WORK SESSION MEETING

May 21st, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, May 21st, 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, Sonny Boyd, Joe Will, Kay McCathen and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman, department heads, and City intern Mikel Graham.

Department Head Reports

Bessemer City Department heads gave reports on their department status:

Chief Ellis informed Council that a traffic study on West Indiana Avenue was completed, at the request of a citizen. However, the study showed that the complaint received was invalid. During the time of the study no cars were caught going above the posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

Assistant City Manager, Jamie Ramsey informed Council that the Public Works new administration building will be built this week. The fleet building will be the next structure completed.

Finance Director, Diane Jenkins updated Council on the status of the new financial software. Ms. Jenkins informed Council that some citizens had complained about the new credit and debit card convenience fee. But otherwise, the new software installation is progressing. The budget audit process will begin soon.

Economic Development Officer, Joshua Ross reminded Council of the City's first job fair. On Thursday, May 30th from 2:00PM-7:00PM at the Allan Farris Community Center 17 industries will be present to offer our local citizenry positions ranging from industrial to administrative work. A downtown development is also being completed by Mr. Ross and City Planner, Karen Floyd. This plan will help identify the City's goals and objectives in respect to monuments and attractions in the downtown business district.

Parks & Recreation Director, JoD Franklin addressed Council regarding the Down Home Festival, Swimming Pool operations and lifeguards. Although, the Saturday portion of Down Home Festival was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Friday portion was a success. Lifeguards are being hired to work the City Swimming Pool. This year we offered a program to assist potential candidates receive their certification, by providing monetary support.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding appointed board terms that will expire soon.

Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments
-Charlene Hill, expiring June 2019
-Ellen Bullard, expiring June 2019

-Chair & Vice Chair (Danny Garrett and Jean Floyd) expiring June 2019

ABC Board
-Robert Crouch, expiring June 2019
-Michael Brooks, expiring June 2019

-Chair (Robert Crouch), expiring June 2019

Downtown Development Board
-Nellie Floyd, expiring June 2019
-Tracie Anderson, expiring June 2019

Mr. Inman also informed Council that a recycling ordinance was being composed by the City attorney. This proposed ordinance will be sent to Council for their review in the following weeks to come. The budget and budget letter will be sent to Council by June 1st for the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year budget.

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 4:11 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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