WORK SESSION MEETING

September 29th, 2020

The Bessemer City Council met in work session on Tuesday, September 29th, 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: Donnie Griffin, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will and Alfred Carpenter were all present. Also present were Withers-Ravenel Analyst, Steven Miller and Senior Project Manager, Melissa Cardinali, McGill Associates, Doug Chapman, and City Manager, James Inman.

Withers-Ravenel Special Presentation

Withers-Ravenel Analyst, Steven Miller and Senior Project Manager, Melissa Cardinali addressed Council regarding a Stinger Park financial analysis study. Light discussion regarding the City's CIP plans, debt services, and potential ways to fund the park were held. The project is currently projected to be 7,897,487 with a $310,000.00 loan installment.

McGill Associates Special Presentation

Doug Chapman with McGill addressed Council regarding Stinger Park updates. Mr. Chapman informed Council that the bids were higher than expected. Thus, the engineering team of McGill Associates thought of things that could be amend to reduce the cost of the project. Light discussion regarding minor structural changes were reviewed with Council.

The water and sewer line project that will be happening with this project will begin soon.

Economic Development Special Presentation

Economic Development Officer, Josh Ross addressed Council regarding an impact study that he and Parks & Recreation Director, JoD Franklin had completed. The study addressed potential reoccurring cost and income projections based off of the current market. City revenue should see an increase in the years to come from Stinger Park. Other notable factors mentioned were revenue from visitors and their spending habits, in connection to youth ball tournaments.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Inman addressed Council regarding Zoning permits, a recent cyber hack of Tyler technology, and general City business.

City Manager Inman also informed Council that a reorganizing of City administration would be taking place tomorrow. A memo will be sent out to City Staff naming Josh Ross as Director of Administration, with Finance & Customer Service, Parks & Recreation, Events, Human Capital, and City reporting to him. Hydeia Hayes will be moved to Human Capital Director. Eynde Frazier will be moved to Administration and will began assuming Communication duties.

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 4:53 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.

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