

Bessemer, Alabama
April 18, 2017

The Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama met in regular session in the Council's Chamber at the City Hall in said City on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:31 a.m. Central Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jesse Matthews who was Chairman of the meeting. Upon roll call, the following Council members were found to be present: Councilors Cleophus King, Ron Marshall, Chester Porter, Donna Thigpen, David Vance, Cynthia Donald and Jesse Matthews. Absent: None. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Councilor Porter opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Vance made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections for April 4, 2017. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded; Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Gulley stated that April is Donate Life Month and invited Ms. Kayla Morris to the podium to present her with the following proclamation:

Office of the Mayor

BESSEMER, ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and WHEREAS, 33,611* candidates are on the nation's organ transplant waiting list received a lifesaving or life-enhancing organ transplant in 2016; of those 486* received an organ transplant in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10* minutes. Twenty-two individuals die each day waiting to be listed for an organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, nearly 118,219* men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantations, of which approximately 3,045* are on Alabama's list; and

WHEREAS, 5,566* candidates on the national waiting list died waiting for an organ transplant which did not come in time; of those 131* were on Alabama's waiting list; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Organ Center is the non-profit, independent organ recovery organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and

WHEREAS, Bessemer, Alabama supports the Alabama Organ Center's life-saving mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH E. GULLEY, Mayor of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

In Bessemer, Alabama we honor all who have given the gift of life, we focus our efforts on the extreme need for organ and tissue donors, and we encourage residents to designate their donation decision and share the decision to donate with family members.

Mayor Gulley invited everyone to out come to McNeil Park on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Mayor Gulley stated that Toraine Norris secured a grant from the Alabama Power Foundation to plant flowers and trees in the park.

Mayor Gulley stated that on Thursday, April 20, 2017 the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Taste of Bessemer at 4:00 p.m. at the Bessemer Civic Center.

Mayor Gulley stated that the Bessemer Police Department will have their DARE Graduation Ceremony at the Bessemer Civic Center on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Gulley commended Councilor Porter for his forum on Human Trafficking. Mayor Gulley stated that when you think of human trafficking; you think something is happening in a third world country; however it's happening here in Bessemer as well. Mayor Gulley stated that he commends Councilor Porter for an outstanding forum and bringing awareness to the city.

Councilor Porter thanked all his colleagues, citizens and everyone who came out to support the Human Trafficking forum.

Councilor Porter stated that District 2 invites everyone to come out on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 for a community clean up day. Councilor Porter stated that the meeting place will be Chambers Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Porter stated that the All White Party benefiting the homeless is fast approaching. Councilor Porter stated that the event will be held at the Wine Loft on May 28th, 2017 starting at 4:00 p.m. and the tickets are twenty dollars.

Councilor King stated that Ms. Juanita Graham invited the public to attend the Stop the Violence Fundraiser on Friday April 28th, 2017 at the Bessemer Civic Center.

Councilor King thanked Alton Woodard (Director of Recreational Center) and staff and everyone who came out to support District 7 Easter Egg Hunt that was held at the Bessemer Recreational Center.

Councilor Matthews stated that everyone is invited to the McDonald's Breakfast Club Scholarship Concert at Canaan Baptist Church on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Councilor Matthews stated that scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors. Councilor Matthews stated that Councilor Cynthia Donald will be the mistress of ceremony; Mayor Kenneth Gulley will bring the greetings, formal council member Ms. Dorothy Davis will be there and he will also be in attendance.

Councilor Matthews thanked the Oasis of Praise for hosting an Easter Egg Hunt which was held at McNeil Park.

Councilor Porter stated that he partnered with Allen Temple to give the kids in District 2 an Easter Egg Hunt. Councilor Porter thanked everyone who came out to support this event.

Councilor King stated that NBC LEO will be coming to the Bessemer and the Birmingham areas on July 19 – 22, 2017. Councilor King stated that the conference attendees will attend events held in Bessemer as well as tour the city.

