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SELMA, ALABAMA – May 10, 2022

The Fire Chief appointed by the City Council on February 18, 2022, after 2 months and 21 days, has resigned effective May 9, 2022. To insure continued operations of the Fire Department, Mayor James Perkins, Jr. appoints Captain Franklin Edwards, Interim Fire Chief effective May 10, 2022. Mayor Perkins stated, “The citizens elected me to lead the performance of daily operations of city government. But how can I do that when this city council will not listen to me when it comes to who will work as department heads. As long as the city council dictates the appointments of city department heads, there is no way the public can hold me, as mayor, responsible for those departments’ performance. This is frustrating and outright managerially impossible to deal with. The citizens elected me and the city council members also, and it must be the citizens who correct this craziness. For those who continue asking, ‘what is wrong with Selma’s government?’, the answer is, City Council Overreach.

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