

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 4, 2017 at 7:21 p.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, Cynthia Donald and Jesse Matthews. Absent: Councilor David Vance. City Clerk Wanda Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Reverend V. J. Ford opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to place agenda items number 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, and 15 on the consent agenda. Councilor Donald seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The following agenda items were approved by the council:

The council consented to approve the minutes from March 21st, 2017 council meeting.

The Council scheduled a weed nuisance hearing date of May 16th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the following properties:

WEED NUISANCES HEARING

	Address	Parcel	Owner
1.	731 7th Street North	38-9-3-32-6	Davis Luckie A Heirs of
2.	721 7th Street N	38-9-3-32-13	Booker Yolanda K (R/S)
3.	513 1st Avenue North	38-16-2-18-7	Fendley Dan A & Fendley Janice L
4.	1320 5th Avenue North	38-9-4-16-9	Lampkin Paul S Jr
5.	2518 10th Avenue North	38-4-1-33-16	Witt Alex Heirs of
6.	1521 13th Avenue North	38-9-2-18-3	Johnson Sam W
7.	1203 13th Avenue North	38-8-1-16-7	Hollis Terry H
8.	1201 13th Avenue North	38-8-1-16-8	Myles Kay D

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| 9. | 1516 10th Avenue North | 38-9-2-15-6 | Mitchell Clarence |
| 10. | 1520 10th Avenue North | 38-9-2-15-7 | Mitchell Clarence (R/S With Deed) |
| 11. | 3106 Granville Avenue | 38-2-3-20-10 | Smith Sylvia Morgan |
| 12. | 3018 Dartmouth Avenue | 38-3-4-9-13 | Williams Juanita |
| 13. | 3020 Dartmouth Avenue | 38-3-4-9-12 | Sparks Evelyn |
| 14. | 913 Borah Avenue | 38-15-1-5-2 | Nedd Bishop |
| 15. | 912 Borah Avenue | 38-15-1-1-23 | Woodward George Herman |
| 16. | 908 Borah Avenue | 38-15-1-1-22 | English Bertha |
| 17. | 501 Grant Street | 38-29-2-3-2 | Porterfield Wiley Yogi |
| 18. | 413 Caffee Street | 38-8-3-7-4 | Ytis Thompson Sr (R/S) |
| 19. | 401 Wesley Street | 38-8-3-9-1 | Dunnican James B Heirs of C/O
Gertrude Williamson |
| 20. | 235 McCalla Road | 38-31-2-0-17.002 | Gents Homes LLC (R/S) |
| 21. | 1510 Granville Avenue | 38-10-3-22-6.001 | Raine N Joy |
| 22. | 1509 Fairfax Aly | 38-10-3-22-6 | Hubbard Clarence E & Addie C |
| 23. | 716 16th Street S | 38-10-4-14-1 | Brooks Cauthen Ria & |
| 24. | 1017 Exeter Avenue | 38-15-2-16-2 | Allen Steve & Lorria |
| 25. | 28 Wellington Street | 38-16-3-15-3 | Collins Mary Pearl King |
| 26. | 34 Wellington Street | 38-16-3-15-2 | Collins Mary Pearl King |
| 27. | 325 Black Avenue | 38-16-3-16-2 | Davidson Jacquelin & |
| 28. | 319 Black Avenue | 38-16-3-16-5 | Bell Daisy Lee Heirs of
McClenney Carrie Mae (TY 14
Latoria Bates POA) |
| 29. | 317 Black Avenue | 38-16-3-16-6 | |
| 30. | 2030 Dartmouth Avenue | 38-10-2-25-12 | Pate Amanda M |

