

CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA

REGULAR SESSION

The Council of the city of Bessemer, Alabama met in regular session at the City Hall in said City on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jarvis Collier.

The invocation was given by Councilor Donna Thigpen and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Sarah B. Person.

Upon roll call, the following council members were found to be present; Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Absent: Councilors Cleophus King and Chester W. Porter. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

The minutes from the May 5, 2026, meeting were presented to the Council by City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilors Stephens and Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Presentation, Awards, Announcements, and Recognition:

City of Bessemer Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley greeted the council and all attendees present at the meeting. He congratulated the students of Bessemer City High School and Bessemer City Middle School who graduated on May 7, 2026, where he had the opportunity to speak. Mayor Gulley stated that, with Memorial Day approaching on May 25, 2026, city services would not be available, and he advised citizens to continue helping keep the city clean. He also recognized all emergency medical service professionals during National EMS Week.

Bessemer Fire Chief Kendric Hughley introduced the City of Bessemer EMS team, including Fire Department Deputy Chief Carlton Jackson, Battalion EMS Chief Robert Hallmark, EMS Captain Stephen Parker, and EMS Lieutenant Rodrick Lawhorn. Chief Hughley stated that the department recently began working with Northstar Emergency Medical Services at the beginning of January and expressed that they are impressed with the outstanding work being provided.

City of Bessemer Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley read and presented a proclamation recognizing May 17 to May 23 as National Emergency Medical Services Week.

Northstar Emergency Medical Services Director Brent Dierking thanked the mayor and council for recognizing their staff during National EMS Week. He stated that he has worked in the industry providing services for approximately 46 years. Mr. Dierking also introduced members of the Bessemer Northstar team, including Operations Manager Bill Bower, Paramedic Shameika Davis, Paramedic Demi Crowe, and EMT Markiese Benbow.

Council President Collier asked everyone to pray for Council Pro-Tem Chester W. Porter as he prepares to have surgery today.

Councilor Collier stated the city will be partnering the Bessemer Area Chambers of Commerce for the ICARE clean-up program on May 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#6: Hearing for Weed Nuisance Report for April 21, 2026.

**WNR 4/21/2026
STATUS UPDATE REPORT**

SITE ADDRESS	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)	MAIL STATUS	PROPERTY STATUS
1. 91 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 022 004.000	GLOVER MITTIE B EST OF 91 1 ST AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RETURNED	NOT CUT
2. 92 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 023 007.000	HILL DINA B 92 1 ST AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-7408	RETURNED	NOT CUT
3. 95 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 022 002.000	GRANT ALBERT 1200 WOODBRIDGE STREET SAINT CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
4. 3150 PINE CREEK LOOP	38 00 27 2 001 024.005	MURPHY TANeko 3150 PINECREEK LOOP BESSEMER, AL 35022-4977	UNKNOWN	CUT BY OWNER

5. 1906 SHORT 18 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 003.000	MOSTELLA WILLIAM B JR 5966 WILKESBORO LANE KNOXVILLE, TN 37912-4561	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
6. 1916 SHORT 18 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 006.000	CHAMBLISS ROBERT L 396 DICKERSON AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-1509	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
7. 1812 19 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 002.000	66 22 LLC 425 OAK RIDGE DRIVE PLEASANT GROVE, AL 35127	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
8. 1814 19 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 001.000	STOUDIMIRE PENNY G 1814 19 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 3520-8831	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
9. 1519 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 036 004.000	PEEPLES RICHARD IV 17843 SW 87 TH PLACE PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
10. 1523 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 036 003.000	POLAR BEAR PAW AL LLC 70 OAKMONT LANE NORTH FT WORTH, TX 76112	UNKNOWN	CUT BY OWNER
11. 1527 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 036 002.000	FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1605 15 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-4629	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
12. 1600 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 024 006.000	1600 15 TH AVE N TRUST KAREN MIZE AS TRUSTEE OR THE SUCCESSOR PO BOX 436 LINCOLN, AL 35096	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
13. 1609 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 023 004.000	FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST 1605 14 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, A L 35020-4629	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
14. 1504 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 038 001.000	SHORT JAMIE 8279 ALLIANCE SHORT CREEK ROAD BESSEMER, AL 35023	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
15. 1615 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 034 009.000	HERRERA SALVADOR JR 3991 MCCLENDON CHAPEL ROAD BESSEMER, AL 35022	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
16. 1804 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 002.000	PATTON AARON 1011 VALLEY VIEW LANE BESSEMER, AL 35020	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
17. 1808 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 003.000	MOSLEY JABARI & BEVILLE HERBERT 4011 1 ST AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
18. 1812 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 004.000	ROBINSON JAMES J JR ESTATE OF PO BOX 12265 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35202- 2265	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
19. 1816 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 005.000	HARPER CARRIE MAE & 1816 15 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-4537	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
20. 1826 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 007.000	RUIZ ROSA HERNANDEZ & AVIEL HAREL GARCIA 689 COOPERTOWN ROAD UNIONVILLE, TN 37180	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
21. 1829 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 032 008.000	BUIE DERRICK F 3720 WATER AVENUE SELMA, AL 36703	UNKNOWN	CUT BY OWNER
22. 2208 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 007 002.000	HENLEY KENNETH JR 2208 15 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE

23. 2214 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 007 004.000	WELLS LAKITA D (D) 2214 15 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-3919	RETURNED	NOT CUT
24. 1800 16 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 032 001.000	ACOFF E'DEIDRA D 1019 2 ND AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
25. 1802 16 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 032 003.001	SIMPSON NAYLAN (I/S) 1019 2 ND AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
26. 1808 16 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 032 003.000	SIMPSON NAYLAN (I/S) 1019 2 ND AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
27. 1821 16 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 027 011.000	FOSTER ODESSA ESTATE OF 1821 16 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-3956	RETURNED	NOT CUT
28. 1713 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 020 005.000	CREEL TED 7601 15 TH STREET ROAD HUEYTOWN, AL 35023-5551	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
29. 1900 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 043 001.000	HACKWORTH KEVIN M 1900 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RETURNED	NOT CUT
30. 2005 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 009 013.000	ROYAL SPARROW HOLDINGS INC PO BOX 856 LYNDEN, WA 98264	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
31. 2012 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 010 004.000	LEWIS JOE LARRY (D)(A) & JARRIOUS DAVIS 2012 LONG 14 TH STREET BESSEMER, AL 35020-3907	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
32. 2017 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 009 011.000	RAMIREZ-FRANCISCO VANESSA SALMAI 409 VEGA DRIVE S.W. BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
33. 2021 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 009 010.000	LAWSON FANNIE I 413 29 TH PLACE, APT. A TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401- 7119	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
34. 2024 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 010 007.000	BARON & BAXTER HOLDINGS LLC 181 W VALLEY AVENUE, SUITE 245-347 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209	UNKNOWN	CUT BY OWNER
35. 2025 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 009 009.000	BROOKS JEFFREY D 1568 PINE TREE DRIVE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35235- 1710	RETURNED	NOT CUT
36. 2121 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 008 011.000	BACCOUS ALESHEIA 517 EAST END AVENUE DURHAM, NC 27703	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
37. 2125 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 008 010.000	WRIGHT JANEY H 1037 COUNTY ROAD 33 LOT 19 CALERA, AL 35040-2504	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
38. 2200 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 012 001.000	RAYFORD BERNARD C & TURNER 2400 OLD MILTON PKWY, UNIT 977 ALPHARETTA, GA 30009	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
39. 2208 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 012 005.000	HORN ROSLYN DENISE 6511 CREEK CIRCLE BESSEMER, AL 35022	RECEIVED	NOT CUT

40. 2210 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 012 006.000	HORNE EDWARD & MABEL 2208 LONG 14 TH STRTEET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-3911	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
41. 2232 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 012 008.000	ZAMUDIO PEDRO MARTINEZ 2232 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
42. 2204 SHORT 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 013 002.000	ZG MEDIA LLC 5933 RAVENSWOOD ROAD, SUITE BB3 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312	RETURNED	NOT CUT
43. 1625 ARLINGRTON AVENUE	38 00 10 3 015 007.000	SEALES HORACE D & REBECCA A 3939 SEALES DRIVE BESSEMER, AL 35022-6410	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
44. 1411 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 030 005.000	ROBINSON EDWARD G (D) & VICKIE SCOTT 1411 BERKLEY AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-6544	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
45. 1522 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 027 012.000	ODELL NATIONWIDE LLC 1900 THE EXCHANGE SE, STE 410 ATLANTA, GA 30339	RETURNED	NOT CUT
46. 1625 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 016 002.000	DOVI KOFFI H 416 18 TH STREET SOUTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-7932	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
47. 3006 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 015 007.000	WRIGHT JAMES E (R/S) 1948 ORO VISTA ROAD SAN DIEGO, CA 92154	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
48. 3020 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 015 008.000	WRIGHT JAMES 5519 TERRACE Q BIRMINGHAM, AL 35208	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
49. 3100 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 009.000	JACKSON BRIAN S 5121 GOLDMAR DRIVE IRONDALE, AL 35210	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
50. 3102 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 010.000	TINOCO ISIDRO GARCIA 3102 7 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
51. 3114 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 012.000	BRYANT ARTHUR LEE HEIRS OF 1981 CAHABA COVE HOOVER, AL 35244	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
52. 3118 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 013.000	WILSON ANNETTE E 219 NOLIA STREET MIDFIELD, AL 35228-2944	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
53. 2625 8 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 035 005.000	COLLINS RHONDA 305 NEW AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020	UNKNOWN	CUT BY OWNER
54. 2629 8 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 035 002.000	HARRIS COLEMAN HEIRS OF 2631 8 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-3508	UNKNOWN	CUT BY OWNER
55. 1401 19 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 010.000	MAYE CATHERINE PO BOX 997 BESSEMER, AL 35021-0997	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT

56. 606 33 RD STREET SOUTH	38 00 02 3 010 016.000	GRACE HERBERT & MARTHA HEIRS 6301 MYRON MASSEY BLVD FAIRFIELD, AL 35064-2592	RETURNED	NOT CUT
57. 3310 AVENUE E	38 00 02 4 003 001.000	KENNEDY DEV PROPERTIES INC PO BOX 110014 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
58. 3314 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 014 001.000	STRATEGY INVESTING LLC 2745 MICCOURUKEE ROAD TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
59. 3331 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 011 002.000	TUCKER DAVID JR & 3331 AVENUE E BESSEMER, AL 35020-4441	RETURNED	NOT CUT
60. 3330 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 012 010.000	EASON LEONARDUS (R/S WITH DEED) 3138 AVENUE E BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
61. 3333 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 011 001.001	TUCKER DAVID & 3331 AVENUE E BESSEMER, AL 35020-4441	RETURNED	NOT CUT
62. 3219 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 010 015.000	MOLETTA AMERICAN INVESTMENT LLC (R/S W DEED) 44475 CARAMBOLA CIRCLE SOUTH COCONUT CREEK, FL 33066	RETURNED	NOT CUT
63. 3212 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 009 012.000	CRUMPTON ROSHALINA (R/S) 16121 PALMAER AVENUE HURON, CA 93234	RETURNED	NOT CUT
64. 3215 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 010 004.001	LONG CHERYL 2706 GRANVILLE AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-5273	RETURNED	NOT CUT
65. 413 32 ND STREET SOUTH	38 00 02 3 009 008.000	WASHINGTON OTIS 1333 8 TH PLACE PLEASANT GROVE, AL 35127	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
66. 617 30 TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 02 3 026 010.000	J & M REAL ESTATE EQUITIES, LLC (R/S) 50 SPRING VALLEY COURT NEWNAN, GA 30265	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
67. 616 30 TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 02 3 034 017.000	GACHUZ GENARO PEREZ & ZENAIDA MENDOZA JERONIMO 616 30 TH STREET SOUTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
68. 3005 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 026 008.000	O'BANNON LAWANDA JEAN 3105 HOLBROOK AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-4336	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
69. 2931 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 034 001.000	GARCIA-CASTILLO EVERARDO (R/S W DEED) 2606 GARZA ROAD ZOLFO SPRINGS, FL 33890	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
70. 2927 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 034 002.000	THOMAS WILLIE G JR 612 OAKLAND AVENUE FAIRFIELD, AL 35064	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE
71. 2926 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 035 017.000	CHARLES W CARTER JR 2930 FAIRFAX AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-5267	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE

72. 2924 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 035 016.000	JONES ONETHA Y 3007 CRESTLINE DRIVE ADAMSVILLE, AL 35005	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
73. 137 WAVERLY CIRCLE	38 00 17 4 006 007.000	M E SCHILLECI PROPERTIES LLC 112 FRONT STREET KEY WEST, FL 33040	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
74. 709 SOUTHGATE LANE	38 00 30 1 003 001.000	WEST MATTHEW GLENN 1599 CHACE TERRACE HOOVER, AL 35244-3716	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
75. 725 SOUTHGATE LANE	38 00 30 2 001 083.000	WEST MATTHEW GLENN & SARAH CHEK 1599 CHACE TERRACE HOOVER, AL 35244-3716	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
76. 1 CARRIAGE HOUSE ROAD SW	38 00 30 3 001 003.000	LEWIS M E 612 CASTLEWOOD DRIVE BESSEMER, AL 35020-6006	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
77. 16 CARRIAGE HOUSE ROAD SW	38 00 30 3 001 010.000	CEGA INVESTMENTS LLC 9001 SOUTHWEST 49 TH STREET COOPER CITY, FL 33328	RETURNED	NOT CUT
78. 22 CARRIAGE HOUSE ROAD SW	38 00 30 3 001 013.000	CONREX ML SMA 2019 01 OPERATING CO LLC 1505 KING STREET EXT, STE 100 BESSEMER, AL 35022-5320	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
79. 29 CARRIAGE HOUSE ROAD SW	38 00 30 3 001 039.000	GUARDIAN TAX AL LLC (I/S) 830 S 107 TH AVENUE, STE 250 OMAHA, NE 68114	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
80. 499 FLINT HILL ROAD	38 00 30 2 001 069.000	MOTLEY JUANITA & SAMUEL L 420 ENCLAVE CIRCLE FULTONDALE, AL 35068	RETURNED	NOT CUT
81. 3826 PARKWOOD ROAD SE	38 00 36 4 001 001.000	RHYNE DAVID N & DIANE 2 BELLE OAK ROAD DOTHAN, AL 36303	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
82. 2323 MAPLE STREET SE	38 00 26 3 004 001.000	SHIVER DONALD LEE & LINDA RAY 5278 S SHADES CREST ROAD BESSEMER, AL 35022-4221	UNKNOWN	NOT CUT
83. 1912 5 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 1 006 010.000	DAVIS GEORGE W & MATTHEW W 4616 KENISTON AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CA 90043- 1755	UNKNOWN	INCOMPLETE

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper greeted all and presented the weed nuisance report to the city council. Mrs. Harper stated that the hearing is for the properties listed on the August 21, 2026 weed nuisance report.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion that all properties not cut be deemed incomplete or not cut, and all items cut by owner be abated. Councilor Person seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson,

Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#7: Set Hearing Date for Weed Nuisance Report for May 19, 2026.

