ordinance #O118-08/09, the qualification fee for candidates seeking election as Board Members of the Selma City Board of Education is in the amount of 35.00 each, and the qualifying fee for candidates seeking the election as Chairman of the Selma City Board of Education, is in the amount of \$50.00 each. Attorney Nunn stated during the last Council Meeting a request was made for the City Council to review, and if there were any changes or revisions, that they be presented to his office, prior to this date. Attorney Nunn stated there were not any changes to Ordinance #O118-08/09, and he asked Council's consideration of Ordinance #O118-08/09. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Ordinance #O118-08/09, setting the qualification fees for the School Board Election to be held during a Special Municipal Election on October 27, 2009. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

H. Election - Update. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that he will be getting with the Mayor's Office and the City Clerk's Office as to when we will publish the Notice of Election, which was approved at the last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Notice has to be published in the newspaper, and the latest date to publish it into the newspaper is August 25, 2009. Attorney Nunn stated once the Notice runs into the newspaper, on that same day or the day after, qualification begins and candidates may begin to qualify. Attorney Nunn stated that the last day for the public hearings for the bond, is August 24, 2009, and the City Council meets on that following Tuesday, August 25. Attorney Nunn further stated we may have to have a Special Called Meeting on September 8th, in order for consideration and passage by the Council.

I. Justice Department - Approval of Annexations. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that these are the last two annexations which we passed, near Marion Bank & Trust Company. Attorney Nunn further stated the U. S. Department of Justice drafted a letter to us, stating that they do not interpose any objection to the specified changes, annexing land into the City, which the Council had passed.

J. Gift of Property to the City by Larry Jones. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Mr. Larry Jones and WLJ & SFPJ Family Limited Partnership would like to donate as a gift to the City of Selma a piece of property located at 2720 Etheridge Avenue here in Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated this piece of property is located within Councilman Tucker's Ward (Ward 6), near Bush Hog. During discussion, Attorney Nunn asked the Council Members to go out and visit the property site, for discussion and action by the Council at the next Council Meeting.

K. Industrial Development Board Appointments - Resolution #R219-08/09. Attorney Nunn stated during the July 14, 2009 Council Meeting, the Council approved four (4) individuals to serve on the Industrial Development Board. Attorney Nunn further stated he thinks the next day, a resolution was prepared, Resolution #R219-08/09, and signed by President Allen and Mayor Evans. Attorney Nunn stated the four (4) individuals who were appointed by the Council were Frank E. Chestnut, Jr., Reid S. Cain, Elizabeth Rutledge, and Alphonso E. Perry. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration to ratify and affirm the Resolution that has been drafted and put in writing, and said replacement of existing terms that have been read into the minutes; Frank E. Chestnut, Jr. replaces Steven C. Rogers, Reid S. Cain replaces Andy Reeves, Elizabeth Rutledge replaces Archie T. Reeves, Jr., and Alphonso Perry replaces Mayor George Evans. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve ratification and affirmation of the Resolution, #R219-08/09. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote.

L. Pending Litigation. Attorney Nunn stated, per the request of Councilman Bowie, pending litigation against the City has been requested from our Attorneys who represent us via our insurance company, the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (A.M.I.C.), and as soon as this information is received back, he will present it to the Council, as it relates to the current pending litigation against the City of Selma.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Allen stated that this item has already been reported on, and she thanked Chief Riley and the Police Department for providing this report.

II. BOND ISSUE ITEMS - EXPLANATION

Councilman Williamson stated to President Allen that at some point she had indicated that the Council would have a meeting to discuss the bond issue, and he would like for them to do that in an effort to get an explanation as to how the figures were arrived at that are being suggested in the proposed bond project, and whether the figures came from contractors. Mayor Evans addressed the Council and stated that those figures were gotten from the Department Heads, who got the figures from contractors. Mayor Evans

further stated that he has gone back and met with the Department Heads, to remind them that they should obtain actual and written quotes from the contractors, as opposed to "estimates". Mayor Evans stated that the Department Heads are working on this, to make sure that the costs are as close to actuality as possible.

III. RECYCLING - UPDATE

Councilwoman Keith stated we are finally ready to get the "ball rolling" on recycling, and that a planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th, at 12:00 noon, at the Public Library. Councilwoman Keith further stated she has identified resources for everything except tires. Councilwoman Keith stated they are very excited about this, and invited everyone to come and be a part of it.

IV. UPDATE ON YOUTH CONFERENCE

Councilwoman Benjamin presented the Council and everyone in attendance, with a wonderful PowerPoint Presentation on the Youth Conference, held on Thursday, August 6th - Saturday, August 8th.

V. STREAMLINING GRASS CUTTING PROCEDURE

Councilman Williamson thanked Mayor Evans for having the grass cut on the two places that he had requested to be cut, and as it relates to the third place, he realized that he had given him an incorrect address, but he will follow-up with a correct address.

VI. UPDATE ON OLD AGENDA ITEMS

President Allen reminded Citizens that beginning on September 1, 2009, the "Parking on Yards" Ordinance will be enforced, beginning with Warning Citations.

President Allen stated Mrs. Carolyn Powell would like to use the Council Chambers for Selma/Dallas County Youth Leadership Class on September 1, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to allow the Selma/Dallas County Leadership Class the use of the Council Chambers on September 1, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Councilwoman Crenshaw was absent when the vote was taken. Mrs. Powell would also like for Council Members to come and speak to the Group on that date.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

Councilman Randolph stated the Recreation Committee met, and there were some concerns from Citizens as it relate to the Riverside Park and Memorial Stadium. Councilman Randolph stated this matter is being referred to Mayor Evans and Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, of Planning & Development. Councilman Randolph further stated that there were some concerns made about Citizens using the Skateboard Park, turning on the Tennis Court lights and leaving them on all night. Councilman Randolph stated the Recreation Committee recommend that the Skateboard Park be closed at dark. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve that the Skateboard Park be closed at dark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Tucker cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw was absent when the vote was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman

Councilwoman Newton announced that the Administrative Committee will meet on Monday, August 17th, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairperson

Councilman Tucker stated the Public Works Department is in dire need of equipment, and asked that the Citizens be patient with them, as it relates to garbage being picked up.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No report.

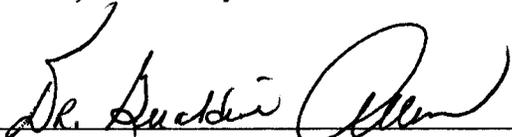
DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Geraldine Allen, Chairperson

President Allen stated no requests were made for Discretionary Funds at this time, and that the payment of the 4th of July bills to Dr. Bruce Taylor, and others are scheduled for payment.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*