RESOLUTION NO. 112-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND LETTING OF RE-BID PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO PASSENGER VANS FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer recognizes the need for the purchase of two passenger vans to better serve the public, for use by the Bessemer Public Improvements Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized the City Clerk to prepare bid specifications and the same having been advertised and distributed to interested bidders; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to the bid package, the bids of interested bidders were to be opened on March 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, the City Clerk announced that no bids had been returned to the City Clerk in accordance with the bid package; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Bessemer recommends that the City Council require the City Clerk to re-bid the specifications for two passenger vans for purchase as needed by the Bessemer

Public Improvements Department 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 re-bid specifications to qualified, interested bidders for the purchase of two vans for use by the Bessemer Public Improvements 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 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND LETTING OF BID PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE MOTORCYCLE FOR THE BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer recognizes the need for an additional motorcycle at the Bessemer Police Department in order that the Police Department can 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 Police Department and the City Clerk develop minimum bid specifications for one (1) police motorcycle 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 Police Department and the City Clerk to prepare, advertise and distribute bid specifications to qualified, interested bidders for the purchase of one (1) police motorcycle for use by the Bessemer Police Department.
2. That all bids received from qualified, interested bidders be analyzed by the Mayor and the Bessemer Police Department 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 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.: 114-17
A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE USE OF THE BESSEMER
CIVIC CENTER BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
LEGISLATORS TO HOST A TOWN HALL MEETING

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Democratic Legislators, consisting of members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Alabama from districts covering the City of Bessemer, Alabama and surrounding cities and towns in Jefferson County, Alabama, (the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation”), requested use of the Bessemer Civic Center to host a Town Hall Meeting on March 28, 2017;

WHEREAS, the request for use of the Bessemer Civic Center came too late to be considered at a regular meeting of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Town Hall Meeting was held on March 28, 2017 to allow citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with members of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation and, likewise, for members of the delegation to share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation

WHEREAS, the governing body finds and determines that permitting the use of the Bessemer Civic Center by members of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation to allow citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with their legislators and, likewise, for their legislators to share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Delegation 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; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to ratify the use of the Bessemer Civic Center to conduct the Town Hall Meeting, without charge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby ratifies the use of the Bessemer Civic Center by the Jefferson County Democratic Legislators, without charge, to conduct a Town Hall Meeting on March 28, 2017 to allow citizens an opportunity to share their concerns with members of the Jefferson County legislative delegation and, likewise, for members of the delegation to share information with and answer questions from residents within the territory of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation.

2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 115-17
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH EEFS COMPANY PC FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO 3RD AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. TAPAA-
TA16(907)**

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2016, the Governing Body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") adopted Resolution No. 020-16 authorizing the Mayor of the City to submit a grant application under the ALDOT Transportation Alternative Program for 3rd Avenue Streetscape Improvements TAP Project No. TAPAA-TA16(907) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is an 80% ALDOT funded grant program with the City having to provide 20% matching funding, plus the design engineering cost; and

WHEREAS, Engineering Environmental and Forestry Services Company, PC ("EEFS") has submitted an engineering agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to perform such services as, but not limited to, design surveys, preparation of contract plans, conceptual design, coordination with ALDOT, environmental documents and clearances, design construction plans, bid procurement ("Engineering Services"); and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the engineering contract for the Project, the City Council of the City has determined that it is in the public interest of the City and its citizens to enter into the agreement with EEFS for Engineering Services on the Project.

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 Mayor of the City shall be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver to EEFS on behalf of City of Bessemer, an Engineering Agreement, in such form as the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A", for Engineering Services related to the 3rd Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project No. TAPAA-TA16(907).
2. The Mayor of the City shall be and hereby is authorized to execute such documents or to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to submit such application.
3. 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 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-17

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALABAMA SENATE BILL 31
AND ALABAMA HOUSE BILL 58

WHEREAS, Alabama Senate Bill 31 (SB31) and Alabama House Bill 58 (HB58) exempt prescription drug sales from the calculation of gross receipts business licenses; and

WHEREAS, businesses that provide goods or services within the municipal corporate limits take advantage of the financial and other benefits they receive from the municipality including, but not limited to, the use of city streets and roads, the potential use of police and fire protection, and the potential use of ambulances or rescue services; and

