

MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2000

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, July 24, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock with the following members present: President Carl C. Morgan, Jr. and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Mark V. West, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, and Yusuf Abdus-Salaam. Others present were Mayor Joe T. Smitherman, City Attorney P. Henry Pitts, City Clerk Jacqueline T. Smith, and City Treasurer Jimmie S. Abbott. Councilman Benny L. Tucker gave the invocation.

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

President Morgan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 24, 2000 Council meeting. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, on motion made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin the minutes were approved as recorded.

I. AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mr. Dick Bean and Mrs. Becky Bailey, both representatives of the local chapter of American Red Cross, stated they were present to thank the Council for the renovations done to the Little Red Schoolhouse. Mr. Bean commended the Council for their continued help and support, while Mrs. Bailey stated that the renovations done to the Little Red Schoolhouse is another example of the bond funds being put to good use.

II. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Absentee Election Commission. Mayor Smitherman informed the Council that two members of the Absentee Election Commission, Gwen Carrington and Phillip Hicks, had violated the court by appointing Roosevelt Butler as the Absentee Election Manager. The Mayor stated that the court order requires a unanimous consent of the Election Commission.

Mayor Smitherman further stated that Attorney Pitts has worked long hours seeking to dissolve the Absentee Election Commission, as authorized by the Council at its March 27, 2000 meeting and has submitted an invoice to be paid in the amount of \$3,650.00. A motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilman Tucker authorizing payment of the invoice submitted for work done seeking dissolution of the Absentee Election Commission. The motion passed with a majority vote of seven affirmative votes and one negative vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast the negative vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked the record to reflect that that she is of the opinion that the legal fees submitted should be paid by Councilman Salaam as an individual and not by the City of Selma.

B. Sales Tax Report. Mayor Smitherman presented the Council with copies of the tenth month sales tax report. The report reflects a month-to-date increase of \$205,591 or 27.1%. The year-to-date totals show that the City of Selma has collected \$283,854 more than during the same period last year.

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C. Ninth Month Financial Report. Mayor Smitherman presented the Council with a copy of the ninth month financial report, which shows the City is operating approximately \$285,000 under budget, excluding approximately \$100,000 in additional appropriations. The Mayor stated that the departments are operating efficiently and the City is in good financial condition.

III. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Appointment of Election Officials. Attorney Pitts informed the Council that State Law mandates the appointment of the Election Officials by August 7, 2000 and the list is presently incomplete because candidates were late in submitting the names of those persons they would like to serve. President Morgan stated that the next regular scheduled meeting of the Council is not until August 14, 2000; therefore it would be necessary to recess this meeting and reconvene on Friday, July 28, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the resolution.

B. Condemned Houses. Attorney Pitts informed the Council that bids to demolish the condemned houses would be opened in the City Clerk's Office on Monday, July 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

IV. MS. LYNDA LOWERY – CITIZENS AGAINST VIOLENCE

Ms. Lynda Lowery stated that she was present to thank the Council for the support given the Citizens Against Violence. A committee of representatives traveled to Washington, DC to lobby for the purple ribbon to become a national non-violence symbol and to set aside a day in April for national recognition. Ms. Lowery stated that the group is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Earl Hilliard indicating the efforts of the committee seem to be a favored concept.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Purchase of Stop Sticks for Police Department. Councilman Sexton stated that he has concurred with Chief Tate and other officials of the Selma Police Department and all is in agreement with the necessity to purchase stop sticks used to stop vehicles involved in high-speed chases. Councilman Sexton stated that the police department is requesting the purchase of eight units at a cost of \$450 each. A motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilwoman Martin authorizing the purchase of the eight stop sticks. The motion was adopted by a unanimous consent of the Council. Councilman Sexton stated that contributions could be made from discretionary fund accounts and the balance paid from the General Fund Account.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Public Works and General Services Committee Report was informational only.

V. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Community Development Committee.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A. **Request for Stop Sign.** Councilman West stated that several constituents in the area of Minter Avenue and Martin L. King, Jr. Street are requesting the placement of a four-way stop sign. A motion was made by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to place a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Minter and Martin L. King, Jr. Street. The Council voted unanimously on the motion.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. **School Board Vacancy.** Councilwoman Franklin stated that the deadline for accepting applications for the School Board has expired and the Administrative Committee would like to nominate Kirit Chapatwala to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to appoint Kirit Chapatwala to the Selma Public School Board. The motion passed with a majority vote of eight affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilwoman Sewell abstained on the vote since she is an employee of the Selma Public Schools.