**WEED NUISANCE REPORT
MAY 19, 2026**

HEARING DATE: *6/16/202 @ 9:00 A.M.*

SITE ADDRESS	PARCEL NUMBER
84.1809 20 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 007.000
85.1807 20 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 008.000
86.1801 20 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 010.000
87.1919 18 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 011.000
88.1915 18 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 012.000
89.1905 18 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 007 015.000
90.2001 18 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 006 001.000
91.2015 18 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 006 002.000
92.1608 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 024 001.000
93.1508 16 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 024 003.000
94.1512 16 TH WAY NORTH	38 00 05 4 024 004.000
95.1024 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 038 006.000
96.1705 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 020 007.000
97.1701 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 020 008.000
98.1620 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 024 003.000
99.1616 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 024 002.000
100. 1619 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 019 006.000
101. 1908 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 043 002.000
102. 1910 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 043 003.000
103. 1405 19 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 017.000
104. 1820 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 044 008.000
105. 1818 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 044 007.000
106. 1700 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 015 020.000
107. 1702 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 015 021.000
108. 1706 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 015 022.000
109. 1528 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 027 013.000
110. 1518 BERKLEY AVENUE	38 00 10 3 027 011.000
111. 3115 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 007 004.000
112. 3322 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 013 001.000
113. 3321 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 012 005.001
114. 3319 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 012 005.000
115. 3318 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 2 002 009.000

116.	3317 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 014 002.000
117.	3315 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 014 003.000
118.	3300 AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 002 008.000
119.	3310 AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 002 009.000
120.	3312 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 001 002.000
121.	3320 AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 002 010.001
122.	3322 AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 002 010.000
123.	3324 AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 002 011.000
124.	3326 AVENUE D	38 00 02 3 002 012.000
125.	2907 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 034 006.000
126.	2911 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 034 005.000
127.	2912 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 035 013.000
128.	510 30 TH STREET	38 00 02 3 035 020.000
129.	516 30 TH STREET	38 00 02 3 035 019.000
130.	157 DEADRICK STREET	38 00 16 3 044 011.000
131.	17 CHESTNUT AVENUE	38 00 16 3 044 007.000
132.	153 DEADRICK STREET	38 00 16 3 044 010.000
133.	15 CHESTNUT STREET	38 00 16 3 044 008.000

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper stated that there are 50 properties that are out of code, and she would like the hearing date to be set for June 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilors Stephens and Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#8: A resolution authorizing Doxim Inc. to provide voter notice cards for the 2026 election.

RESOLUTION NO. 498-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DOXIM FOR VOTER NOTIFICATION CARDS FOR THE 2026 ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer has determined that voter notification cards are necessary for the administration and conduct of the 2026 Municipal election; and

WHEREAS, Doxim, located at 350 Automation Way, Birmingham, Alabama 35210, provides printing, postage, and mailing services for voter notification cards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that entering into an agreement with Doxim for such services serves a valid Municipal and public purpose.

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

SECTION 1.

The City Clerk, Wanda Taylor, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Doxim for the provision, printing, postage, and mailing of voter notification cards for the 2026 Municipal election.

SECTION 2.

The City Council hereby authorizes expenditure in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$15,000.00), inclusive of postage and mailing costs, for the services described herein.

SECTION 3.

The Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director, and all appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 4.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the city clerk presented three examples of voter cards that would need to be mailed out to registered voters for the 2026 municipal election. He explained that the cost would include both the purchase of the voters' cards and mailing expense. Attorney Killings stated that the total cost could not exceed \$15,000 and that City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor was requesting approval to proceed with the purchase.

Councilor Jackson made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Person seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#9: A resolution adopting a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 499-26

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DIVISION "G" MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN FULFILLMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 AND THE LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS OF 44 C.F.R. SECTION 201.6

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to the people, property, infrastructure, and economic stability within the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer has participated in the preparation of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan known as the Division “G” Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with applicable federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Division “G” Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals, strategies, and actions intended to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property within the City of Bessemer from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Division “G” Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan demonstrates the commitment of the City Council and the City of Bessemer to hazard mitigation planning and implementation of mitigation activities designed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Division “G” Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to maintain eligibility for certain state and federal mitigation assistance and disaster recovery grant programs.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to applicable laws and procedures governing the adoption of resolutions by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, the City Council hereby adopts the Division “G” Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SECTION 2. The City Council acknowledges that portions of the plan pertaining to the City of Bessemer may require revisions to satisfy final plan approval requirements; however, revisions made following adoption that do not materially alter the intent of the plan shall not require re-adoption by the City Council.

SECTION 3. The City Council further acknowledges that future updates to the Division “G” Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan following expiration of the current approval period shall require separate adoption resolutions.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is a regional emergency management and disaster preparedness program. He stated that the document is authorized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. He explained that the purpose of the Division “G” plan is to identify hazards and vulnerabilities that pose risks to residents and to improve natural disaster preparedness priorities before disasters occur.

