

**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Tom Gray, Pastor  
Reformed Presbyterian Church

Moment of Silence  
Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean T. Martin, Geraldine Allen, Samuel L. Randolph, Johnnie 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 Executive Assistant Darlene Rudolph.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Evans asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Cain, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to approve the agenda as written. **The motion passed with a majority (show of hands) vote of the Council. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After approval of the agenda, President Evans stated that there are several copies of Minutes attached, and that the City Clerk had been able to catch them all up, and asked if the Council wanted to continue the Minutes of July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, and September 8<sup>th</sup>, Regular Meetings, and July 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Special Called Meetings be continued until the next meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Cain, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve continuing the minutes of July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and September 8, 2008. **The motion passed with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

**CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Mr. Steve Grossman  
Re: Dallas County Arts Alliance

Mr. Grossman, along with Mrs. Patti Sexton, addressed the Council as it relates to the Butterflies, and the location thereof. Mr. Grossman stated that this has been a joint effort by many people in the community, and that it is not just about the Butterflies, but a step in the direction of a new enthusiasm and positive attitude of things that can happen here in Selma. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the location of the Butterflies. **The motion passed with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

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**A. Certificate of Service.** Mayor Perkins stated he would like to present Certificates of Service in recognition of the following employees: Willie Harris, Selma Fire Department, *Five Years of Dedicated Service*, and Johnny Jemison, Recreation Department, *Twenty Years of Dedicated Service* to the City of Selma.

**B. Resolution #R232-07/08 – Special Tourism Fund – Dallas County Arts Alliance – Program Support.** Mayor Perkins asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward and address the Council. Ms. Griffeth read Resolution #R232-07/08 in its entirety as it relates to the City of Selma supporting the efforts of the Dallas County Arts Alliance by making a one-time contribution of Three Thousand and No/Dollars (\$3,000.00). Ms. Griffeth further read that Resolution #R232-07/08 authorizes the Special Tourism line item to be increased by said amount, using unappropriated fund balance from previous years to enable the City of Selma to make this contribution to the Dallas County Arts Alliance's efforts to enhance the arts within the City. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve said Resolution #R232-07/08, in the amount of \$3,000.00, for a one-time contribution to Dallas County Arts Alliance. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

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C. **Resolution #R235-07/08 – Gas Pump – Selma City Marina.** Ms. Charlotte Griffeth asked Mayor Perkins if Mr. Clark could come forward to address the Council as it relates to questions that they may have as it relates to Resolution #R235-07/08. Ms. Griffeth stated that ADECA sent a form for the City to fill out for their documentation. Ms. Griffeth further stated the money has been committed, and that said Resolution #R235-07/08 is a part of the procedure, showing that the City is committed to the matching funds in the amount of \$3,556.00. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to approve said Resolution #R235-07/08 in the amount of \$3,556.00, 20% cash match to be included in the 2008-2009 grant match line item which shall be used to place a State of Alabama approved gas pump at the Selma City Marina. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

D. **Resolution #R233-07/08 – Federal Boating Infrastructure Grant.** Ms. Charlotte Griffeth read Resolution #R233-07/08 in its entirety, as it relates to the City desiring to apply for a Federal Boating Infrastructure Grant to pay 75% of the cost of constructing a boat dock on the north shore of the Alabama River, which shall be located a few yards upstream from the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and authorizing the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to apply for and administer said grant. Ms. Griffeth also asked Mayor Perkins if Mr. Clark could come forward to address the Council as it relates to questions that they may have. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve said Resolution #R233-07/08, authorizing the Alabama Department of Environment Management to submit a grant application on behalf of the City to cover 75% of the cost (approximately \$600,000.00) of constructing a boat dock on the north shore of the Alabama River, located upstream from the Edmund Pettus Bridge, within the construction period allowed by the United States Fish and Wild Life Services, and that the City Council further agrees to provide a 25% cash match (approximately \$150,000.00) to be included in the grant match line item for the 2008-2009 fiscal budget. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council, with the revision being made to insert the word “minimum” 20 year term of the agreement.**