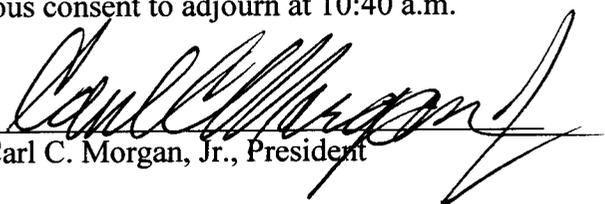
B. **Litter Officer Training.** Councilwoman Franklin informed the Council that Litter Officer Clyde Carter has completed the necessary training with the City of Tuscaloosa.

The other Administrative Committee report was informational only.

VI. **OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **National Guard Assistance.** President Morgan informed the Council that the National Guard is presently assisting in the drought stricken areas and has asked that the clean-up project be postponed until the fall.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded the Council voted by a unanimous consent to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr., President

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk

Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor

MINUTES OF THE RECESSED SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2000

The Selma City Council met in a recessed session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Friday, July 28, 2000 at 9:00 o'clock with the following members present: President Carl C. Morgan, Jr. and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Mark V. West, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, and Yusuf Abdus-Salaam. City Attorney P. Henry Pitts was also present at the meeting. Councilwoman Nancy G. Sewell was absent. Councilman Benny L. Tucker gave the invocation.

After roll call, President Morgan declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Morgan stated that the purpose of this recessed was to adopt an ordinance appointing Election Officials for the August 22, 2000 Municipal Election.

I. ORDINANCE TO APPOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS

Attorney P. Henry Pitts explained to the Council that Alabama Election Law mandates the last day for the City Council to appoint Election Officials, both absentee polling officials and regular polling officials, is August 7, 2000. Attorney Pitts stated that due to the fact that the Council would not meet again before August 7, 2000 and the Absentee Election Commission Managers must also agree on the list of names submitted to be polling officials, it was necessary to recess the regular meeting in order to handle this important matter.

Attorney Pitts stated that the list of Election Officials mostly contained the names of individuals who have experience in working the polls. Attorney Pitts stated that once the Council adopts the ordinance it will immediately be sent to the Absentee Election Commission Managers for approval.

The ordinance names the following as Election Officials for the August 22, 2000 Municipal Election:

Ward 1W – Armory	
Inspector	J. B. Peeke
Chief Clerk	Helen Brooks
1 st Assistant	Marie Barker
2 nd Assistant	Barbara Byrd
Clerk	Jonah Posey
Clerk	Debbie Blaylock
Alternate	Ethelane Nettles
Alternate	Gladys Peeke
Alternate	Richard Watkins
Ward 1E – Memorial Stadium	
Inspector	Mallevie Breeding
Chief Clerk	Jim Wooley
1 st Assistant	Jane Pollack
2 nd Assistant	Ben Givan
Clerk	Brenda Harrison
Clerk	Roy Robson
Alternate	Juanda Maxwell
Alternate	Dean Fields
Alternate	Elaine Walton

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I. ORDINANCE TO APPOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS

Ward 2S – Cahaba Road Fire Station

Inspector	Gerald Anderson
Chief Clerk	Nancy Steinfeldt
1 st Assistant	Melvina Moss
2 nd Assistant	Clara Moorer
Clerk	Charles Driver
Clerk	James Tyrus
Alternate	Edna Ackerman
Alternate	Helen Lattel
Alternate	Natasha Brown

Ward 2N – Old Kentucky Fried Chicken

Inspector	Frank W. Jones, Jr.
Chief Clerk	Amos E. Moore
1 st Assistant	Alex Cooper
2 nd Assistant	Frank Earnest
Clerk	Crandell Brown
Clerk	Ruth Rawls
Alternate	Pat Cooper
Alternate	Bruce Barnes
Alternate	Judy Reed

Ward 3S – Courthouse

Inspector	Bernice Moore
Chief Clerk	Michael Hayes
1 st Assistant	Courtney Ballard
2 nd Assistant	Vivian Myers
Clerk	Louise Gould
Clerk	Nell Melton
Alternate	Clarence Williams
Alternate	Ed Dagostin
Alternate	Edith Baggett

Ward 3N – Bryd Elementary School

Inspector	Furlonia Davis
Chief Clerk	Bennie Austin
1 st Assistant	Bobby McKenzie
2 nd Assistant	Dusty Brown
Clerk	Lawson Hubert
Clerk	Sister Norma Bourdon
Alternate	Richard Armstrong
Alternate	Anice Armstrong
Alternate	John Shorts

Ward 4W – Woodrow Fire Station

Inspector	Ricky Holland
Chief Clerk	Dorothy Chapman
1 st Assistant	C. A. Lett
2 nd Assistant	Betty Nichols
Clerk	King Dobyne
Clerk	Lizzie Green
Alternate	Winona McKee
Alternate	Barbara Pair
Alternate	Priscilla Parrish

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Ward 4E – Selma Mall

Inspector	Beverly Washington
Chief Clerk	Felicia Hayes
1 st Assistant	Ed Ember
2 nd Assistant	Floyd Tolbert
Clerk	Bernice Lewis
Clerk	Katherine McCary
Alternate	Agnes Hatcher
Alternate	Lillian Rentz
Alternate	Leonard McCary