Councilor Person made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F.

Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None.

The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#10: An Ordinance approving a text amendment to ordinance Number 3391- Public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 3699

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3391 OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, KNOWN AS THE “CITY OF BESSEMER ZONING ORDINANCE,” BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2.1(2), 2.13, 2.5(3), 3.2, 4.10(5), 5.1(5), 5.2(5), 5.3(5), 5.4(5), 5.5(4), 5.6(5), 5.7(5), 5.9(5), 6.1(5), 6.2(5), 6.3(5), 6.4(5), and 7.9(5), RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 11-52-77 and 11-52-78 of the Code of Alabama, the planning and zoning commission of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, is authorized to review and recommend amendments to the City of Bessemer Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the planning and zoning commission has reviewed proposed amendments to Sections 2.11, 2.12, and 2.13 concerning zoning amendment procedures and development plans of Ordinance No. 3391; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were duly scheduled and held before the planning and zoning commission in accordance with the notice and procedural requirements of Sections 11-52-77 and 11-52-78 of the Code of Alabama and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, following such hearings, the planning and zoning commission submitted reports and recommendations to the City Council of the City of Bessemer in favor of the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer has determined that it is in the public interest to adopt the proposed zoning text amendments and to conducted a public hearing with notice provided as required by law and has set a public hearing on for the 19th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bessemer City Hall, 1700 3rd Avenue N., Bessemer, Alabama and has directed the City Clerk to give notice thereof, as provided by law.

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

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.1 — Administrative officer.

Subsection (2) of Section 2.1 of Ordinance No. 3391 is hereby amended to add the following:

- (f) Approve final development plans and amendments thereto as set forth in section 2.13.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 2.13 — Development Plans.

Section 2.13 of Ordinance No. 3391 is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 2.13. Development plans.

- (1) *Required development plans.*

- (a) Submission of a preliminary development plan as part of any zoning application is required prior to zoning property.
- (b) A final development plan is required prior to the issuance of a building permit in accordance with the provisions of section 2.5 for all developments in planned districts. Approval of such plans by the planning and zoning commission is required in

conjunction with any proposed zoning amendment(s) for one or more planned districts and in accordance with planned district requirements as set forth in this ordinance.

(2) *Preliminary development plans.*

- (a) **Contents.** A property owner or its designee applying for a zoning amendment shall submit a preliminary development plan to the planning and zoning commission consisting of a minimum of:
 1. Site plan, showing:
 - a. Direction of north, appropriate scale and topography.
 - b. Location of subject property in relation to the city.
 - c. Use of property adjacent to the site.
 - d. Proposed use of land and density of development for the site.
 - e. Proposed access to and traffic circulation within the site.
 2. Proposed development schedule for the project.
 3. Letters from utility companies relating to the provision of adequate public facilities and services.
- (b) **Review process.** The planning and zoning commission shall review and make a recommendation on the proposed zoning amendment in accordance with the provisions of section 2.11. In any case, an amendment to the zoning ordinance may be submitted to the city council only upon either the favorable recommendation of the preliminary development plan by the planning and zoning commission or a written report of disapproval of the preliminary development plan by the planning and zoning commission.
- (c) The preliminary development plan may be approved by the planning and zoning commission as part of an application for a zoning amendment. If the planning and zoning commission issues a written report of disapproval of the preliminary development plan, the city council may overrule or approve the preliminary development plan and any modification made thereto as part of a zoning amendment.
- (d) Except in planned districts in conjunction with final development plan approval, no amendment to a previously approved preliminary development plan shall be required; however, any previously approved preliminary plan may be amended by the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections as long as the amended preliminary plan is generally consistent with the previously approved preliminary development plan. The generally consistent review standard provided herein is intended to allow for revisions to the preliminary plan including but not limited to the elimination of and/or changes in the location, siting, or character of the buildings, structures, roads, or improvements shown on a previously approved preliminary development plan or such other changes which are necessary to address site conditions, implement sound engineering practices, and/or accommodate public improvements, provided such changes do not increase the intensity of the use.
- (e) More detailed site development plans may be required subject to specific zone districts if determined necessary by the planning and zoning commission.

(3) *Final development plan.*

- (a) **Applicability.** In planned districts, prior to the removal of natural vegetation, restructuring of land, or construction of any improvements, a final development plan for all development is required. No final development plan shall be required for districts other than planned districts.
- (b) **Contents.** A final development plan shall be generally consistent with the preliminary development plan and consist of:
 1. A site plan, showing:
 - a. The direction of north, appropriate scale and topography at two-foot contour intervals.
 - b. The proposed location and height of all structures.
 - c. The use of structures and land.

