

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA
SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

June 9, 2026

The Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama met for a special call meeting at the City Hall in said City on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central 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 Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Absent: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Teco Stephens 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.

Councilor Jackson arrived the city council meeting at 9:04 A.M.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#3: Notice of Election of Municipal Officials- Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley.

RESOLUTION NO. 665-26

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 2026, RATIFYING THE CALL OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, AND DIRECTING THAT THE NOTICE BE ENTERED UPON THE MINUTES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 46 of Title 11, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, municipal elections are to be conducted for the election of municipal officers; and

WHEREAS, a municipal election for the offices of Mayor, City Council Members for Districts 1 through 7, and Members of the Board of Education for Districts 1 through 7 of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, is scheduled to be held on August 25, 2026, with a runoff election, if necessary, to be held on September 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, at a Special Called Meeting of the City Council held on June 9, 2026, there was presented to the Council a written Notice of Election dated June 9, 2026, setting forth the date of the election, the offices to be filled, the polling places designated for such election, voter eligibility requirements, and the candidate qualifying period; and

WHEREAS, the polling places identified in the Notice of Election have been designated pursuant to Section 11-46-24, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying period identified in the Notice of Election is consistent with Section 11-46-25, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to acknowledge receipt and presentation of the Notice of Election, to incorporate the same into the official minutes of the Council, and to ratify all actions taken by the Mayor, City Clerk, and other municipal officials in issuing, posting, publishing, and administering such Notice in accordance with applicable law.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby acknowledges that the Notice of Election dated June 9, 2026, was presented and given at the Special Called Meeting of the City Council held on June 9, 2026.

Section 2. The City Council hereby acknowledges and confirms the call of the Municipal Election to be held on August 25, 2026, for the election of the Mayor, City Council Members for Districts 1 through 7, and Members of the Board of Education for Districts 1 through 7, together with a runoff election, if necessary, on September 22, 2026.

Section 3. The City Council hereby ratifies, confirms, and approves the Notice of Election dated June 9, 2026, including the designation of polling places and the candidate qualifying period as set forth therein, subject to any modifications required by applicable law.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to enter a copy of the Notice of Election in full upon the minutes of this meeting, to maintain the Notice among the official records of the City, and to take all further actions necessary to ensure publication, posting, and administration of the election in accordance with applicable law.

Section 5. The Mayor, City Clerk, and all other appropriate municipal officials are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and to conduct the election in compliance with Chapter 46 of Title 11, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and all other applicable laws.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of June 2026.

City Attorney Aaron Killings read the Notice of Election, declaring the qualifying period open for candidates seeking election in the 2026 City of Bessemer Municipal Election.

Councilor King made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Person seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#4: Resolution from District 1 donated funds in the amount of \$250.00 to Mrs. Mabel L. Chambers.

RESOLUTION NO. 666-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) FROM THE DISTRICT ONE (1) DONATED FUNDS ACCOUNT OF COUNCILOR JARVIS COLLIER TO THE MABEL L. CHAMBERS ENDOWMENT FOR COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer recognizes the importance of supporting organizations that provide educational, charitable, and community-based services that benefit the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mabel L. Chambers Endowment conducts programs and activities that promote education, youth development, community engagement, and other charitable purposes that serve residents of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Jarvis Collier has requested that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) be disbursed from his donated funds account to assist the Mabel L. Chambers Endowment in carrying out its community programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the expenditure of such funds serves a valid public purpose by supporting programs that enhance educational opportunities, promote community welfare, and provide benefits to the citizens of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the donation will promote the health, education, welfare, and general well-being of the public and is therefore an appropriate expenditure of donated funds maintained for community benefit purposes.

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 donation of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) from the donated funds account of Councilor Jarvis Collier to the Mabel L. Chambers Endowment.

Section 2. The City Council expressly finds that this donation serves a public purpose and provides a direct public benefit to the citizens of the City of Bessemer through the support of educational, charitable, and community-based programs.

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

ADOPTED this the 9th day of June 2026.

Councilor King made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Person seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presents item#5: Motion to Adjourn.

Councilor King made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Collier adjourned the meeting.

**Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk**

Presiding Officer