WORK SESSION MEETING

June 30th, 2020

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, June 30th , 2020 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, Kay McCathen, Joe Will and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present were City Manager, James Inman and Department Heads.

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

Josh Ross, Economic Development Officer- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding a downtown Mural next to City Hall Annex and new charging EV stations. New charging stations for Electric Vehicles have been placed on Virginia and Pennsylvania Avenue downtown. The mural is 70% completed and the Gazette has reached out to do an article on the new edition. City Staff had the wall where the mural is located surveyed. The City owns that wall. Thus, no one will be permitted to paint over it. City Staff plans to launch the new City website on August 1st.

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding several items. The City Swimming Pool has opened with a max of 100 occupants during one session. We have seen many patrons. The lights at the Tennis courts have been repaired. The playground and shelters are still closed. The Indian Trail park remains closed due to the Executive Order. Due to COVID-19 there will be no July 4th Pool Celebration.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Officer- Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the end of the year budget, software conversions, and the upcoming audit.

Tom Ellis, Chief of Police- Mr. Ellis addressed Council regarding on going investigations, Officer trainings, and new personnel.

Kiser Senior Center Discussion
City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding future plans for the Kiser Senior Center. Light discussion ensued amongst Council and Staff. Staff was tasked with drafting a policy regarding usage. To ensure the best efficiency of the building, Council would like to open the building up to all citizens. Regardless of age.

Economic Development Discussion
City Staff informed Council that a development group has approached the City regarding a potential 36 month agreement. The company would create an infill project on City property and try to locate a business in the space for 36 months. However, if the development group does not

succeed in locating a business, then the City would pay fees for the building for 18 months. Council informed Staff, that they do not wish to proceed with the agreement.

System Development Fee Study

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding system development fee study. Traditional impact fees were eliminated with recent legislation. McGill and Associates will be conducting a system development fee study, to determine what the new fee should be. The fee will be for new development. A formal process with a public hearing will need to take a place.

Zoning Moratorium Discussion

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding a zoning moratorium. City Staff have been working on the UDO update, and would like to enact a 90 day moratorium for single mobile homes in the City. Staff noticed that there was a sudden increase to place single mobile homes in one part of town. Thus, staff would like time to review the mobile home overlay for the UDO update.

Welcome Sign Discussion

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding potential welcome sign designs. The welcome City sign on Highway 161 was damaged in a car wreck. The car insurance company of the driver has settled. Staff presented Council with several options and light discussion was held.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Inman addressed Council regarding the end of year 2019-2020 budget amendments.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Inman also addressed Council regarding the ABC Store Manager position. The current store manager for the ABC store will be retiring soon. The ABC Board has approached the City to see if a partnership can be made between the two. Where both parties pay the salary. Discussion ensued.

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 4:15 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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