- d. The location and use of structures adjacent to the site.
 - e. The location, area and number of parking spaces and maneuvering areas.
 - f. The location and dimensions of streets, driveways and walks on and off the site.
 - g. All service and loading spaces.
 - h. The location, size, number and character of all exterior signs and lighting.
 - i. The location, character and extent of existing vegetation, landscaping, retaining and screening walls and other treatment for the protection of adjoining property.
 - j. The facilities for surface drainage of the premises.
 - k. Location and character of all public improvements including utilities.
2. A public improvement plan consistent with the Bessemer subdivision regulations.
 3. Any and all deed restrictions to be recorded.
 4. Traffic analysis or statement of traffic impact indicating the probable effect of the proposed development on traffic patterns and capacities of adjacent streets in the immediate area, prepared by a registered professional engineer.
 5. Development schedule indicating the approximate date when construction of the development or stages thereof can be expected to begin and be completed.
 6. Fire protection approved by the Bessemer fire chief indicating the location and size of all proposed water mains, fire hydrants, and fire access lanes, as well as a description of all fire protection measures and devices for structures.
 7. Other information necessary to establish compliance with this and other ordinances or the availability of adequate utility capacity.
- (c) *Additional requirements.*
1. The applicant shall provide for and establish an organization or other legal entity for the control and maintenance of any common open space designated on the final development plan. Such organizations shall be created by covenants running with the land, and such covenants shall be included as part of final development plans.
 2. Structure and open space shall be arranged in such a way as best to serve the needs of residents and commercial users and to minimize any adverse effects on neighboring districts.
 3. Scenic assets and natural features, such as trees, streams, and topographic features, shall be protected and preserved to the fullest extent possible.
 4. Adequate screening and separation between different land uses shall be provided by means of buffers or other acceptable methods.
 5. Vehicular access to a site shall be from streets capable of supporting existing and projected traffic. No streets or roads within the development plan shall connect to the public street system in such a way as to encourage use of minor streets as collector or arterial streets.
 6. Development plans shall make provisions for safe and convenient pedestrian access and circulation.
- (d) *Review process.*
1. Upon receipt of an applicant's final development plan, the planning and zoning commission, or the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections, as applicable, shall transmit a copy of the plan to the city engineer and such agencies as they may deem appropriate for their review, report, and recommendation. Such officials and agencies shall each furnish to the planning and zoning commission or chief office of the department of building and inspections, as applicable, a report pertinent to their respective jurisdiction and concerns.
 2. The planning and zoning commission or the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections and city engineer, as applicable, shall review the applicant's final development plan and, within 30 days from following the

applicant's submission of the plan, shall approve or disapprove the plan. If disapproved, the planning and zoning commission or the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections, as applicable, shall also prepare a written report stating clearly the reasons and justification therefore, and identify what changes are necessary in order for the plan to be approved. Said written disapproval shall be transmitted to the applicant.

3. If a determination is made that a final development plan is not generally consistent with the preliminary development plan, a final development plan may not be approved. In such case, the planning and zoning commission or the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections and city engineer, as applicable, shall state the specific reasons for denial. Thereafter, the applicant may resubmit a revised final development plan to address the reasons and justifications for such disapproval. The generally consistent review standard is intended to allow for approval of a final development plan that shows elimination or changes in the location, siting, or character of the buildings, structures, roads, or improvements shown on the preliminary development plan if necessary to accommodate public improvements or for sound engineering practices provided such changes do not increase the intensity of the use.

(e) *Amendment of final development plan.*

1. An amended final development plan may be approved by the planning and zoning commission or the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections and city engineer, as applicable, provided the procedure specified for review and approval is followed and determination that the plan is generally consistent with any applicable preliminary plan approved as part of rezoning.
2. Further minor changes in the location, siting, or character of buildings and structures as shown on the previously approved final development plan may be authorized by the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections and city engineer. Except as necessary to accommodate public improvements or for sound engineering practices, no change authorized by said official under this section may increase the size of any building or structure by more than 10 percent, nor any significant change in the location of any building, or structure as determined by the chief officer of the department of building and inspections and the city engineer; notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections may not permit changes beyond the minimum or maximum requirements set forth in this ordinance. All other changes in the final development plan, including changes in the site plan and in the development schedule, must be made under the procedures that are applicable to the initial approval of a final development plan.
3. If a determination is made by the chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections and city engineer that a final development plan does not conform to the requirements in section 2.13, the final development plan must be either amended or revised and then resubmitted for approval prior to issuance of a building permit.
4. The chief officer of the department of buildings and inspections and city engineer must certify approval of the final development plan or any amendment thereto prior to issuance of building permit. Said approval may include minor variations or provisions included herein for minor changes. Final development plan amendments may also be submitted after issuance of a building permit as necessary to accommodate public improvements or for sound engineering practices.
5. This section notwithstanding, additional final development plan requirements may be specified for certain planned districts as specified in those districts use regulations.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 2.5 — Issuance of building permit.

Subsection 3(i) of Section 2.5 of Ordinance No. 3391 is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

Any final development plan required under the provisions of this ordinance, bearing certificate of approval by the planning and zoning commission or the chief office of the department of buildings and inspections.

Section 4. Amendment of Section 3.2 — Specific definitions.

Section 3.2 of Ordinance No. 3391 is hereby amended to include a new definition for “Planned districts” as follows:

Planned districts. R-6 Planned residential district, C-6 Planned shopping district, I-6 Planned industrial district, MXD Mixed-use district, PRD Planned recreational district and any other district for which a final development plan is required.