E. **CD's Deposited in Tuskegee Bank.** Mayor Perkins stated to Council there were some questions about the CD deposit at Tuskegee Bank, and he was interested in knowing what specific questions they may have. President Evans stated that he thought Councilman Cain and Councilman Williamson both had questions. Councilman Cain stated to President Evans that they have one (1) CD that was placed in Tuskegee Bank, and three (3) in Marion Bank, and that they as Council had passed the Resolution that S.A.F.E. Banks will be considered for banks in our local area, and that was Regions Bank, AmSouth Bank, Peoples Bank and Wachovia Bank, and he wants to know how they got to First Tuskegee Bank, as well as, Marion Bank. Mayor Perkins stated he would read for the record the contents of the Ordinance that was passed by the Council. After Mayor Perkins read the Ordinance, Councilman Cain stated maybe the Council needs to go back and listen to the October 4, 2004 tape, because he stated that the resolution was adopted to temporarily designate City depositories, and they specifically stated City depositories were the monies to go to, and they need to review that to make sure that they are following what they did back in October, 2004. Mayor Perkins stated he would suggest that the Council and City Attorney check to make sure that they are not in violation of any Anti-Trust Laws if they were to restrict in that nature. Mayor Perkins further stated what they did was got the highest bid, and if any S.A.F.E. Bank wanted to bid for the deposits of the City and they gave them the highest interest rate bid on an instrument that matured, if they met the criteria, they gave them the business. President Evans stated he thinks the question came up at Work Session, as to whether or not the Council gave them approval for another transfer. President Evans read Resolution #R103-04/05, and stated that the resolution states that any transfer of public funds other than those financial institutions used by the City of Selma as of October 4, 2004, shall be approved by City Council, and that is the Resolution that they approved and adopted. Mayor Perkins stated he does not have that Resolution, and that he was looking at the Ordinance that was approved. Mayor Perkins further stated Marion Bank was the highest bidder, and they got the deposit, and that First Tuskegee Bank was the highest bidder on one item, and they got the deposit. Councilman Williamson stated to President Evans that he would ask Attorney Nunn, if he remembers correctly, one of the things that the Council does at the Organizational Meeting is set the depositories for City funds, almost at the beginning of a new term, and this Council did that, and set forth he believes four (4) depositories for City funds, and unless that changes those are the only funds to make City deposits. Councilman Williamson further stated to resolve this dilemma, he believes they should approve the transfer of this money. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she agrees, and asked President Evans if a motion was in order. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the two (2) institutions where the money is, Marion Bank and First Tuskegee Bank. Following discussion, **a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. Councilman Cain cast a nay vote.**

F. **Good Samaritan Project.** Mayor Perkins stated he thinks Ms. Mills reported to the Council before that the shortfall in the revenue was tied directly to some receivables that had not been collected, and as a consequence of that, there is still an ongoing effort to collect those receivables, and it may be one of those situations that the new Mayor will inherit. Mayor Perkins further stated he is prepared to submit to ADECA a letter of termination of the lease agreement, if that is what the Council wants to do, but he would not recommend it, even though he is prepared to move forward with that. Councilman Williamson stated to President Evans that he does not think that they have to let ADECA know until February, 90 days before the lease is due to be renewed in May, and that the problem is that they need to appropriate some money to cover the shortfall of about \$14,000.00. Councilman Leashore stated to President Evans that every

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incoming attempt by the Council should be made to secure the Good Samaritan Facility, and that it is a very sacred institution, and should be a continued effort to bring about expansion for the building, in making sure that Good Samaritan remains a viable institution within this City. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Evans that she concurs with Councilman Leashore, that they need to do everything possible to keep Good Samaritan, and she asks the incoming Council to do whatever they can to save this facility. President Evans asked Mayor Perkins what would be the cost to the City, in terms of operation from this day forward? Mayor Perkins answered, and stated about \$3,300.00 per month (\$85,000.00/per year for 3 years) from the General Fund, if it is not collected from the outstanding receivables. President Evans stated they have until February to resolve this issue, and he thinks they should allow the Council to work through this process, and do what is best for the community and the City of Selma. Councilman Williamson stated he does think that they as a Council need to make a decision as to recovering the funds for maintaining the Good Samaritan Facility, until such time the Council can make a decision as to which direction it should take as it relates to Good Samaritan. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Evans before they make a decision, they need to decide on how they plan to proceed with this from a long range perspective, and when, before they make a decision. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated she would like to offer that he and Mayor Perkins meet with them, and bring back a proposal to the Council. President Evans stated he supports that. Councilman Leashore stated to President Evans that he thinks the Council should go on record that they support and do want to keep the Good Samaritan Hospital Building. President Evans stated he does not think that there is anybody who wants to just close the doors there. Councilwoman Allen stated to President Evans that she thinks the motion, seconded by Councilman Cain, should just be made that he will come back with a recommendation to this Council as it relates to Good Samaritan after meeting with Mayor Perkins. Councilman Leashore stated to President Evans that he withdraws his motion, to allow Councilwoman Allen's motion to go through. **The motion passed with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that if after he and Mayor Perkins have met, and it is not solved at that point, she wants the previous motion made by Councilman Leashore to be brought back to the floor. President Evans stated that motion would be appropriate.**

