WORK SESSION MEETING

August 27th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, August 27th, 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's status:

Mikel Graham, City Intern- Mr. Graham addressed Council regarding the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant application. Mr. Graham informed Council that 15 applications have been received and that City staff is seeking quotes for a potential rehab specialist.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding two Community Concerts & Cruise-Ins and youth soccer. Soccer registration will begin next week and end mid-September. Local youth between the ages of 4-10 are encouraged to register. On September 7th the Tim Clark band will be performing in Centennial Park, and the Extraordinaires will perform on the 28th.

Josh Ross, Economic Development Officer- Mr. Ross explained that Council had been invited to Hunter Douglas' 100th Year Celebration in September. At this celebration, Mayor and Council will present the company with a proclamation.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director- Ms. Jenkins discussed continued implementation of the City's new financial software, auditing, and working through project financing. Ms. Jenkins also informed Council that through this new software, citizens will now receive a consumption graph on their bills. This will help educate citizens on their monthly usage.

Tom Ellis, Police Chief- Mr. Ellis spoke about new employees in the police department and recent progress being made on code enforcement cases.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding the progress being made at the new Public Works building.

Karen Floyd, City Planner- Mrs. Floyd updated Council on the progress of the land use plan updates as well as informed Council that City staff now has a plotter in house to print maps. The Bessemer City Planning Board will meet in October to review the land use plan update.

James Inman, City Manager- Mr. Inman introduced the new part-time City Intern Sarahanne Smith. Sarahanne comes from UNC Charlotte and is assisting City staff with the 2020 Census, administrative functions, and other duties. City Manager Inman also reminded Council of the September 11th program that will be held in front of City Hall on Wednesday, September 11th.

Letter of Intent- Commercial Property

City Staff is seeking Council approval to submit a letter of intent regarding a commercial property in City limits.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, City Council approved a letter of intent regarding a commercial property.

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 4:04 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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