Section 5. Repeal of Sections 4.10(5), 5.1(5), 5.2(5), 5.3(5), 5.4(5), 5.5(5), 5.6(5), 5.7(5), 5.9(5), 6.1(5), 6.2(5), 6.3(5), 6.4(5) and 7.9(5).

Sections 4.10(5), 5.1(5), 5.2(5), 5.3(5), 5.4(5), 5.5(5), 5.6(5), 5.7(5), 5.9(5), 6.1(5), 6.2(5), 6.3(5), 6.4(5) and 7.9(5) of Ordinance No. 3391 are hereby repealed.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the bulk of the zoning ordinance was revised in 2008 and that the city has continued to update it to comply with legal standards. He explained that Section 2.1(2) addresses the duties of the Chief Building Inspections Officer; Section 2.13 establishes the required procedures, necessary documents, final development plans, and additional requirements needed once applications are submitted; Section 2.5 addresses building permits; and Section 3.2 defines planned districts and repeals older sections, including Sections 4.10(5), 5.1(5), 5.2(5), 5.3(5), 5.4(5), 5.5(5), 5.6(5), 5.7(5), 5.9(5), 6.1(5), 6.2(5), 6.3(5), 6.4(5), and 7.9(5).

Councilor Collier opened the floor for the public hearing.

Heidi Colpo, 637 Oak Street, stated that she contacted the Building & Inspections Department to inquire about documents related to Project Marvel and was provided little to no information.

Attorney Killings stated that the amendment to the ordinance is not directly related to the data center, but applies to all future development plans. He noted that all ordinances passed by the council are available on the City of Bessemer website and are advertised in the Western Star newspaper.

Councilor Stephens made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#11: A resolution authorizing application an ALDOT FY 2027 alternative set-aside program.

RESOLUTION NO. 500-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2027 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation ("ALDOT") is seeking applications for funding under the Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the ALDOT will award Program funds to eligible units of local government under this FY 2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Bessemer to submit a Grant application to ALDOT for a streetscape project On 1st Avenue North (from 19th Street- 20th Street) and 20th Street North (from 1st Avenue- 4th Avenue) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City hereby authorizes and directs the mayor to file an application for the Grant in an amount up to One million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines that authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for the Grant 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

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

1. The City Council of the City of Bessemer hereby authorizes and directs the mayor to submit an application for grant assistance under the Alabama Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.
2. That the City Council finds and determines that the aforementioned application for grant assistance with the Alabama Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program has as 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.
3. That if the Grant is awarded to the City, the Mayor shall be and hereby is authorized to accept the Grant and execute such documents or to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of the administration of the Grant and this resolution.

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 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the mayor is requesting authorization to apply for the ALDOT FY 2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program grant for up to one million dollars.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#12: A resolution awarding the contract for 19th Street bridge repairs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 501-26
A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE BID FOR THE 19TH STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS
TO GILLESPIE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama, did duly advertise and receive sealed public bids for the 19th Street Bridge Repair Project; and,

WHEREAS, all bids received in response to said public advertisement exceeded the City's established budget limits and available funds allocated for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the City administration subsequently entered into lawful negotiations with all bidders and could not bring the project with budget. Gillespie Construction Company was the only company to present a proposal within budget, and

WHEREAS, these negotiations resulted in a final contract price of Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Ten Dollars and Zero Cents (\$448,610.00), which the City Engineer has reviewed and recommended as fair and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, while in regular session as follows:

1. The City Council hereby authorizes the negotiated bid for the 19th Street Bridge Repair Project to Gillespie Construction Company in the total amount of \$448,610.00.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, attest, and deliver the formal contract agreement and all associated change orders or project documentation on behalf of the City of Bessemer.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that all the bids received for the project exceeded the city's budget and the city attempted to negotiate to get a lower amount that would be within the

budget. He noted that Gillespie Construction were the only contractors to negotiate the lowest bid amount in the amount of \$448,610.00.

Councilor Person made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#13: A resolution authorizing an agreement with EEFS for engineering services for 19th Street bridge Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 502-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY SERVICES COMPANY, P.C. (EEFS COMPANY, PC) FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT FY2025 19TH STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION (BIN 005321) OVER VALLEY CREEK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer has determined that professional engineering services are necessary for the REBUILD ALABAMA ACT FY2025 19TH STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION (BIN 005321) OVER VALLEY CREEK PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, Engineering, Environmental & Forestry Services Company, P.C. (EEFS COMPANY, PC) has represented that it possesses the qualifications, personnel, expertise, and experience necessary to provide such professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Engineering Agreement provides for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) Services associated with the project, including construction administration, inspection, quality assurance review, progress reporting, contractor payment review, project closeout, and coordination with the Alabama Department of Transportation regarding Rebuild Alabama Act grant reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the total compensation under the proposed agreement for CE&I Services is Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$67,291.50); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that entering into said agreement is in the best interests of the City of Bessemer and its citizens.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor, Kenneth E. Gulley, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Engineering Agreement between the City of Bessemer and Engineering, Environmental & Forestry Services Company, P.C. (EEFS COMPANY, PC) for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) Services related to the REBUILD ALABAMA ACT FY2025 19TH STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION (BIN 005321) OVER VALLEY CREEK PROJECT, in substantially the form presented to the City Council.

