

**CITY OF SELMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 17, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 7:18 p.m. in the Council chambers. Council members answering roll call were: Avalos, Niswander, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan, and Mayor Tow. Council member Derr was absent.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, City Attorney Hargrove, Police Chief Whiteside, Fire Chief Kestly, Public Works Director Weaver, Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner, Finance Director Bier, Administrative Services Manager Hull, the press, and interested citizens.

The agenda for this meeting was duly posted in a location visible at all times by the general public seventy-two hours prior to this meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER:** Police Chief Whiteside introduced the department's newest Police Officer. Mr. Marco Solian was welcomed by the Council.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC:** Fire Chief Kestly introduced the Fire Department's newest Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. Joseph Cobb was welcomed by the Council.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSOCIATE PLANNER:** City Manager Heusser introduced the Community Development Department's new Associate Planner. Ms. Stephanie Sherrell was welcomed by the Council.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Council member Niswander and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Niswander, Lujan, Avalos, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Derr

- a. Minutes of the October 3, 2005 workshop/pre-council meeting approved by standard motion.
- b. Minutes of the October 3, 2005 regular meeting approved by standard motion.

- c. Authorization to correct numbering on Ordinance No. 2005-5 approved by standard motion.
- d. Denial of claim for damages from Josie Elizabeth Estrada approved by standard motion.
- e. Denial of claim for damages from Yadira Brenda Gomez approved by standard motion.
- f. Check register dated October 12, 2005 approved by standard motion.

**CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES:** Finance Director Bier reported that the public hearing for this item would need to be opened and continued to the November 7, 2005 Council meeting since it had been advertised prior to Council member Derr requesting that adoption be held until he returns from vacation.

Review of the remaining proposed user fees (continued from the earlier workshop) then took place and suggestions and changes were made.

Mayor Tow opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. There being no one to speak for or against the proposal it was the consensus of Council to continue the public hearing to November 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as thereafter.

**CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE X OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TRUCK TRACTORS AND/OR TRAILER PARKING IN THE CITY OF SELMA – re-introduction and first reading:** City Manager Heusser reported that due to substantive changes reflecting the City Council's comments at the last Council meeting, this item would need to be re-introduced and the first reading waived. He reported that the public hearing would be held on November 7, 2005.

Public Works Director Weaver then reviewed the areas where overnight truck parking would be allowed and answered various questions for Council.

After discussion, motion to re-introduce and waive the first reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2005-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE X OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TRUCK TRACTORS AND/OR TRAILER PARKING IN THE CITY OF SELMA was made by Council member Niswander and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Niswander, Lujan, Avalos, Tow  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Derr

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Manager Heusser reminded the Council of the annual Band Festival Parade on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and the Commissioner Interviews on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. He also reported on receiving positive comments from the public on the City's adoption of Venice, Louisiana in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina and that the road into Venice is now open.

Finance Director Bier reported that this week, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> is fall clean-up week and that there will also be a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off event on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She reported that the HHW event will be held in the City Hall west-end parking lot and that it is by appointment only.

Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner reminded the Council of the "It Lives" Halloween event at Pioneer Village.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Council member Niswander asked that the sidewalk in front the old Gateway Building be swept regularly. She reported on receiving complaints regarding all of the temporary signs around town and the excess dirt on Olive Street between Rose and Stillman due to construction. She asked that the Traffic & Streets Commission look at the triangle intersection at Arrants and High and Arrants and Grant because of possible traffic problems. She asked that a traffic count be conducted at Dockery and Nebraska. She also reported on observing semi-trucks parking on the Cattlemen's parking lot which the City owns.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan reported on a reception being held in Orange Cove for Lt. Governor Bustamonte. He asked staff to talk with the First Baptist Church and London Properties regarding landscaping. He also asked staff to continue to work on the removal of all of the "sandwich board" signs around town.

Mayor Tow reported on receiving offers of help for Venice, Louisiana. He also asked staff to make the re-opening of Orange Avenue a priority.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. James Pace, representing Wellington Group, stepped forward to let Council know that they are willing to help with the Venice, Louisiana project. He was thanked for the offer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Carter, CMC  
City Clerk

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Don Tow  
Mayor of the City of Selma

Ordinance No: 2005-10