CITY COUNCIL OF THE **June 16, 2026**

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, June 16, 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 Carla F. Jackson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Donna Thigpen.

Upon roll call, the following council members were found to be present; Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Absent: Councilors Cleophus King, 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.

The minutes from the June 2, 2026, meeting and June 9, 2026, special call meeting were presented to the Council by City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor.

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

Presentation, Awards, Announcements, and Recognition:

Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley greeted the Council and all attendees present at the meeting. He introduced Ms. Antoinette Sea-Gerald, the new Principal Accountant for Bessemer Utilities.

Ms. Antoinette Sea-Gerald announced that she will assume the role of Principal Accountant for Bessemer Utilities following the retirement of Mr. Otis Smith. She thanked everyone for the warm welcome and expressed her excitement about beginning her new role.

The Council Members' Executive Assistant, Mrs. Angela Coleman, introduced the Council's new assistant, Ms. Taleshia Brooks.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#6: Set Hearing for Weed Nuisance Report for 6/16/2026.

WEED NUISANCE REPORT
6/16/2026

Proposed Hearing Date: 7/21/2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PROPERTY LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)
1. 311 21ST STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 2 012 007.000	WILLIAMS TOMMY (D) & MARY J
2. 309 21ST STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 2 012 006.000	GONZALEZ JOSEFINA MARTINEZ & MARTINEZ DAVID ALEJANDRO
3. 412 21ST STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 1 021 009.000	HARRELL LOUISE HEIRS OF
4. 2106 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 018 012.000	CHEATHAM GREGORY (R/S W DEED)
5. 2104 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 018 011.000	HOUSE TOWN PROPERTIES, LLC (R/S)
6. 2102 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 018 010.000	LOMAS CHARLES HEIRS OF & HENRY JR
7. 172 MCCALLA ROAD	38 00 31 3 000 002.001	HOANG DUC & CHI LAN
8. 2413 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 4 009 004.000	H3W HOLDING LLC (R/S W DEED)
9. 2421 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 4 009 002.000	BESSEMER REDEVELOPMENT CORP
10. 2429 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 4 009 001.000	GARCIA LILIANA VICENCIO
11. 2431 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 3 010 001.000	LEE TERESA
12. 2529 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 3 008 005.000	FAMILY FUNDS INC
13. 1031 CLARENDON AVENUE	38 00 16 1 027 001.000	KENNDY ANGELIQUE
14. 414 11TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 16 1 027 012.000	HOLLIS TONYA
15. 204 RIDGE AVENUE	38 00 17 1 011 003.000	MOORE KENNETH L & CHERYLE S
16. 1025 3RD AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 039 004..000	SMITH JOHN A
17. 1029 3RD AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 4 039 002.000	JONES SHERRY DENISE MCKINNEY
18. 1048 POSEY AVENUE	38 00 17 2 007 038.000	TUBBS DAVID LEE &
19. 1042 POSEY AVENUE	38 00 17 2 007 038.001	TUBBS ANNIE MAE
20. 501 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 007 028.000	HUGHES EMMA J
21. 500 CHARLESTON DRIVE	30 00 34 1 007 027.000	EQUIFUNDING INC
22. 301 LEXINGTON BLVD	30 00 34 1 006 019.000	BENEFIELD ARTHUR L
23. 722 6TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 020.000	BENNETT LOTTIE MAE/GLOVER KENNETH RAY/GLOVER GERVASE LAUNARD AND GLOVER LONDRE CONTRELL
24. 718 6TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 019.000	REYNOLDS EARTHANN
25. 714 6TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 018.000	HUNTER WILLIE LEE & CHARLES E & ROYE E & ALFRED R & WILLIAM CAROLYN
26. 648 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 025.000	BELL ELEANOR L
27. 642 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 024.000	PETERSON LULA EDMONDS
28. 636 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 023.000	HEIRS OF FULGHAM LIZZIE KIMBROUGH
29. 639 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 022 003.000	JEMISON ANNIE
30. 1831 HOLBROOK AVENUE	38 00 10 4 001 024.000	CALHOUN SAMUEL L JR
31. 718 20TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 4 007 019.001	WARE SANDRA A
32. 731 7TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 006.000	DAVIS LUCKIE A HEIRS OF
33. 3009 CAROLINA AVENUE	38 00 03 4 005 004.001	KING RAY ANTHONY
34. 401 WESLEY STREET	38 00 08 3 009 001.000	DUNNICAN JAMES B HEIRS OF
35. 416 WESLEY STREET	38 00 08 3 007 009.000	MENDIETA JORGE ACUNA
36. 143 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 005.000	RIZA INVESTMENTS LLC

37. 141 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 004.000	PEREZ CAROLINA BELTRAN
38. 137 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 002.000	GRAY JIMMY HEIRS OF
39. 135 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 001.000	WILSON TANIA & DANTE CAMPBELL
40. 1419 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 2 030 002.000	SQUARE GRADY
41. 1508 14TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 037 004.000	CHAVIS DAVID & KANDISE
42. 1102 13TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 026 005.000	BEST PRICE W DEED
43. 1106 13TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 026 006.000	THRASHER BULINDA & THRASHER FRED
44. 1023 14TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 031 002.000	ROBINSON CURTIS (R/S W/DEED)
45. 1220 14TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 018 001.000	WRAY ERIC
46. 1300 14TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 012 007.000	SEXTON MARY BELINDA
47. 1306 14TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 012 006.000	PITTS JAMES MELVIN & DOROTHY H
48. 1216 2ND AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 4 027 011.000	SPENCER WILLIAM
49. 715 4TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 009 007.000	WRIGHT PATRICIA FONVILLE
50. 705 4TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 009 009.000	WRIGHT PATRICIA ANN FONVILLE

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 July 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Thigpen 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, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#7: A resolution awarding the bid for Fire Statiom#2 Annex.