SECTION 2. The total contract amount authorized under said agreement shall not exceed Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$67,291.50), unless subsequently amended and approved in accordance with applicable law and City procedures.

SECTION 3. The Mayor, City Clerk, and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such additional documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that EEFS has referenced that they have the necessary skills and services to provide administration services for the 19th Street Bridge project. He noted that the amount for their services is approximately \$67,291.50.

Councilor Stephens asked how long the project would take to complete.

City Engineer Daniel Mayfield stated that, once the contract is approved, the project will begin around September and take three to four months to complete.

Councilor Stephens made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#14: A resolution authorizing advertising and hosting services for Marvel City Southern Soul Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 503-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DREKA RAY OF HOT 107.7 FM AND CUMULUS MEDIA FOR HOSTING AND ADVERTISING SERVICES FOR THE MARVEL CITY SOUTHERN SOUL FESTIVAL AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SAID SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer desires to provide entertainment and community engagement activities in connection with the Marvel City Southern Soul Festival scheduled for July 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that engaging Dreka Ray of Hot 107.7 FM to provide professional hosting and emcee services and Cumulus Media for advertising for the event will promote tourism, recreation, economic activity, community participation, and the general welfare of the citizens of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a Hosting / Emcee Services and advertising Agreement for such services in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$575.00) for Dereka Ray and an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for Cumulus Media; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that entering into said Agreement serves a valid public and municipal purpose.

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

SECTION 1.

The City Council hereby authorizes the execution of an agreement consistent with this resolution for the services set forth herein above.

SECTION 2.

The City Council hereby authorizes payment of Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$575.00), to Dereka Ray and not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for Cumulus Media subject to completion of services and compliance with the Agreement and applicable City financial procedures.

SECTION 3.

The Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director, and all appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the city desires to provide entertainment to its citizens and that Ms. Dreka Ray from Hot 107.7 FM was determined to host and provide emcee services. He noted that the cost for her services is \$575, and that the amount for advertising should not exceed \$3,000.

Councilor Jackson made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#15: A resolution authorizing use of discretionary funds – Councilor Chester Porter.

RESOLUTION NO. 504-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM DISTRICT TWO DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PIPE SHOP COMMUNITY CENTER INCORP.

WHEREAS, Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. is a duly recognized nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as a public charity; and

WHEREAS, Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. owns a community center located in the City of Bessemer, Alabama, with the goal of providing services and programs to benefit residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the community center is in need of renovations and improvements to better serve the citizens of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. has initiated a fundraising campaign to obtain financial support for the renovation and improvement of the facility; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Chester Porter has requested the appropriation and expenditure of One Thousand Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$1000.00) from District Six (6) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-022-527067 to support the renovation project for Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that providing support to the Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. renovation project serves a public purpose in that it promotes 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, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City Council hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of One Thousand Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$1000.00) from District Two (2) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-022-527067 for the benefit of Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp.

SECTION 2.

The funds authorized herein shall be used solely for renovation, repair, improvement, construction-related expenses, or other related project costs associated with the Pipe Shop Community Center facility located in Bessemer, Alabama.

SECTION 3.

The Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director, and all other appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including issuance of payment to Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Porter is requesting that \$1,000 be allocated from his discretionary funds to support renovations to the Pipeshop Community Center.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#16: A resolution authorizing use of discretionary funds – Councilor Carla F. Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. 505-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM DISTRICT SIX DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PIPE SHOP COMMUNITY CENTER INCORP.

WHEREAS, Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. is a duly recognized nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as a public charity; and

WHEREAS, Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. owns a community center located in the City of Bessemer, Alabama, with the goal of providing services and programs benefiting residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the community center is in need of renovations and improvements to better serve the citizens of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. has initiated a fundraising campaign to obtain financial support for the renovation and improvement of the facility; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Carla Forman Jackson has requested the appropriation and expenditure of One Thousand Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$1000.00) from District Six (6) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-026-527067 to support the renovation project for Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that providing support to the Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp. renovation project serves a public purpose in that it promotes 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, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City Council hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of One Thousand Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$1000.00) from District Six (6) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-026-527067 for the benefit of Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp.

SECTION 2.

The funds authorized herein shall be used solely for renovation, repair, improvement, construction-related expenses, or other related project costs associated with the Pipe Shop Community Center facility located in Bessemer, Alabama.

SECTION 3.

The Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director, and all other appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including issuance of payment to Pipe Shop Community Center Incorp.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Jackson is requesting that \$1,000 be allocated from her discretionary funds to support renovations to the Pipeshop Community Center.

Councilor Person made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Teco Stephens, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#17: Council members comments, statements, or Motions:

None.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#18: Citizens Participation:

None.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#19: Motion to Adjourn.

All Councilors made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Collier adjourned the meeting.

**Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk**

Presiding Officer