**G. Cost-of-Living (COLA) for Retirees.** Mayor Perkins stated at the last Water Board meeting, there was a lot of discussion about the COLA issue, the cost of living adjustment for retirees, and would like to know what the City intends to do with this issue. President Evans stated that they had some discussion about it at the Work Session on Thursday, and that there was some discussion about a one-time payment for retirees in the amount of \$45,833.00, and that would be his suggestion. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to approve a one-time payment in the amount of \$45,833.00 for 159 people in the Retiree Program, for cost of living lump sum for retirees. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**H. Job Vacancies.** President Evans stated it would be his request that the Council place a freeze on hiring as of last week, for the purpose of the transition to take place in November, with exception of Public Safety. A motion was made by Councilman Cain, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to place on hiring until the transition takes place, with the exception of Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments). Mayor Perkins stated he would not try to tell the Council what to do, and how to do it, but that he would state that what they are about to do is inappropriate. Mayor Perkins further stated the challenge that we have is that we still have work to do, and there are positions that have already been announced, and that discussions and preliminary offers have been made. President Evans stated he had met with Mayor Perkins, and he asks that Mayor Perkins would allow him to begin talking to Department Heads and Employees about the future of our City, in terms of where they stand and what their plans are. President Evans further stated that he had checked the Minutes and that former Mayor Joe T. Smitherman moved out in September, 2000, to begin the process and he moved out, and allowed Mayor Perkins to come in, in September 2000, to begin the transitional process, and he asks the same to be given to him in the manner of professionalism. Councilman Leashore stated he respectfully requests that whomever made the motion, and the second, withdraw it, and that President Evans and Mayor Perkins meet as "Gentlemen" and work this out. President Evans stated that the question as to whether or not there would be a hiring freeze still needed to be answered. Mayor Perkins stated he tried to be as diplomatic as he could with his answer, and stated to President Evans that he did come and meet with him, but that neither of these questions was raised in their meeting. Mayor Perkins further stated if this had been a private conversation he may have gotten a different answer. Mayor Perkins stated since it was chosen to discuss the issue in this forum, he was not in a position to relinquish the authority of the office of Mayor until he was out of office. Mayor Perkins further stated if he wanted to have a private conversation about this, then they can have a conversation. President Evans asked Councilman Cain, along with Councilwoman Allen, if they would be willing to withdraw the motion, and the second, to allow a meeting to take place between he and Mayor Perkins, and they were. President Evans stated to Ms. Rudolph that he would appreciate it if she would schedule the meeting. President Evans further stated he thought he shared this information appropriately but evidently not, and he apologizes for that.

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**A. Middleton Farm Services.** Attorney Nunn stated, for the record, this is a matter discussed during the work session, as it relates to a stump that needed grinding, and the Council stated it would be taken out of discretionary funds from Councilwoman Jean Martin and Councilman Williamson.

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**B. Selma Water Works & Sewer Board – Resolution #R234-07/08.** Attorney Nunn stated Attorney Collins Pettaway is here, and asked him to come forward to address the Council. Attorney Pettaway stated they lost one of their Directors, as they may be aware, Mr. Aubrey Vick passed away as a result of a tragic accident, and was buried today. Attorney Pettaway stated he would like the Council to collaborate on giving easements so that the Board can enter City properties for repair and maintenance. Attorney Pettaway further stated their towers are on City property, but technically they are two separate entities, and also stated that he and Attorney Nunn would meet, and have something prepared to bring back to the Council at the next council meeting as it relates to this matter. Attorney Pettaway stated he also wanted to address the Council as it relates to setting salaries for their Directors, and that Attorney Nunn had prepared a Resolution, #R234-07/08, which sets the fee for the chairman of the Board at \$300.00 per meeting attended and not to exceed \$3,600.00 per year, which is in line with the Law, and that the directors of the Board at \$200.00 per meeting and not to exceed \$2,400.00 per year. Attorney Pettaway further stated they agreed to do whatever the Legislature did, and that is where they are. Attorney Pettaway also stated that no more than 12 meetings a year will be compensated for. Attorney Pettaway stated this is not what everybody intended, but this is what the Legislature passed, the Governor signed it, and this is the Law now. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve Resolution #R234-07/08, for the chairman of the Board at \$300.00 per meeting, not to exceed \$3,600 per year, and the directors of the Board at \$200.00 per meeting, not to exceed \$2,400.00 per year. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**C. Liquor License Applications.** Attorney Nunn stated the Council has been given two liquor license applications to be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Attorney Nunn further stated that both applications are for Mr. Bobby Wilkerson, *Brother's Convenient Store*, located at 906 Washington Street, and *French Quarter Night Club*, located at 1301 Water Avenue, Suite A. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to place both applications on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