RESOLUTION NO.: 717-26

A RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR FIRE STATION #2 ANNEX TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

WHEREAS, the EEFS Company, PC prepared bids and specifications for the construction project of Fire Station #2 Annex (EEFS Job number 2696-25 (the "Project"); and the same having been advertised and distributed to the interested bidders and the bids of interested bidders have been returned to the City of Bessemer in accordance with the bid package; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received and opened on May 13, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the bid solicitation; and

WHEREAS, having received the bids for the Project, City Engineer, Ron Gilbert/Daniel Mayfield, has recommended that Coston General Contractors, Inc. was the lowest responsible bid received and recommends that the bid be awarded to Coston General Contractors, Inc. with the base bid plus add alternate #1 for the total sum of Three Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars and 00/00 cents ($3,287,718.00); and

WHEREAS, EEFS submitted its findings to the Mayor of the City of Bessemer and the Mayor concurred with said findings and Coston General Contractors, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and recommends that a contract for the Project be awarded to Coston General Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, acting upon the recommendation of EEFS and the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, now desires to award the contract to Coston General Contractors, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the Project described in the bid package.

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 Coston General Contractors, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Fire Station #2 Annex (the "Project") for the total sum of Three Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars and 00/00 cents ($3,287,718.00).

2. That a contract is hereby awarded to Coston General Contractors, Inc. with the base bid plus add alternate #1 for the total sum of Three Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars and 00/00 cents ($3,287,718.00); said contract to be in such a form satisfactory to the Mayor and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications and this resolution.

3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take additional action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of June **2026**.

Attorney Killings stated that the city's engineers prepared the bid documents for the Fire Station No. 2 Annex Project and five bids were received. He explained that, after reviewing the bids, the city engineers and the Mayor's Office recommended that the council award the contract to Coston's General Contractors in the amount of $3,287,718.

Councilor Thigpen 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, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Teco Stephens arrived to the city council meeting at 9:06 A.M.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#8: Fifth Amendment to City and Bessemer Airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 718-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, AND THE BESSEMER AIRPORT AUTHORITY, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama ("City"), and the Bessemer Airport Authority, Inc. ("Authority"), entered into a Lease Agreement dated March 4, 1996, concerning the operation and management of the Bessemer Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, said Lease Agreement has been amended from time to time, including by a Fourth Amendment to Lease Agreement approved by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 104-22 on April 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment was duly authorized, executed, and became effective on April 5, 2022, but was not recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Authority desire to ratify, confirm, restate, and place of record the terms and provisions previously approved by Resolution No. 104-22 through a Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement and finds that its approval is in the best interests of the City.

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

1. The Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Bessemer, Alabama, and the Bessemer Airport Authority, Inc., substantially in the form presented to the City Council, is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk is authorized to attest the same.
3. Upon execution, the Fifth Amendment shall be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution are hereby authorized.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of June **2026**.

Attorney Killings stated that the City of Bessemer and the Bessemer Airport Authority entered into a lease agreement on March 4, 1996. He explained that the Fourth Amendment to the lease agreement was approved pursuant to Resolution No. 104-22 on April 5, 2022, extending the lease term through 2062. He noted that, despite the extension, the Fourth Amendment was not recorded in the Probate Court. Attorney Killings further stated that, due to upcoming development at the airport, the amendment must be properly recorded in the Probate Court. He explained that approval of the Fifth Amendment Resolution would ratify and adopt the Fourth Amendment for the purpose of recording it in Probate Court.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilors Jackson and 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#9: A resolution authorizing use of K.E.G. Rec. Center Brenda Brown Bosom Buddies.

RESOLUTION NO.: 719-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A ROOM AT BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER BY BRENDA'S BROWN BOSOM BUDDIES FOR A COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

WHEREAS, Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies (BBBB) is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit organization whose' s mission is to bring attention to Breast Cancer Awareness & Early Detection in the community and to promote healthy living through programs and activities that assist with immediate caregiving and support, and

WHEREAS, BBBB will host a Community Health Fair on Thursday, July 16, 2026, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and request the use of a meeting room at Bessemer Recreation Center to host the event, which is free and open to the public, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer having considered the request of BBB, finds that a community health fair promotes the general welfare of the community and 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.

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

l. That the BBBB Community Health Fair 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.

2. That the Council hereby authorizes the use of a meeting room at the Recreation Center between the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on July 16, 2026, at no charge.

