WORK SESSION MEETING

October 29th, 2019

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, October 29th, 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, City Interns, special visitor: Tom Low of Civic by Design.

Land Use Plan Update

Tom Low of Civic by Design addressed Council regarding am update to the Land Use plan, Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), and zoning map. The UDO was adopted in 2008, as the market has changed updates to the original code are needed.

Light discussion was held between Council and Mr. Low. By general consensus, the updates to the land use plan, UDO, and zoning map were approved.

Department Head Reports

Bessemer City department heads gave reports on their department's status:

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director- Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the audit. Ms. Jenkins informed Council that the audit was going well and there were no issues at this time.

Josh Ross, Economic Development Officer- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding a potential mural. Mr. Ross informed Council that a price within the established budget was obtained for a mural in the heart of downtown on the City Hall Annex property.

By general consensus, Council approved Mr. Ross to move forward with mural painting plans.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the 2019 Halloween Block Party and volunteer dinner. The 2nd annual Halloween Block Party went well and a new event, a volunteer dinner had been added to the Parks & Recreation program schedule. The dinner will serve as a time for City staff to thank volunteers who help make City events a success.

Jamie Ramsey, Assistant City Manager- Mr. Ramsey addressed Council regarding the new Public Works building. The Public Works building is going well, and we are expected to be done with the project by February 2020. At the time of completion we will hold a ribbon cutting.

Tom Ellis, Police Chief- Chief Ellis addressed Council regarding the birth of a new baby. Officer Brett Parrish welcomed in his new baby girl a few days ago.

City Manager Report

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding property at 305 E. Lee Avenue. A house located at 305 E. Lee Avenue is currently scheduled to be sold for $9,000. Mr. Inman is seeking Council approval to enter in to an upset bid, to obtain the property as we plan to expand the Public Works department in the future.

By general consensus City Manager, James Inman was permitted to enter in to an upset bid for $11,000 regarding property located at 305 E. Lee Avenue.

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 4:20 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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