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**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, September 11, 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 August 28, 2000 Council meeting. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, on motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin the minutes were approved as recorded.

I. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Payment of Legal Fees. Mayor Smitherman presented an invoice for legal fees performed by City Attorney Pitts through September 7, 2000 for services rendered relative to the elections. The total amount of the invoice submitted is \$4,650. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman west to approve payment of the invoice as submitted. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes and one negative vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast the negative vote. Councilman Salaam was not present at the meeting during this vote.

II. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Attorney General's Opinion - Absentee Voting. Attorney Pitts informed the Council that he has requested an Attorney General's opinion regarding an interpretation of the absentee voting laws. Attorney Pitts asked for clarity on the code that governs municipal elections. Attorney Pitts stated that Code of Alabama Section 17-10-5 states that a voter name shall be stricken from the list of qualified voters when an absentee application is made.

The response received from the Attorney General's Office states that Code of Alabama Section 17-10-5 controls municipal elections and states when a voter applies for an absentee ballot they should not be allowed to vote at the polls. The opinion further states that the voter cannot vote a challenged ballot either.

B. Claim of Angelette Woody Terrell vs City of Selma. Attorney Pitts informed the Council that Angelette Woody Terrell has filed a claim against the City of Selma on behalf of Otis Woody who was killed in an automobile accident involving Officer Troy Stokes who was responding to a burglary. Attorney Pitts stated that Mr. Woody proceeded out onto Jeff Davis Avenue at Vine Street, into the path of Officer Stokes vehicle and killed instantly. The State Troopers investigated the accident since it involved a Police Officer. Attorney Pitts stated that it is his recommendation, after

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reading reports furnished by the Selma Police Department that the claim is denied. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Attorney Pitts if he had reviewed the accident report completed by the State Trooper's Office and Attorney Pitts stated that he had not. Attorney Pitts further stated that the City does have automobile liability insurance and the family of Mr. Woody could file a lawsuit against the liability carrier. Councilwoman Sewell asked that this matter be deferred for further investigation of the original accident report and witnesses accounts of the accident.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

President Morgan recognized the fourth grade class from Payne Elementary School and their teachers who are observing the Council meeting today. President Morgan also recognized the Dallas County Retired Employee Association and stated that the Council would give major consideration to their cost of living increase during budget meetings.

IV. RIVERFRONT MARKET DAY

President Morgan informed the Council that Mrs. Susan Keith had appeared before the Council seeking funding for Market Day enhancements in the amount of \$25,000. President Morgan stated that last year Market Day did not make any money due to inclement weather. After talking with a majority of the Council members who all agreed, President Morgan instructed Mrs. Keith to proceed with the plans and Council would take action at the next meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell to amend the general fund budget and to ratify, affirm, and approve an additional appropriation to the Riverfront Market Authority in the amount of \$25,000. The motion passed with a majority vote of the seven affirmative votes and one negative vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast the negative vote.

V. DANIEL MOSS, III – CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Mr. Daniel Moss, Family Consultant for Christian Services for Children stated that he was present before the Council to invite them to the Harvest Ball on October 7th at the Selma Convention Center. The tickets are \$15 for singles and \$25 per couple. Mr. Moss stated that Councilwomen Sewell and Martin were co-chairing the event and solicited the Council's presence.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Public Safety Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Public Works & General Services Committee.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Administrative Committee.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Recreation Committee.

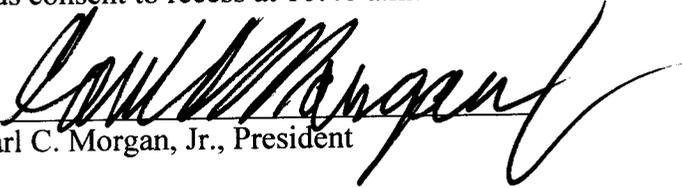
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

President Morgan asked Councilwoman Franklin to chair the meeting from the point since the Community Development Committee report relates to matters about the Council President.

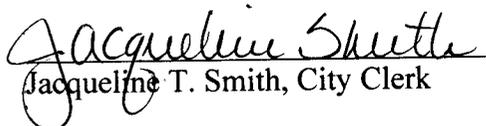
A. Appointment of Carl C. Morgan, Jr. – Organizations Liason.