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

ADOPTED this the 16th day of June **2026**.

Attorney Killings stated that Brenda Brown Bosom Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer, promoting early detection, and encouraging healthy living. He explained that the organization has requested use of a room at the Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center on July 16, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at no cost, to host a community health fair for a public purpose.

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#10: A resolution authorizing use of K.E.G. Rec. Center – Commissioner S. Tyson.

RESOLUTION NO. 720-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A MEETING ROOM AT KENNETH E. GULLEY RECREATION CENTER FOR A VETERAN'S RESOURCE EVENT

WHREEAS, Jefferson County Commissioner Sheila Tyson has requested the use of the of a meeting room at Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center to host a Veterans Resource event providing information on benefits, programs and other information on July 16, 2026, 2026, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama having considered the request finds the use of the facility for the stated purpose 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 valid and sufficient public purpose.

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:

That the City Council hereby determines that a community meeting hosted by a council person 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 valid and sufficient public purpose and therefore approves the use of a meeting room at Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center to host a Maternal & Mental Health Symposium on May 16, 2026, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of June **2026**.

Attorney Killings stated that Jefferson County Commissioner Shelia Tyson has requested the use of a room at the Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center on July 16, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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#11: Resolution appropriating funds from Councilwoman Sarah Person donated funds account.

RESOLUTION NO. 721-26

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL DONATED FUNDS ACCOUNT FOR COUNCILOR SARAH PERSON

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, established donated funds accounts to accept and disburse funds donated for the benefit of the respective council districts; and

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will sponsor a Neighborhood Watch Program on June 14, 2026, at the Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Watch Program is designed to promote crime prevention, neighborhood awareness, community engagement, cooperation between residents and law enforcement, and the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Sarah Person has sufficient funds available in her donated funds account and has requested that Three Hundred Fifty Dollars and No/100 Dollars ($350.00) be appropriated to support the Neighborhood Watch Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the expenditure of such funds to support a community-based crime prevention and public safety program serves a valid public purpose by promoting public safety, reducing crime, encouraging civic participation, fostering cooperation between law enforcement and residents, and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the expenditure is not for the benefit of any private individual or entity but is intended to benefit the public generally and therefore constitutes a lawful municipal expenditure for a public purpose under the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama;

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 present, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby approves the expenditure of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars and No/100 Dollars ($350.00) from Councilor Sarah Person's donated funds account to support the Neighborhood Watch Program sponsored by the Bessemer Police Department Crime Prevention Unit.
2. The City Council expressly finds and determines that the expenditure authorized herein serves a legitimate public purpose and promotes the health, safety, welfare, and general well-being of the citizens of the City of Bessemer.
3. Expenditures up to Three Hundred Fifty Dollars and No/100 Dollars ($350.00) may be reimbursed upon presentation of acceptable documentation and in accordance with the City's financial policies and procedures.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of June **2026**.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Person is requesting the allocation of $350 from her donated funds to support the Bessemer Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program at the Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center.

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#12: Council member's comments, statements, or motions.

Councilor Jackson thanked all the first responders who participated in the Battle of the Badges Softball game on Saturday. She also congratulated the winners of the game the Bessemer Fire Department.

Councilor Collier stated that last week he had the opportunity to attend the Second Annual Rickney B. Hunter 3K Men's Mental Health Run. He noted that the event was well attended and he encouraged everyone to attend next year.

Councilor Jackson stated that the Nick Bell Foundation was present at Bessemer City High School last weekend to host an athletic camp for the students.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#13: Citizens Participation:

Eric Kennedy, 830 22nd Street North, expressed concerns about businesses that are adjacent from his property that do not possess a city of Bessemer business license. He stated that there are rodents, excessive trash dumping, and stray dogs that are causing a decline in his business revenue.

Mayor Gulley asked the Bessemer Chief of Police Gary Carmichael and Street & Sanitation Director Michael Reese to visit the property to inspect the issues.

Glenn Rogers, 2930 Dartmouth Avenue, stated that his property had recently been placed on the demolition list and that he has since completely cleared the property. Mr. Rogers asked the Council to reconsider removing the property from the demolition list.

Attorney Killings stated that Mr. Rogers has expressed an interest in restoring the property and selling it to a new owner. He explained that the Council had previously voted to demolish the property and that the building inspectors had begun exploring options for contracting the demolition work.

Councilor Jackson asked when Mr. Rogers had placed the "For Sale" sign on the property.

Mr. Rogers stated that he placed the sign on the property after it was added to the demolition list.

Councilor Stephens asked how the property would be rehabilitated if it was being offered for sale.

Mr. Rogers stated that he had attempted to obtain a permit to rehabilitate the property before selling it, but his request was denied because the property had been placed on the demolition list.

Mayor Gulley explained that if the property were removed from the demolition list and sold to another owner, the future of the property would be uncertain and could ultimately become the city's responsibility.

After discussion, the City Council Members decided to proceed with the demolition process for the property owned by Mr. Glenn Rogers.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presents Item#14: Motion to Adjourn.

Councilor Jackson made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Person seconded the motion. Councilor Collier adjourned the meeting.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk

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Presiding Officer