**D. Election School.** Attorney Nunn stated Ms. Lois Williams has contacted a representative from E S & S, and they are willing to do an Election School for all Election Officials on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., and again at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

**E. Resolutions #R229-07/08 and #R230-07/08 – Transfer of Corporate Trust Bonds and Warrants.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolutions #R229-07/08 and #R230-07/08, which deal with Warrants and the Bonds as it relates to U.S. Bank and BankTrust (Corporate Trust), and asking for a transfer to another Agent. A motion was made by Councilman Cain, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve said Resolution #R229-07/08 and Resolution #R230-07/08. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**F. Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them the Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement – Business License and Discovery side, and also the Revenue Administration with AlaTax, who collects taxes on behalf of the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated this is a one-year contract, but it calls for automatically renewal after two years. Attorney Nunn asked for Council's favorable consideration of said Agreement, pending the language being changed from an automatic two-year renewal whereas the City has always had a one-year renewal contract with them. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the AlaTax Contract. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**G. A.M.I.C. Statement – Attorney's Fees for Claims and/or Lawsuits Against the City.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they had a discussion at the Work Session as it relates to Attorney's Fees in the amount of \$30,602.84. Attorney Nunn further stated that they had discussed line items which said amount would come from. Attorney Nunn also stated that they had discussed about \$12,000.00 would have to come from unappropriated funds. Attorney Nunn asked Council favorable consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve payment of the A.M.I.C. statement in the amount of \$30,602.84. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**H. Election – Selma City Board of Education.** Attorney Nunn stated he has prepared a final draft of the letter to be forwarded to the Justice Department as it relates to the Selma City Board of Education election, and that Attorney Campbell, Attorney for the School Board, stated she would like to review the documents before they are submitted to the Justice Department. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that what they have is just a draft, without the exhibits, for them to review. Attorney Nunn stated the Justice Department has sixty (60) days in which to review the documents, and to decide upon any objections to the submission. Attorney Nunn further stated once the exhibits are prepared and Attorney Campbell has reviewed, and the documents are forwarded to the Justice Department, the Justice Department will have sixty (60) days, and if they do not impose any type of objection, once they give us notice, it will come back before the Council, and then a date for the election is set. Attorney Nunn stated the first election will be to decide if they want an elected school board, or not. Attorney Nunn further stated if it is decided that they want an elected school board, then we will have another election, and individuals from the community will run for

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that position, and they will serve for the remainder term of 2008 – 2012, parallel with the municipal term, and then in 2012, every one will run again.

**I. Change of Polling Site – National Guard Armory.** Attorney Nunn stated he called the Justice Department today, and he is awaiting an answer back as it relates to the change of the polling site at the National Guard Armory. Attorney Nunn further stated if they do not impose an objection to it, then we will proceed with notifying the voters, approximately 1200 voters, in that Ward that are registered to vote. Attorney Nunn stated a letter has been drafted to go out to each registered voter within Ward 1, notifying them that on that particular election of October 7<sup>th</sup>, they are to vote at Memorial Stadium. Attorney Nunn further stated that they will probably run a newspaper ad, as well as, some PSA's on the radio, and that is about all he knows to do unless the Council has some suggestions. Attorney Nunn stated that signs at Memorial Stadium will also be placed.

**J. Contest of the Election.** Attorney Nunn stated that we have one person who is contesting the election, and he has received a response back from our insurance company stating that the insurance does not apply to non-equitable monetary relief, therefore, this lawsuit will be handled within the office here. Attorney Nunn stated copies of the lawsuit were handed out at Thursday's Work Session, and that if anyone desires another copy, he has those in his office. Attorney Nunn further stated the City was served today, and we will have thirty (30) days to file a written answer to the complaint. Attorney Nunn stated the Defendants are Concordia College, Lesa James, Dallas County Board of Registrars Office, City of Selma, Mayor James Perkins, Jr., Perkins Campaign Committee, and Selma City Hall.

**K. Testing of the Voting Machines, and Election Updates.** Attorney Nunn stated we will not have another Council meeting prior to the Election, and that Ms. Williams will be informing the Council of the day and time. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that the day after our next Council meeting will be the date that they will canvass the election, which will be one week from the election on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and he does not know if they would rather change the next Council meeting to that Tuesday, to do everything but it is up to the Council.