WHEREAS, revenue collected from business licensing provides a financial means for defraying the costs of providing essential municipal services; and

WHEREAS, monies collected from business licensing are used not just for revenue purposes, but to protect and serve citizens by helping provide services; and

WHEREAS, loss of revenue from the gross receipts licensing of prescription medications would cost the City of Bessemer, Alabama a significant loss in general fund revenue; and

WHEREAS, legislatively carving out this type of business from the coverage of municipal business licensing creates fundamental unfairness to other businesses and is a slippery slope as other businesses and industries start to request similar legislative limitations on municipal license authority which could potentially cost the municipality a significant loss in revenue thereby resulting in a potential for devastating effects on the quality of life of our citizens.

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 Governing Body of the City of Bessemer is of the opinion that SB31 and HB58 are not in the best interests of the citizens of Bessemer, and the City therefore expresses its strong opposition to SB31 and HB58 or any similar legislation that would further restrict the City's authority to properly license business that is transacted within the City.

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 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.117-17

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALABAMA HOUSE BILL 283

WHEREAS, a Bill has been introduced in the Alabama House of Representatives, HB283, relating to transportation network companies; and

WHEREAS, HB283, if passed, will place transportation network companies exclusively under the authority of the Public Service Commission and will preempt any ability of municipalities to require transportation network companies to obtain operating authority or a business license; and

WHEREAS, revenue collected from business licensing provides a financial means for defraying the costs of providing essential municipal services; and

WHEREAS, HB283, if passed, will preempt any authority that municipalities have to regulate the operation of transportation network companies within their jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, HB283, if passed, will constrain the constitutional authority of municipalities to regulate the use of public streets by private enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") opposes HB283, and requests that the Members of the Alabama State Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives vote in opposition to the Bill because it is against the best interests of the City and the City's residents.

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 HB283, and requests that the Members of the Alabama State Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives 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 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.: 118-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILOR CHESTER PORTER
USE OF THE CITY HALL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WITHOUT CHARGE,
TO HOST AN OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
ON APRIL 17, 2017; AND DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilor Chester Porter, in conjunction with other community leaders, are requesting use of the Multi-Purpose Room located within Bessemer City to host and conduct an open community forum in the City of Bessemer on April 17, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to discuss and heighten public awareness of human trafficking affecting communities across America, including the City of Bessemer;

WHEREAS, activist/advocate Sunny Slaughter with Sunny Slaughter Consulting is expected to preside over and lead the forum discussions with participation from members of the City of Bessemer Police Department, the Office of the Jefferson County District

Attorney - Bessemer Cut-Off, the City of Bessemer School Board and students from the City of Bessemer School System;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that permitting use of the municipal property for the purpose of conducting and hosting an open community forum to discuss and heighten public awareness of human trafficking in the City of Bessemer as herein described 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; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to permit the use of the said Multi-Purpose Room, without charge, for the purpose of conducting and hosting an open forum to increase community awareness of human trafficking in the Bessemer Area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby permits the use of the Multi-Purpose Room located within Bessemer City Hall to host and conduct an open community forum in the City of Bessemer on April 17, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to discuss and heighten public awareness of human trafficking that affects communities across America, and the City of Bessemer and declares a public purpose.