Councilor Porter made a motion to place agenda items number 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18A on the consent agenda. Councilor Vance seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The following agenda items were approved by the council:

The council approved the following delegates for the Voting Delegates Authority:

1. Councilor Cynthia Donald Delegate
2. Councilor David Vance 1st Alternate
3. Councilor Jesse Matthews 2nd Alternate

RESOLUTION NO. 208-17

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERFORMANCE CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BESSEMER AND THE BESSEMER CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE FOR THE JULY 4, 2017 CELEBRATION AND
DECLARING IT A PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce is an organization which has as one of its goals the promotion of public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare in the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to enter into a Performance Contract (the "Contract"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A", with the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of organizing, promoting and sponsoring a Fourth of July celebration in the City of Bessemer on July 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that a Fourth of July celebration in the City of Bessemer and amending the General Fund Budget to do so serves to promote the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare in the City; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regular scheduled meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present, as follows:

1. That the Performance Contract between the City of Bessemer, Alabama and the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of organizing, promoting and sponsoring a Fourth of July celebration in the City of Bessemer on July 4, 2017 is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Performance Contract on behalf of the City of Bessemer, Alabama.
2. That the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to fund said Contract.
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its due Adoption.

ADOPTED on this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE BESSEMER BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE USE OF
THEIR FACILITIES AT BESSEMER CITY HIGH SCHOOL
FOR THE JULY FOURTH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to celebrate Independence Day with a public fireworks display on July 4, 2017 at the Bessemer City High School; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, having reviewed the Agreement between the City of Bessemer and the Bessemer Board of Education, finds that celebrating

Independence Day with a public fireworks display on July 4, 2017 at the Bessemer City High School, serves a valid and sufficient public purpose in that is has for its objective the promotion of public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present, as follows:

1. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer shall be and hereby is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver to the Bessemer Board of Education on behalf of the City of Bessemer an Agreement that substantially conforms to the draft of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.
2. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer is authorized to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its due Adoption.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.: 210-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS OF ALABAMA, INC.
FOR THE JULY FOURTH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to celebrate Independence Day with a public fireworks display on July 4, 2017 at the Bessemer High School Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. proposes to conduct a public fireworks display on July 4, 2017 at the contract price of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) and has submitted a Contract Agreement (the "Agreement") which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer having reviewed the Agreement finds that celebrating Independence Day with a public fireworks display on July 4, 2017 serves a valid and sufficient public purpose in that is has for its objective the promotion of public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present, as follows:

1. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer shall be and hereby is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver to Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. on behalf of the City a Contract Agreement that substantially conforms to the draft of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.
2. That the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby agrees to waive the fireworks permit fee in the amount of Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.
3. This Resolution shall come effective upon its due Adoption.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 211-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CARVER PARK & CLUB HOUSE TO BESSEMER BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2017

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Board of Education (the "BBOE") desires to hold their Special Olympics Fun Day event at Carver Park & Club House (the "Facilities") on May 11, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the BBOE also requests permission to use the Facilities on May 12, 2017 during the same hours if inclement weather should cause the event to be cancelled on May 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer desires to allow the use of the Facilities for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines that permitting the use of the Facilities by the BBOE for their Special Olympics Fun Day event has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, duly assembled with a quorum being present:

1. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer hereby authorizes the use of Carver Park & Club House to the Bessemer Board of Education for their Special Olympics Fun Day event on May 11, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
2. That should inclement weather cause the event to be cancelled on May 11, 2017, the Bessemer Board of Education has permission to hold their Special Olympics Fun Day event on May 12, 2017 during the same hours at the Facilities.
3. That the Governing Body of the City of Bessemer hereby finds and declares that permitting the use of the Facilities by the Bessemer Board of Education for their Special Olympics Fun Day event has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.:212-17

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR THE BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the properties described on the attached Exhibit "A" (the "Properties") have been sold to the State of Alabama (the "State") for delinquent property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 40-10-132 Code of Alabama 1975, lands that are located within a municipal boundary, may be sold to the municipality at the best price offered, irrespective of the amount of taxes and interest due; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") desires to acquire the Properties for the purpose of additional parking area for the Bessemer Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds that acquiring the State's right and title in the Properties has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present:

1. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer shall be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver to the State of Alabama on behalf of the City of Bessemer, Alabama letters of intent to purchase the five (5) properties as described on the attached Exhibit "A" for the sum of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) per property for a total not to exceed Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00).
2. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer shall be and hereby is authorized to execute such documents or to take such additional actions as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purpose of this resolution.
3. That upon acceptance of the City's offer by the State, the City Council of the City of Bessemer authorizes the expenditure of municipal funds for the acquisition of the Properties from the State in the amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00).
4. That the governing body of the City of Bessemer hereby finds and declares that the expenditure of municipal funds for the acquisition of the Properties from the State in the amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND LETTING OF BID PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FIFTEEN PASSENGER VAN FOR USE BY THE BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer recognizes the need for the purchase of one (1) fifteen passenger van to better serve the public, for use by the Bessemer Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama regarding competitive bidding, desires that the City Clerk develop minimum bid specifications for one (1) fifteen passenger van for purchase as needed by the Bessemer Recreation Center and that the same be advertised and distributed to qualified interested bidders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present as follows:

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to prepare, advertise and distribute bid specifications to qualified, interested bidders for the purchase of one (1) fifteen passenger van for use by the Bessemer Recreation Center.
2. That all bids received from qualified, interested bidders be analyzed by the Mayor and returned to the City Council of the City of Bessemer for award and approval.
3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 214-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PAY
INCREASE FOR OFFICER BYRON JONES OF THE
CITY OF BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Personnel Board authorizes under its premium code directive an educational incentive pay increase for sworn personnel in the police, sheriff or Police departments who have completed sixty four (64) semester hours, ninety six (96) quarter hours or an associate degree in an accredited college program area deemed acceptable by the Department Head and the Director of Personnel; and

WHEREAS, Chief Nathaniel Rutledge, Jr. of the City of Bessemer Police Department has reviewed the educational achievements of Officer Byron Jones and recommends a ten percent (10%) pay increase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, having reviewed the recommendation of Chief Nathaniel Rutledge, Jr. and the educational achievements of Officer Byron Jones, hereby approves a ten percent (10%) pay increase for Officer Byron Jones, as authorized by the Jefferson County Personnel Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Bessemer, Alabama at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present that the City Council hereby authorizes a ten percent (10%) premium pay increase for Officer Byron Jones as authorized by the Jefferson County Personnel Board Premium Directive for educational pay incentives.

This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND LETTING
OF BID PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LIFE PACK DEFIBRILLATOR FOR USE BY THE CITY OF
BESSEMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer recognizes the need for a new Life Pack Defibrillator for use by the City of Bessemer Fire Department to better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama regarding competitive bidding, desires that the City Clerk develop minimum bid specifications for one (1) new Life Pack Defibrillator and that the same be advertised and distributed to qualified interested bidders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regular meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present as follows:

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to prepare, advertise and distribute bid specifications to qualified, interested bidders for the purchase of one (1) new Life Pack Defibrillator for use by the City of Bessemer Fire Department.
2. That all bids received from qualified, interested bidders be analyzed by the Mayor and returned to the City Council of the City of Bessemer for award and approval.
3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 216-17

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO
COMMENCE AN EJECTMENT ACTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer foreclosed on the property located at 2317 Dartmouth Avenue on February 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner continues to occupy this property and refuses to return possession to the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney requests permission of the City Council to commence litigation in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama (Bessemer Division) to file an ejectment action against C. Conwell EI aka Saladdin Sayeed EI and Brenda Conwell EI to sit their belongings out and gain possession; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer desires to commence litigation to obtain possession of real property owned by the City and for any other legal remedies available to the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present that the City Council hereby authorizes, as follows:

1. The City Attorney is to commence an ejectment action against C. Conwell EI aka Saladdin Sayeed EI and Brenda Conwell EI to sit out their belongings and gain possession of the city owned real property.
2. The City Attorney is also authorized to seek any other legal remedies available to the City and as such the Mayor or Director of Finance shall be authorized to provide such filing fees, cost of service, deposition, and other cost normal to the course of filing and pursuing litigation.
3. This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to consider the Ordinance authorizing a sales tax holiday during the third full weekend of July each year in accordance with Act. No. 2017-120, State of Alabama. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3559

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SALES TAX HOLIDAY DURING THE THIRD FULL WEEKEND OF JULY
EACH YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT NO. 2017-120, STATE OF ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama passed into law Act No. 2017-120 hereinafter referred to as “the Act” creating a sales tax holiday for the third full weekend in July; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama wishes to enact a sales tax holiday with the City of Bessemer, Alabama that coincides and parallels the terms and limitations of the Act.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Under the authority granted in Section 1 of Act No. 2017-120 of the Alabama Legislature, there shall be a sales tax holiday each year commencing the third Friday of July at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Sunday at 12:00 midnight, during which time the payment of the sales tax collected by the City of Bessemer, Alabama will be exempt on the sale of “certain covered items”

as the term "certain covered items" is defined in *§40-23-210, et seq. of the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.*