Ward 5E – Rangedale Center

Inspector	Sarah Craig
Chief Clerk	Dora McQueen
1 st Assistant	Angela Holt
2 nd Assistant	Ingo Minor
Clerk	Carolyn Perry
Clerk	Annie Crum
Alternate	Cleo Carstarphen
Alternate	Clemine Melton
Alternate	Moses Shares

Ward 5W – Selma High School

Inspector	David White
Chief Clerk	Roosevelt Butler
1 st Assistant	Henry Ramsey, Jr.
2 nd Assistant	Betty Rutledge
Clerk	Paulette Chaney
Clerk	Rufus Ford
Alternate	Mildred Givan
Alternate	Letha Dillard
Alternate	Dorothy Gardner

Ward 6E – Ford Grocery

Inspector	Charles Johnson
Chief Clerk	Joseph McNeil
1 st Assistant	Jackie Rawls
2 nd Assistant	Louise Willoughby
Clerk	Mary Gordon
Clerk	Marilyn Riddle
Alternate	Emma Shaw
Alternate	Gus Hardy

Ward 6W – Northern Heights Church

Inspector	Maralia Montgomery
Chief Clerk	John Lawson
1 st Assistant	Phyllis Holt
2 nd Assistant	Keith Hayes
Clerk	Lucille Smith
Clerk	Alline Reese
Alternate	Burnell Bettis
Alternate	Mary Pettaway
Alternate	Massey Jones

I. ORDINANCE TO APPOINT POLLING OFFICIALS

Ward 7N – Queen of Peace School

Inspector	Paul Mayo
Chief Clerk	Ronald Peoples
1 st Assistant	Annie Mae Williams
2 nd Assistant	Charles Shoultz
Clerk	Emily Butler
Clerk	Lillie Moss
Alternate	Jewell Edwards
Alternate	Georgia P. Foster
Alternate	Aminha Rousell

Ward 7S – West Trinity Baptist Church

Inspector	Leola Stewart
Chief Clerk	Mary Shaw
1 st Assistant	Barbara Sanders
2 nd Assistant	Bernice Lewis
Clerk	Rosetta Bowen
Clerk	Cassandra Pratt
Alternate	Idell Rawls
Alternate	Solomon Rhodes
Alternate	Charlotte Walter

Ward 8E – East End Fire Station

Inspector	Marilyn Lanier
Chief Clerk	Eunice Walker
1 st Assistant	Betty Jemison
2 nd Assistant	Fannie Harvin
Clerk	Wanda Perkins
Clerk	Clarence Lee
Alternate	Carrie Hatcher
Alternate	Alberta Goins
Alternate	Ora Bell Shannon

Ward 8W – Carver Community Center

Inspector	Bobby Reddick
Chief Clerk	Ruth Anthony
1 st Assistant	Gabriel Fair
2 nd Assistant	Ronald Lane
Clerk	Betty Strong
Clerk	Florida Smith
Alternate	Thelma Moore
Alternate	Debra Roller

Absentee Box

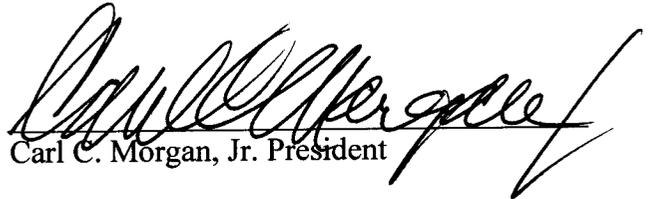
Inspector	Jere Peak
Chief Clerk	James Spicer
1 st Assistant	Rosetta Lanier
2 nd Assistant	Jean Sullivan
Clerk	Aaron Dobyne
Clerk	Janice Henderson

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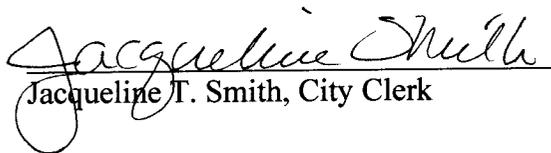
On-Site Absentee Box

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Virginia Minor
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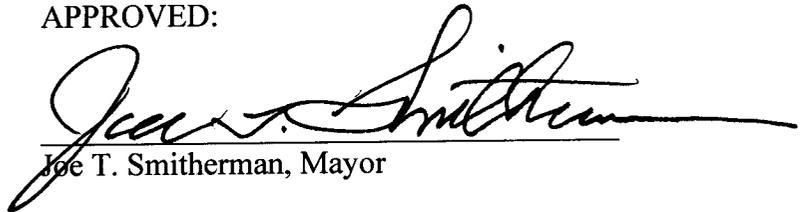
There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded the Council voted by a unanimous consent to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr. President

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