2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO
EEFS COMPANY, P.C. CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer retained the engineering services of EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers, including the services of Ron Gilbert as City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted invoices for services rendered in the month of February, 2017 totaling the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four and 07/100 (\$49,474.07) Dollars herein attached as Exhibit "A", and the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama having reviewed the invoices have determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, PC has submitted Invoice No. 23772 in the amount of Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two and 20/100 (\$3,662.20) Dollars for work performed in connection with Frank House Golf Course-Cat G. Repairs-Clubhouse and Fence Project #1746-14 herein attached as Exhibit "B" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 23786 in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty and 00/100 (\$220.00) Dollars for work performed in connection with the closure of the Bessemer City-Concord Landfill Phase II herein attached as Exhibit "C" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 23849 in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four and 67/100 (\$13,634.67) Dollars for work performed on the alley behind the New Bessemer City Hall, Courthouse and Hill Top Road herein attached as Exhibit "D" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 23854 in the amount of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and 00/100 (\$11,680.00) Dollars for work performed on the Recreation Center Road and Parking area herein attached as Exhibit "E" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

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 payment of the following listed invoices to EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers:

- a. February 2017 invoices
- b. Invoice No. 23772
- c. Invoice No. 23786
- d. Invoice No. 23849
- e. Invoice No. 23854

This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of April, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.: 120-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT
OF INVOICE FROM JACKSON HARRIS, P.C.,
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama retained the services of Gregory L. Harris of Jackson, Harris, P.C., as attorney for the City Council at a rate stated in accordance with Resolution No. 040-15 adopted on January 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Gregory L. Harris has submitted an invoice for services rendered for the month of February 2017 in the amount of Six Thousand Ten and NO/100 (\$6,010.00) Dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, at a regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, that the City Council of the City of Bessemer hereby approves and authorized the payment of the sum of Six Thousand Ten and NO/100 (\$6,010.00) Dollars to Jackson Harris, P.C., in accordance with the attached invoice.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of April, 2017.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve item number 15A, the use of the city's microphone system to Lynniece Washington. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors King, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY'S MICROPHONE SYSTEM FOR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
RECOGNIZING VICTIM'S
RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2017, District Attorney Lynneice O. Washington requested the use of the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") microphone system to be used during a candlelight vigil recognizing Victim's Right Awareness Week to be held on April 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City hereby determines that it is in the City's best interest to allow the Bessemer District Attorney's Office to use the City's microphone system in order to help recognize Victim's Rights Awareness Week by way of a candlelight vigil; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City hereby determines that providing use of the City's microphone system serves a valid and sufficient public purpose in that it 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 City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and does declare it a public purpose to authorize the use of the City's microphone system to the Bessemer District Attorney's Office to be used on April 6, 2017 recognizing Victim's Rights Awareness Week by way of a candlelight vigil.
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 4th day of April, 2017.

Councilor Vance arrived at the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor Gulley stated that Judge Roebuck and Fire Chief Paul Syx both had love

ones to depart. Mayor Gulley asked everyone to keep these two families in your prayers as they go through this time of loss.

Mayor Gulley stated that Governor Bentley has declared a state of emergency on tomorrow April 5, 2017 because of the weather. Mayor Gulley stated that they will monitor the weather and keep the employees informed as it relates to the city closing so not to jeopardize their safety.

Mayor Gulley thanked everyone who came out on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 to support “Walk with the Mayor”. Mayor Gulley stated that a lot of coordination and effort goes into planning an event; and all he had to do was show up. Mayor Gulley thanked Toraine Norris (Mayor’s Office), Alton Woodard (Director of Recreational Center) and Ms. Denise Thompson (UAB Preventive Medicine) for organizing such an awesome event. Mayor Gulley stated that the turnout was great.

Mayor Gulley stated that this week is National Crime Victims Rights. Mayor Gulley stated that there will be a Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the courthouse steps. Mayor Gulley stated that the vigil is hosted by the DA’s office (Lynniece Washington) and he encourages everyone to go out and support District Attorney Washington.

Councilor Matthews stated that there will be a community prayer walk on April 8th, 2017. Councilor Matthews stated that there will be an educational fundraiser titled “We are One” on Friday, April 28th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bessemer Civic Center. Councilor Matthews stated that quests will include Rueben Studdard and LP (Like Paul) and the guest speaker will be Jefferson County Cut-off DA Lynniece Washington and Calvin Briggs (Lawson State Community College).

