WORK SESSION MEETING

April 30th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, April 30th, 2019 at 3:00PM in Council Chambers. 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, Donnie Griffin, Joe Will, Kay McCathen and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, department heads, and City intern Mikel Graham. Council member Sonny Boyd was absent.

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

Parks & Recreation Director, JoD Franklin addressed Council regarding the success of the Summer Concert & Cruise-In Series this past Saturday. Mayor Smith commended Mr. Franklin on a job well done. However, a plan addressing walkway accessibility along the park turf area during the event is needed. The 31st Annual Down Home Festival will be Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th.

City Manager's Report
City Manager, James Inman addressed Council with an updated draft 2019-2020 annual budget. Mr. Inman reviewed each budgetary fund and Council priorities. This draft budget includes changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), water and sewer rate increase, and the recent rate increase for solid waste services provided by WastePro.

Resolution-Authorizing Persons to Sign Requisitions –Community Development Block Grant
City Manager, James Inman informed Council that a resolution authorizing the following City officials to sign requisitions for the CDBG-I funds were needed:

- Becky S. Smith, Mayor, and successors so titled
- James Inman, City Manager, and successors so titled
- Diane Jenkins, Finance Director, and successors so titled
- Josh Ross, Economic Development Officer, and successors so titled.

By motion Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the resolution authorizing Mayor Smith, James Inman, Diane Jenkins, and Josh Ross to sign for CDBG-I funds was approved.

Approval of Grant Administration –Community Development Block Grant
City Manager, James Inman informed Council that approval of CDBG grant administration was needed again. A second request for proposals was needed, as the State requires two proposals be received before approving a grant administration company. Proposals from Summit Design and Engineering Services of Richmond, Virginia and WithersRavenel of Asheville, NC were received.

By motion of Kay McCathen and unanimous vote, WithersRavenel of Asheville, NC was selected to serve as grant administrator for the neighborhood revitalization Community Development Block Grant at 5:13 PM.

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 5:15 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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