Section 2. If a vendor charges tax in error during this period, the vendor should refund the tax upon request of the customer. If the vendor fails to refund the tax, the vendor must remit the tax to the City. If taxes collected by the vendor in error are not refunded to the customer, the tax must be remitted to the City when filing and paying the taxes for the month of August.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 3459 passed on April 19, 2011, creating a sales tax holiday for the first full weekend in August of each year is hereby repealed and replaced with this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its due adoption.

Adopted this the 18th day of April, 2017.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Councilor King seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.:152-17

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALABAMA HOUSE BILL 363

WHEREAS, a Bill has been passed in the Alabama House of Representatives, HB363, that changes the responsibilities of the Mayor and Council in the City of Bessemer, Alabama, and no other municipal government in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, HB363, was introduced and passed by the Alabama House of Representatives without the advice and consent of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has stated his opposition to HB363 and the City Council desires to advise the Alabama State Senate of its' opposition to HB363 and request the Alabama State Senate to vote in opposition to HB363 because it is in the best interest of the City of Bessemer, Alabama and the Citizens of the City to oppose HB363;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regularly scheduled meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present, as follows:

1. The City of Bessemer, Alabama opposes HB363, and requests that the Members of the Alabama State Senate vote in opposition to the Bill because it is against the best interests of the City and the City's residents.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of April, 2017.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to adopt the resolution Opposing Alabama House Bill 363. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Nays: Councilors King, Donald and Matthews. The motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the following condemnations:

1. 226 Clifton Street Bessemer
2. 2116 – 16th Way North Bessemer
3. 2500 Fairfax Avenue Bessemer

Councilor Marshall made a motion to approve the condemnations of the three properties. Councilor Porter seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilor King asked everyone to say a special prayer for Mr. Robert Goodwin's family of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Goodwin was shot and killed on social media. Councilor King asked everyone to pray for our youths here in the city of Bessemer.

Councilor King stated that House Bill 363 address a form of government at Bessemer City Hall, as it relates to hiring an administrative assistant for the council office. Councilor Donald thanked the Bessemer Police Department for doing an outstanding job in crowd control following an incident that took place on the south side.

Councilor Donald stated that the Bessemer Beautification Board along with Jefferson County will have a clean-up day on Saturday, April 29th, 2017. Councilor Donald stated that anyone who is interested in volunteering can contact District 3 Beautification Board Member (Kimberly Canty).

Councilor Donald stated that C. F. Hard Elementary School will host their author's night on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Councilor Donald thanked everyone who came out to support District 3 Easter Egg Hunt.

Ms. Kayla Morris (Alabama Organ Center) 200 Heart Avenue, Hueytown thanked Mayor Gulley and council for giving her the opportunity to come up. Ms. Morris thanked the city for their support. Ms. Morris stated that if anyone would like more information on Alabama Organ Center they can log on to alabamaorgancenter.org.

Councilor Matthews announced citizen's participation and the following citizens appeared before the council:

Ms. Donna Webster 4008 Villa Glen Apartments stated that she is a native of Bessemer Pipe Shop Community and she wants to know if the city can fund the restoration

of Pipe Shop Community Center. Ms. Webster stated that her nephew Rico Braxton was killed there in 2009. Ms. Webster stated that her aunt Sherry Webster started the Rico Braxton Foundation. Ms. Webster stated that the purpose of this foundation is to raise money to provide scholarships to college students. Ms. Webster stated that they want to build a memorial at Pipe Shop Community Center for the founders and for the people that lost their lives there.

Anthony Underwood 4025 Lakewood Drive stated that Saturday, April 22, 2017 is Earth Day, and it is a great opportunity to have a city clean-up. Mr. Underwood stated that the Bessemer City Limits are organizing a city wide clean-up. Mr. Underwood stated that churches and different communities have committed to keep their areas cleaned. Mr. Underwood stated that he wants everyone to be mindful of Earth Day and to keep your areas clean; to make a difference in your environment.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Donald seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk
City of Bessemer

Presiding Officer

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