Mrs. Felecia Williams Ward presented Mayor Gulley, city council and civic center director (Terry Doss) with a plaque to say thank you for allowing them to host their Bridal Expo. Ms. Williams-Ward stated that they will most assuredly come back and host another expo because the show of support was awesome.

Councilor Porter stated that he had the opportunity to attend the Bridal Affair and it was a first class event.

Ms. Tanya McGhee of 4501 Brookshire Lane appeared before the council and stated that she is with Love Center Fellowship and they are having a Prayer Walk on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Ms. McGhee stated that the purpose of this walk is to bring unity to the city. Ms. McGhee extended an invitation to all to come out and participate in the walk. Ms. McGhee stated that the walk will start at Snitz Snider Stadium and after the walk refreshments will be served.

Mr. David Russell 625 Brookfield Lane, Birmingham announced that on Friday, April 7th, 2017 at Legion Field at 5:30 p.m. Alabama State Hornets will play Alabama A&M Bulldogs and the tickets are \$10.00. Mr. Russell stated that part of the proceeds will be donated to Stillman College.

Councilor Porter stated that on Monday, April 10th, 2017 District two is hosting “Operation Tag a Car”. Councilor Porter stated that old vehicles that are on city right of way or in your front yard will be tagged.

Councilor Porter stated that on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. the community is partnering with Chambers Funeral Home for a community clean up day. Councilor Porter stated that the meeting place will be at Chambers Funeral Home.

Councilor Porter stated that on Monday, April 17th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. he will be hosting an open forum on human trafficking in the Multi Purpose Room at Bessemer City Hall. Councilor Porter stated that the facilitator will be Ms. Sunny Slaughter, guest panelists are State Representative Merika Coleman, Bessemer Police Chief Nathaniel Rutledge and Mrs. Linda Richardson Director of Attendance.

Councilor King asked everyone to keep school board member Reverend Joseph Edwards and the youths of the city of Bessemer in your prayers.

Councilor King stated that District 7 Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 16th, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Matthews stated that on Saturday, April 15th, 2017 Oasis of Praise will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Matthews stated that everyone from the mayor, city council, media and citizens must follow the rules of Ordinance No. 3558, an Ordinance to establish reasonable rules for the recording of public meetings of the city council and committees thereof in the city of Bessemer, Alabama.

Councilor Donald invited everyone to attend Bessemer Neighborhood Watch District 3 Easter Egg Hunt at Southside Community Park on Saturday, April 15th, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Edward Wilson 108 Woodland Road Bessemer thanked Councilor Ron Marshall for attending to his previous issues. Mr. Wilson stated that there are growing concerns about people dumping trash in their neighborhood and this action could possibly diminish their property value. Mr. Wilson stated that citizens are leaving trash on the streets days before garbage pickup. Mr. Wilson stated that maybe down the road an ordinance could be adopted where citizens are only allowed to put trash out on designated days.

Reverend V. J. Ford 2227 Regency Drive Bessemer asked Mayor Gulley and city council to consider the condition of 22nd and 9th Avenue No. the street close to Allen Temple and Abrams Elementary School. Reverend Ford stated that the street has been in very bad condition for about two years now.

Ms. Elaine Holifield 116 2nd Avenue No. Bessemer of the Latch N Live Foundation thanked the city for their support. Ms. Holifield stated that she looks forward to working with the city in the future.

Ms. Mary Holland 331 Ridge Avenue Bessemer stated that she wants to add her street on the repair list. Ms. Holland thanked everyone for welcoming her son (Mr. Andre Holland). Ms. Holland stated that she wanted to especially thank Mr. Forest Davis for assisting them with a project. Ms. Holland stated that recently she came into possession of an old document that is an architect's drawing of the old Lincoln Theater and she wants to thank Mr. Gilbert for giving her a copy of it. Ms. Hall stated that the project is moving forward and her son is planning on being in town next week to get things moving.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor King 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