**L. Resolution #R215-07/08 – Election Officials.** Attorney Nunn stated the deadline for presenting the Election Officials was today, and asked Council if everyone had gotten their changes and/or recommendations to Ms. Williams as it relates to said Resolution #R215-07/08. For the record, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to approve the same Election Officials who served in the Municipal Election, in the form of Resolution #R215/07/08. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

**M. Change of Meeting.** During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to schedule the next Council meeting for Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 12 o'clock at noon. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. TECHNOLOGY FOR THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE**

Councilwoman Allen stated they are having a meeting with the IT Department to discuss technology for the Magistrate's office.

**II. LETTER FROM DR. KIRIT CHAPATWALA**

President Evans stated Mayor Perkins indicated that the letter has been forwarded to the ABI, as well as, the FBI. President Evans further stated that the Council is still waiting on Dr. Chapatwala to come and appear before the Council, and that this item will be continued from that standpoint.

**III. NOISE ORDINANCE**

President Evans stated this item was discussed during Work Session, and that each of the Council Members stated that they feel that there has been some efforts made to reduce noise, and that each of the Council members, including himself, pledge to continue to work towards helping to clear up the noise. Councilwoman Allen encouraged the Council Members to attend the Public Safety Meeting, along with Police Chief Riley, to further discuss this situation with the noise. President Evans asked the Citizens who were listening over the radio, as well as, those who were in attendance of the Council meeting, to be patient with them, because they all stand firm on bring the noise under control, and that they as a Council will do that, according to what is the law.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**IV. FY 2008-2009 CITY BUDGET**

Councilman Williamson asked President Evans if October 1<sup>st</sup> began the next fiscal year, and if so, does the City not have to have some type of budget in place by then. President Evans stated that the City does have to have some type of budget in place by October 1<sup>st</sup>, and that this is the Council's last meeting in this fiscal year. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to adopt this previous year's budget for this upcoming year, pending the deficit \$750,000.00 for the Police Department, and changes later on when the new Council takes office. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council, with the understanding that they will not carry over the \$750,000.00 deficit. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked President Evans for an explanation as to the \$750,000.00 deficit. President Evans stated the Council approved the request from the Chief some time ago as it relates to the Public Safety Department, and that he is convinced that the Council is going to go forward with that, and that when they look at the amended budget, then the \$750,000.00 would be put back in the budget. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated until the Council does that, then she withdraws her vote.**

**V. COUNCIL TRAVEL**

This item is continued.

**VI. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Councilman Williamson stated to President Evans that the sheet they were given shows that the Public Works Department is already 105% over their budget, along with items in other departments that are spent well over 100% through 11 months, and wants to know if they need to move money around to cover that, or what happens in cases like these. Ms. Cynthia Mitchell stated currently she is working with the departments, and asking them to take a look to see if there is any money that can be moved around, and then after that is done, they will come back to the Council as it relates to any amendments that may be needed. Ms. Mitchell further stated they will try real hard to have that to bring back to the Council at the next meeting.

**VII. STREET MARKERS**

President Evans stated he plans to take some of his oil money for street markers, at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00, to replace the street markers/signs.

**VIII. MOVING OF PAPERS AND EQUIPMENT FROM CITY**

President Evans stated this item was brought up during Thursday's Work Session, and that Mrs. Darlene Rudolph had clarified this item at that time.

**IX. UPCOMING CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

There are none to report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE – Councilman Leashore, Chairperson**

No Report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Councilman Dr. Cecil Williamson, Chairperson**

Councilman Williamson asked President Evans if the Council is supposed to do anything about the Water Board Vacancies? President Evans stated to Council to place this issue on their minds, for the purpose of addressing at the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Dr. Geraldine Allen, Chairperson**

Councilman Allen made a report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson**

No Report.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Councilwoman Venter, Chairperson**

No Report.

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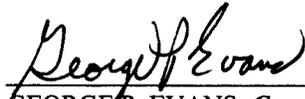
**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE – President Evans, Chairperson**

No report.

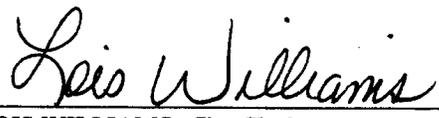
**CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

  
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GEORGE P. EVANS, *Council President*

**ATTEST:**

  
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LOIS WILLIAMS, *City Clerk*

**APPROVED:**

  
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JAMES PERKINS, JR., *Mayor*