Councilwoman Martin stated that Mr. Morgan has been Council President for thirty-six years and has represented the City of Selma on numerous Board and Organizations. Councilwoman Martin distributed copies of a memo that outlines all of the organizations to which President Morgan currently serves and recommended that Mr. Morgan be appointed liaison to those organization and continue representing the City of Selma. Councilwoman Martin proposed to reimburse Mr. Morgan per diem, mileage, and a stipend in the amount of \$750 monthly. A motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to appoint Mr. Carl Morgan, Jr. as liaison and to be reimbursed as outlined. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked that the minutes reflect that she feels the next Council President should be responsible for continued representation and Mr. Morgan should not be compensated to continue. Councilwoman Franklin called for a roll call vote on the motion on the floor. After a roll call vote, the Council voted by a majority vote to appoint Mr. Morgan as liaison between the City and the organization to which he currently serves. Councilman Salaam entered the meeting and asked to be included in the vote. There were seven affirmative votes, one rescues and one abstention. President Morgan rescued and Councilwoman Crenshaw cast the negative vote.

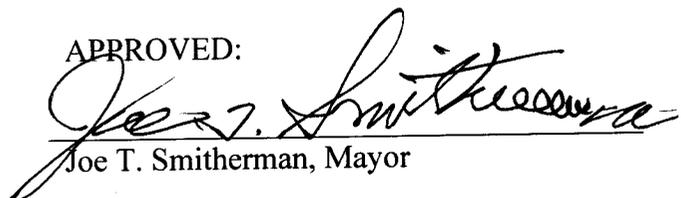
There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded the Council voted by a unanimous consent to recess at 10:40 a.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr., President

ATTEST:


Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor

**MINUTES OF THE RECESSED SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000**

The Selma City Council met in a recessed session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Wednesday, September 13, 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, Benny L. Tucker, and Yusuf Abdus-Salaam. Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw was absent from the meeting. City Attorney P. Henry Pitts was also present at the meeting. 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 September 11, 2000 Council meeting was recessed for the purpose of certifying the election results from the Tuesday, September 12, 2000 Municipal Runoff Election.

I. RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS

Attorney P. Henry Pitts stated that he has prepared a resolution that will be filed with the Alabama League of Municipalities and the Dallas County Probate Judge that certifies the results of the September 12, 2000 Municipal Runoff Election. The resolution read as follows:

Mayor

James Perkins, Jr.	6230
Joe T. Smitherman	4884

Ward Five

Linda Lowery Blackmon	440
Samuel L. Randolph	769

Ward Eight

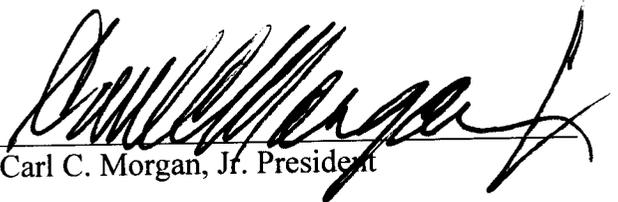
James Durry	721
Anthony Rutledge	590

Attorney Pitts instructed the City Clerk to deliver a Certificate of Election to James Perkins, James Durry and Samuel Randolph and to file a copy of the same with the Probate Judge of Dallas County. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt the resolution as prepared, certifying the election results from the September 12, 2000 Municipal Runoff Election. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

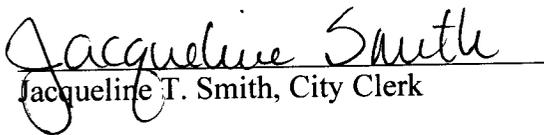
II. COUNCIL SECRETARY

Councilwoman Sewell stated that Dianna Johnson has asked to be reinstated to her former position of Council Secretary. Mrs. Sewell stated that since the position has never been filled, she wished to motion that Ms. Dianna Johnson be reinstated to the position of Council Secretary effective Monday, September 18, 2000. The motion further stated that Shakirah Tajuddin who has been serving on an interim basis be transferred to the Payroll Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tucker and was passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

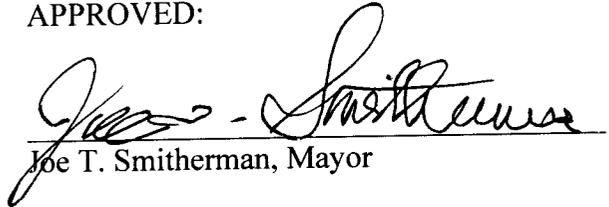
There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded the Council voted by a unanimous consent to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr. President

ATTEST:


Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor