WORK SESSION MEETING

September 25th, 2018

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 at 3:00PM in City Hall. Proper notice was given.

Call to Order
Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Members Present
Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Dan Boling, Sonny Boyd, Donnie Griffin, and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Council members Joe Will and Kay McCathen were absent. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, department heads, and City intern Mikel Graham.

Rescind Demolition Ordinance -104 E. Washington Avenue

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the rescinding of a demolition ordinance passed in March 2018. Since the demolition ordinance, the property owner has addressed all minimum housing code violations. Thus, he is requesting a rescinding ordinance, so that the property may be sold.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the resolution rescinding the demolition ordinance of property at 104 East Washington Avenue was approved.

Temporary Street Closure-Bessemer City Area Chamber "Run Around Downtown" 5K
Bessemer City Area Chamber of Commerce has requested the temporary closure of the 100 Block of West Pennsylvania Avenue for the "Run Around Downtown" 5K Saturday, October 6th.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the temporary street closure for the Bessemer City Area Chamber "Run Around Downtown" was approved.

Department Reports
Bessemer City Department heads gave reports on their department status:

Economic Development Officer Josh Ross informed Council about the Employee Health fair and Manufacturing week Bessemer City tour. Gaston County Economic Development Commission will be hosting a manufacturing tour in conjunction with the Greater Gaston Development Corporation in Bessemer City. This tour is open to the public and will feature downtown Bessemer City and Southridge Business Park on Friday, October 5th. The Employee Health fair will be next Wednesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 4th in City Hall. At this time employees will be provided an opportunity to receive a flu shot and speak with local health vendors.

City Manager's Report
City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

Review of Sign for Bank
At the July 2018 regular meeting, Council approved the contract to purchase the SunTrust building located at 125 East Virginia Avenue, Bessemer City, NC 28016 (Parcel IDs: 120820, 120825,

120826). Thus, a name and signage must be purchased to prior to Finance, Customer Service, and Code Enforcement divisions occupying the building.

Light discussion was held regarding potential names and signage.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the bank building located at 125 East Virginia Avenue will be called City Hall annex.

NC Highway 161 Sidewalk Capital Project Ordinance

At the October 2018 regular meeting, Council will be asked to take action on the Highway 161 Capital Project Ordinance. This ordinance addresses financing of a sidewalk from 13th Street to Boston Avenue. Engineers will be present at the meeting to discuss pertinent details. A 20% match of $160,000 will be needed.

General

HVAC operations in City Hall are almost complete. The ceiling had to be dropped a few inches to accommodate the new HVAC unit. Next Monday and Tuesday, workers will be on sight to complete carpeting.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. There was none.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk