

CITY COUNCIL OF THE

July 7, 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, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jarvis Collier.

The invocation was given by Councilor Cleophus King 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, Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier.

Absent: Councilors 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 16, 2026, meeting were presented to the Council by City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor.

Councilor Person made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Abstention: Councilor Cleophus King. 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 commended Council President Jarvis Collier and the members of the City Council for their efforts in planning the Independence Day festival and noted the strong community attendance.

Council President Jarvis Collier thanked the mayor, fellow council members, council staff, first responders, volunteers, and all others who participated in planning and supporting the festival.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#6: Public hearing for WNR 5/19/2026.

WEED NUISANCE REPORT
MAY 19, 2026

HEARING DATE: 7/7/2026 @ 6:00P.M.

SITE ADDRESS	OWNER(S)	MAIL STATUS	PROPERTY STATUS
1. 1809 20 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 05 4 007 007.000	SINGLETON ANNIE M	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
2. 1807 20 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 05 4 007 008.000	COLLINS DEAMPUS & MARTHA LEE	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
3. 1801 20 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 05 4 007 010.000	RAMSON HELEN TARA FAPPIANO	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
4. 1919 18 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 007 011.000	BOWIE ROSEMARY EXTRX	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
5. 1915 18 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 007 012.000	MITCHELL DAVID & MARJORIE	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
6. 1905 18 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 007 015.000	TOTORICE MARY ODDO PASQUALE	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
7. 2001 18 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 006 001.000	OLIVER WALTER JR	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
8. 2015 18 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 006 002.000	WEAVER AGENCY OF BESSEMER INC	RETURNED	NOT CUT
9. 1608 15 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 05 4 024 001.000	ESAK PROPERTIES OF ALABAMA LLC	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
10. 1508 16 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 024 003.000	BURCHFIELD NATHAN JARROD	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
11. 1512 16 TH WAY NORTH 38 00 05 4 024 004.000	TRENOR EMMA AUDREY	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
12. 1024 15 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 08 1 038 006.000	CLAYTOWN REALTY CORP	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
13. 1705 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 08 1 020 007.000	DANIEL SIRESHKUMAR	RETURNED	NOT CUT
14. 1701 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 08 1 020 008.000	WOOLSTEEN THOMAS	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
15. 1620 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 08 1 024 003.000	SHARP WALTER SANDERS	RETURNED	NOT CUT

16. 1616 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 08 1 024 002.000	GARRICK DAN	RETURNED	NOT CUT
17. 1619 LONG 12 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 08 1 019 006.000	MEADOW INVESTMENTS LLC	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
18. 1908 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 4 043 002.000	LITTLE BETTY	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
19. 1910 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 4 043 003.000	TABB JOHN & NEVETTA F	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
20. 1405 19 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 05 4 041 017.000	IBARRA GERARDO JR	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
21. 1820 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 4 044 008.000	RUSSELL CORINE	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
22. 1818 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 4 044 007.000	CURRY WILLIAM TRUMAN (R/S W DEED)	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
23. 1700 BERKLEY AVENUE 38 00 10 3 015 020.000	MEADOW INVESTMENTS LLC	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
24. 1702 BERKLEY AVENUE 38 00 10 3 015 021.000	DOBBINS SHIRLEY	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
25. 1706 BERKLEY AVENUE 38 00 10 3 015 022.000	LYLES SYLVIA MARIE	RETURNED	NOT CUT
26. 1528 BERKLEY AVENUE 38 00 10 3 027 013.000	WALLACE DEON JAMES	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
27. 1518 BERKLEY AVENUE 38 00 10 3 027 011.000	JOHNSON MARGARET A	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
28. 3115 7 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 03 2 007 004.000	GRIFFIN ANGELA (R/S W DEED)	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
29. 3322 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 1 013 001.000	HARRIS WILLIE PEARL HEIRS OF	RETURNED	NOT CUT
30. 3321 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 1 012 005.001	PERDUE MARLON & REGINALD PERDUE	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
31. 3319 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 1 012 005.000	CAVER ANITA B WILLIAMS	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
32. 3318 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 2 002 009.000	ARENAS ROMAN GONZALEZ & EPIFANIA ARENAS MORALES	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
33. 3317 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 1 014 002.000	BAEZ OSCAR	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
34. 3315 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 1 014 003.000	SMITH VANASSA BRYANT	RETURNED	NOT CUT
35. 3300 AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 002 008.000	COLE MELISSA ANN	RETURNED	NOT CUT

36. 3310 AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 002 009.000	DIGGINS CC LEON	RETURNED	NOT CUT
37. 3312 SHORT AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 001 002.000	EASON LEONARDUS	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
38. 3320 AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 002 010.001	RICHARDSON JAMES JR HEIRS OF	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
39. 3322 AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 002 010.000	RAINEY NANETTE YELLING	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
40. 3324 AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 002 011.000	ME PROPERTIES 5 LLC	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
41. 3326 AVENUE D 38 00 02 3 002 012.000	FRANKLIN WILLIE EST OF	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
42. 2907 FAIRFAX AVENUE 38 00 02 3 034 006.000	TOWNSON HURSHEL MATHEW	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
43. 2911 FAIRFAX AVENUE 38 00 02 3 034 005.000	GAINES STANLEY E & LUVENIA	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
44. 2912 FAIRFAX AVENUE 38 00 02 3 035 013.000	SMITH RALPH D	RETURNED	NOT CUT
45. 510 30 TH STREET 38 00 02 3 035 020.000	MOORE DEBBIE	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
46. 516 30 TH STREET 38 00 02 3 035 019.000	BURTON MARTHA (A)	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
47. 157 DEADRICK STREET 38 00 16 3 044 011.000	GATEWOOD CURTIS HEIRS OF	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
48. 17 CHESTNUT AVENUE 38 00 16 3 044 007.000	APG9LONG LYDIA M GDN	RETURNED	NOT CUT
49. 153 DEADRICK STREET 38 00 16 3 044 010.000	BEVERLY MARY LOU HEIRS OF	RETURNED	NOT CUT
50. 15 CHESTNUT STREET 38 00 16 3 044 008.000	ADAMS SALLIE MARY BROWN	RETURNED	NOT CUT

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper greeted those in attendance and presented the weed nuisance report to the city council. Mrs. Harper stated that the hearing concerned the properties listed on the May 19, 2026, weed nuisance report.

Clarence Mitchell, 2409 5th Avenue North, stated that after receiving the weed nuisance violation notice, he had the property cleaned.

Councilor Porter arrived to the city council meeting at 6:04 P.M.

Councilor Stephens arrived to the city council meeting at 6:06 P.M.

Mrs. Harper stated Mr. Mitchell property is listed on the June 2, 2026, weed nuisance report and the property status had been updated to cut by owner.

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 Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#7: Public Hearing for WNR 6/2/2026.

WNR 06/2/2026
STATUS UPDATE REPORT.

HEARING DATE: 7/7/26 @ 6:00 P.M.

PROPERTY LOCATION	OWNER(S)	MAIL STATUS	PROPERTY STATUS
1. 2025 SHORT 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 3 010 010.000	JESS REAL ESTATE EQUITIES LLC	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
2. 2024 SHORT 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 3 016 007.000	ADAMS DONNAL E	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
3. 2028 SHORT 14 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 05 3 016 008.000	CARMICHAEL DAVID	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
4. 1023 14 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 08 1 031 002.000	ROBINSON CURTIS (R/S WITH DEED)	RETURNED	NOT CUT
5. 1031 14 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 08 1 031 001.000	RHYTHMIC DEVELOPMENT LLC	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
6. 1304 13 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 08 1 013 007.000	SONALI INVESTMENTS LLC	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
7. 1716 25 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 0 2 009 004.000	BURKE OLIVA CATHERINE	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
8. 2206 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 020 014.000	KING GEORGE C & ALEXANDR LOUISE U	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
9. 2218 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 020 015.000	BUTLER HATTIE MAE MASON (A)	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
10. 2224 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 020 016.000	J&R DEVELOPMENT (R/S)	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
11. 919 25 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 1 034 011.000	RODRIQUEZ YONNY FERNANDO	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
12. 1029 3 RD AVENUE NORTH 38 00 09 4 039 002.000	JONES SHERRY DENISE MCKINNEY	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
13. 1027 3 RD AVENUE NORTH 38 00 09 4 039 003.000	PADEN TODD REALTY APPRAISALS	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
14. 1025 3 RD AVENUE NORTH 38 00 09 4 039 004.000	SMITH JOHN A C/O HICKSON MARRION DELOIS	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
15. 316 7 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 16 2 020 002.000	WRIGHT PATRICIA ANN FONVILLE	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
16. 715 4 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 16 2 009 007.000	WRIGHT PATRICIA ANN FONVILLE C/O SPARTAN INVEST LLC	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
17. 831 19 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 033 007.000	UNDERWOOD JOYCE	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
18. 827 19 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 033 008.000	BESSEMER NINETEENTH LLC	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
19. 817 19 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 033 009.000	BESSEMER NINETEENTH LLC	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER

20. 1911 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 033 006.000	BESSEMER NINETEENTH LLC	RECEIVED	EXTENSION TO 7/21/26
21. 1915 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 033 005.000	BESSEMER NINETEENTH LLC	RECEIVED	EXTENSION TO 7/21/26
22. 1919 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 033 005.000	ROBERTSON HENREITTA HEIRS OF	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
23. 501 FAIRFAX AVENUE 38 00 16 4 001 015.000	YELLING KENRIC JR	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
24. 503 FAIRFAX AVENUE 38 00 16 4 001 013.000	WATSON VICTOR	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
25. 320 FAIRFAX AVENUE 38 00 16 4 011 017.000	OZBOLT LINDA HEIRS OF	RETURNED	NOT CUT
26. 1320 5 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 09 4 016 009.000	LAMPKIN PAUL S JR	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
27. 149 BENTLEY LANE SE 39 00 19 4 000 030.000	KOSSOW MARC CAMERON	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
28. 159 BENTLEY LANE SE 39 00 19 4 000 029.000	COREY DAVID S	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
29. 170 BENTLEY LANE SE 39 00 19 4 000 028.002	COREY DAVID S	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
30. 170 BENTLEY LANE SE 39 00 19 4 000 028.001	COREY DAVID S	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
31. 136 BENTLEY LANE SE 39 00 19 4 000 038.001	WHITE VIRGINIA KAYE LAGLE & LAGLE LISA REGINA & WHITE JOSEPH DALE	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
32. 2330 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 017.000	GARRETT LADARIUS (R/S W DEED)	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
33. 2326 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 016.000	WHEELER HOWARD & CHANCE	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
34. 2324 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 015.000	BOYD MARVIN	RETURNED	NOT CUT
35. 2322 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 014.000	BURRELL ELMA HEIRS OF C/O AGNES HEARD	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
36. 2320 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 013.000	GREEN FREDDIE III & RHONDA GREEN	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
37. 2318 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 012.000	ALEXANDER LOUISE	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
38. 2314 8 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 011.000	GREATER BIRMINGHAM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
39. 809 23 RD STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 010.000	GREATER BIRMINGHAM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BHAM	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
40. 810 24 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 018.000	SPIRITUAL CONVENTION INC	RETURNED	NOT CUT
41. 814 24 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 014 019.000	GARRETT LADRIUS (R/S W DEED)	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
42. 801 24 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 014.000	GLOBAL MANAGEMENT GROUP INC	RECEIVED	EXTENSION TO 7/21/26
43. 827 24 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 011.001	MARTIN JUDITH	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
44. 825 24 TH STREET NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 011.000	2434 PROPERTIES LLC	RETURNED	NOT CUT
45. 2407 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 010.000	BROWN ROSETTA	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
46. 2409 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 009.000	MITCHELL CLARENCE (R/S WITH DEED)	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
47. 2417 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 008.000	LANGHAM KENNETH HEIRS OF	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
48. 2421 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 007.000	MIARTE JOHN ESTATE OF	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
49. 2423 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 007 006.000	ALEXANDER LOUISE	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
50. 2513 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 003 001.000	MEDLEY JERRYIN	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
51. 2501 9 TH AVENUE NORTH 38 00 04 4 003 003.000	HEIRS OF ONEAL SARAH E	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
52. 172 MCCALLA ROAD 38 00 31 3 000 002.001	HOANG DUC & CHI LAN	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper stated that the hearing was for the properties listed on the June 2, 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 Stephens seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#8: Set Hearing Date for Weed Nuisance Report 7/7/2026.

WEED NUISANCE REPORT
7/7/2026

Proposed Hearing Date: 8/18/2026 @ 9:00 A.M.

PROPERTY LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)
53. 1514 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 2 018 012.001	ATB INVESTMENTS LLC
54. 1527 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 2 017 002.000	P & B REALTY & DEV CO INC
55. 1116 16 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 2 017 001.000	NEW BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
56. 1702 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 3 017 005.000	VAUGHN THOMAS J & BILLIE B
57. 1630 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 3 022 001.000	DABBS EUNICE (A)
58. 1316 17 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 04 3 021 014.001	HILL DENISE V
59. 1623 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 3 021 003.000	NS5, LLC
60. 1517 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 3 023 004.000	VATANY BEHZAD AS TRUSTEE OF THE BEHZAD VATANY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED APRIL 8 2025
61. 1614 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 039 001.000	TURNER CATHERINE
62. 1618 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 039 002.000	DAVIS GREGORY OSBURN
63. 1332 22 ND AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 3 013 012.000	BARABATA IRMA LANDERO
64. 1326 22 ND AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 3 013 015.000	SIMPSON NAYLAN T
65. 1309 22 ND AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 3 014 019.000	MOCTEZUMA IVAN & ELIZABETH
66. 2029 13 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 019 008.000	MATA JESSICA
67. 2033 13 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 019 007.000	ROBINSON MALIRIA
68. 1900 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 043 001.000	HACKWORTH KEVIN M
69. 1912 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 043 004.000	CSC CUSTODIAN STRATEGIC
70. 2012 SHORT 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 016 006.000	CONSTANT ANNETTA R
71. 1422 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 004 002.000	DELTORO JOSE GONZALO
72. 1423 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 003 006.000	A. TEELE ENTERPRISES, LLC
73. 1407 14 TH AVENUE NO.	38 00 08 1 003 009.000	HERNANDEZ JOAQUIN
74. 1026 15 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 2 023 001.000	HUYNH VIVIAN & THANH VAN
75. 1021 13 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 2 023 032.000	HUYNH VIVIAN & THANH VAN
76. 1430 10 TH AVENUE NO.	38 00 09 2 023 033.000	FORRIESTER JIMMY CARROL
77. 88 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 023 005.000	MOLETTA AMERICAN INVESTMENT LLC (R/S W DEED)
78. 65 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 028 004.000	MOUNT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
79. 56 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 039 002.000	BENION MONA L & JEANENNE
80. 58 1 ST AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 3 039 001.000	THOMAS LUCIUS & VALLEY EXTRS
81. 208 ALABAMA AVENUE	38 00 16 3 006 012.000	MOUNT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
82. 216 ALABAMA AVENUE	38 00 16 3 006 015.000	PADEN TODD REALTY & APPRAISAL

83. 3 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 036 009.000	BALDWIN DAVID HEIRS OF
84. 205 ELIZABETH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 036 008.000	SMITH ARGIE
85. 207 ELIZABETH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 036 007.000	CONNER DR. MARVIN
86. 209 ELIZABETH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 036 006.000	EDWARDS CAROLYN L
87. 33 MARTIN STREET	38 00 16 3 015 015.000	WILLIAMS MARY
88. 31 MARTIN STREET	38 00 16 3 015 014.000	WRIGHT LAFAYETTE L
89. 340 ASH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 017 010.000	HOLMAN MARY
90. 405 OWEN AVENUE	38 00 16 4 010 011.000	SAAVEDRA EVERARDO & COINTA PICHARDO
91. 427 OWEN AVENUE	38 00 16 4 005 004.000	MCSWAIN EVERLEEN
92. 503 OWEN AVENUE	38 00 16 1 022 006.000	SAYCO EQUITY FUND V LLC
93. 305 7 TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 16 1 025 012.000	CHAVEZ LUIS MANUEL AND LETICIA SANCHEZ
94. 827 OWEN AVENUE	38 00 16 1 025 005.000	SUTTERLIN PROPERTIES LLC
95. 204 9 TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 16 1 025 003.000	MEAUX PAUL JAMES & MENDORA LYNN MEAUX & RAYMON JOHN MEAUX JR.
96. 731 7 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 006.000	DAVIS LUCKIE A HEIRS OF
97. 634 8 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 024 001.000	MORGAN RODNEY K
98. 636 8 th AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 024 005.000	OLDHAM FLORA HEIRS OF
99. 616 8 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 024 011.000	WILSON ANNETTE E
100. 515 8 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 025 005.000	FLANAGAN CONZIE HEIRS OF
101. 348 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 025.000	BELL ELEANOR L
102. 1631 15 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 023 001.000	SMALLEY JONATHAN & HALEY
103. 1007 9 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 015 002.000	BADEWA ABIODUN P
104. 1015 11 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 012 003.000	MEADOW INVESTMENTS LLC
105. 1019 11 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 012 005.000	CHINE MICHELLE & CHINE ERICA M
106. 930 11 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 4 002 009.000	MADDOX LONNIE M
107. 1024 9 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 4 009 009.000 38 00 08 4 009 010.000	EQUITY TRUST CO CUST FBO DEREK MCCORD IRA
108. 908 11 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 4 002 011.000	GIBSON & ASSOCIATES LLC
109. 911 WEST LAKE DRIVE	38 00 08 4 002 014.000	MARKS KEMBERLI L
110. 921 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 08 1 030 008.000	PRIMEDIMAGE LLC
111. 1023 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 08 1 028 004.000	RUSSELL JEFFREY
112. 1021 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 08 1 028 003.000	RUSSELL JEFFREY
113. 1019 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 08 1 028 002.000	VENZ EDWARD C & VIRGINIA B HEIRS OF
114. 1017 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 09 2 037 003.000	REEDER EVERETT D (LIFE ESTATE)
115. 1011 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 09 2 037 004.000	CHITBIRD INVESTMENTS LLC
116. 1009 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 09 2 037 005.000	CADENCE BANK
117. 1002 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 2 041 002.000	AGUSTIN LUIS GONZALEZ
118. 920 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 2 041 001.000	BROBSTON LINNIE MAE EST OF
119. 2701 11 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 019 006.000	WHITT OLLIE L BENNEFIELD
120. 2700 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 019 009.000	EASON LORENZA RICHARD
121. 2704 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 019 010.000	GREYMORR LLC (I/S)
122. 2804 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 010 008.000	2434 PROPERTIES LLC (R/S W DEED)
123. 2808 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 010 009.000	TERRELL LILLIE BELL HEIRS OF
124. 2812 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 010 010.000	2434 PROPERTIES LLC (R/S W DEED)
125. 2819 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 009 003.000	BARHAM DERRICK M (D)
126. 2823 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 009 002.000	2434 PROPERTIES LLC
127. 2825 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 009 001.001	JONES LARRY
128. 2827 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 009 001.003	FRAZIER MICHAEL L
129. 2829 10 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 009 001.002	V ELITE HOMES LLC (R/S)
130. 2900 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 003 001.000	BELLE AT BESSEMER LLC THE
131. 2629 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 025 002.000	2434 PROPERTIES LLC PADEN REALTY
132. 1214 26 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 04 1 031 004.000	MANEICE LUELLIOTT HEIRS OF
133. 2528 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 031 016.000	DAVIS ANNIE HEIRS OF

134.	2500 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 038 008.000	IDEAL SOUTHERN PROPERTIES
135.	2431 12 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 037 001.000	HARRIS RONALD
136.	621 32 ND STREET NORTH	38 00 03 2 004 005.000	WASHINGTON JOSEPH JR & LATONYA
137.	3300 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 003 009.000	DUDLEY ALVIN
138.	3315 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 002 005.000	INVERSOINES 7980, LLC (R/S W DEED)
139.	3320 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 003 014.000	FORBES CHARLIE & LILLIAN
140.	3321 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 002 003.000	WALLACE LUDYE N & BELCHER SARAH WALLACE
141.	3230 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 013 015.000	EASON LEONARDUS (R/S)
142.	3224 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 013 014.000	HUMPHREY ZECHARIAH
143.	3220 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 013 013.000	WILLIAMS HANNAH PERRY
144.	3213 AVENUE C	38 00 02 3 014 005.000	SPEED EUGENE
145.	2735 EXETER AVENUE S	38 00 03 4 024 002.000	HATCHER DAMECO
146.	112 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 006 008.000	SHADES OF GRAY, LLC
147.	113 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 007 022.000	FRAZIER ANNIE P HEIRS OF
148.	111 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 007 021.000	GARRICK D R & DEANNA F
149.	156 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 006 020.000	R7 ENTERPRISES LLC C/O ROYCE DAVENPORT
150.	154 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 006 021.000	CHIVERS APRIL L
151.	143 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 005.000	RIZA INVESTMENTS LLC (R/S)
152.	406 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 010 002.000	SFS LLC
153.	402 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 010 004.000	SWANZY JAMES HEIRS OF
154.	824 20 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 04 4 033 003.000	THOMAS KATHRYN E
155.	4315 BESSEMER SUPER HWY	30 00 34 1 005 002.000	HEIRS OF ONEAL SARAH E
156.	1413 4 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 4 013 004.000	TUCKER AURELIA MONTE
157.	1111 4 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 4 032 003.000	SOUTHERN MEMORIAL MONUMENT COMPANY LLC
158.	206 9 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 16 2 002 004.000	NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
159.	408 GLADYS STREET	38 00 16 4 016 007.000	ISAAC RANDY L HEIRS OF & RANDALE ODEN HEIRS OF
160.	517 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 16 4 002 008.000	GOLDEN CASTLE INC
161.	519 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 16 4 002 007.000	ELMJO PARWIZ & ARZO ELMJO & GADA MOHAMMAD AHMADI & MENA AHMADI & ABDUL SABOORI
162.	1610 9 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 2 009 011.000	SMITH JOHN ADAM & ESTELLA
163.	1827 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 011.000	HARDLEY ORA DEAN HEIRS OF
164.	1815 LONG 14 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 4 041 012.000	KING KENNEDY FERNDELLO
165.	3323 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 012 004.000	HARRIS FRED
166.	3327 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 012 003.000	BLACKMON GILBERT HEIRS OF
167.	3329 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 012 002.000	PATTON DORIS
168.	3331 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 012 001.000	JENKINS JR WOODROW
169.	3339 SHORT AVENUE D	38 00 02 1 004 019.001	DAWSON ELLIS C & JO ANN
170.	3331 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 011 002.000	TUCKER DAVID JR
171.	3327 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 011 003.000	EASON LEONARDUS
172.	3325 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 011 004.000	ROBINSON MINNIE C & EARLINE J
173.	3326 AVENUE E	38 00 02 1 012 008.000	AMERSON L Z HEIRS OF
174.	161 DEADRICK STREET	38 00 16 3 044 012.000	GATEWOOD CURTIS HEIRS OF
175.	165 DEADRICK STREET	38 00 16 3 044 013.000	MCELROY GEORGE
176.	8 MAIN STREET	38 00 16 3 043 001.000	WINN ROY
177.	10 MAIN STREET	38 00 16 3 044 006.000	WILSON BARRY
178.	11 MAIN STREET	38 00 16 3 045 008.000	WILSON BARRY
179.	13 MAIN STREET	38 00 16 3 045 009.000	CATES JAMES A JR * MILDRED C
180.	15 MAIN STREET	38 00 16 3 045 010.000	TEELE A PROJECTS LLC
181.	18 MAIN STREET	38 00 16 3 044 002.000	WHITELY GENEVA V
182.	14 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 045 005.000	PIPPEN JESSIE P
183.	16 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 045 004.000	HARRELL CARLA BELL & ANN WRAY

184.	2214 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 045 003.000	JEFFERSON PEARLIE ESTATE OF
185.	18 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 045 002.000	BELL CHARLIE & MARGARET
186.	20 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 045 001.000	TEELE A PROJECTS LLC
187.	28 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 046 010.000	SAMUEL BRENDA W & VINCENT B
188.	29 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 035 020.000	LEWIS TIFFANY (R/S WITH DEED)
189.	31 SHADE STREET	38 00 16 3 035 021.000	LEWIS TIFFANY LAVARISS

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper stated that there were 137 properties that were out of code and requested that the hearing date be set for August 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#9: Mayor’s statement to the Council on elections.

Attorney Killings read the following statement on behalf of Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#10: A resolution authorizing payment to non-profit organizations.

RESOLUTION NO. 917-26

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND FINDING THAT SUCH APPROPRIATIONS SERVE A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama ("City"), appropriated funds within its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Budget for the support of nonprofit organizations that provide services benefiting the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the **American Red Cross Mid-Alabama Chapter** provides disaster preparedness, emergency shelter, emergency relief assistance, emergency response services, blood collection and distribution, military family support, and other humanitarian services that directly benefit the residents of the City of Bessemer before, during, and following emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, **Nurturing Golden Hearts, Inc.** provides programs and services benefiting senior citizens and other residents of the City of Bessemer through educational, wellness, outreach, and community engagement activities that promote the health, welfare, independence, and quality of life of its participants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the services provided by these organizations supplement municipal services and reduce demands upon public resources by promoting emergency preparedness, public health, community welfare, assistance to vulnerable populations, and the general well-being of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the appropriations authorized herein are made in consideration of the substantial public benefits provided to the citizens of the City of Bessemer, are not donations or gifts to private organizations, and constitute expenditures for a lawful municipal and 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 regular meeting duly assembled, with a quorum present, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the appropriations authorized herein serve a valid public purpose by promoting public health, safety, welfare, emergency preparedness, community stability, and the general welfare of the citizens of the City of Bessemer.
2. The City Council hereby approves the appropriation of **Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00)** from the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Budget as follows:
 - a. **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** to the **American Red Cross Mid-Alabama Chapter**, 114 22nd Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233, to support disaster preparedness, emergency response, and humanitarian services benefiting residents of the City of Bessemer.
 - b. **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** to **Nurturing Golden Hearts, Inc.**, 1112 4th Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020, to support community programs and services benefiting senior citizens and other residents of the City of Bessemer.
3. As a condition of receiving these appropriated funds, each recipient organization shall use the funds solely for the public purposes described in this Resolution and, upon request of the City, shall provide documentation reasonably demonstrating that the funds were expended in furtherance of those public purposes.
4. The Mayor, City Clerk, and such other City officials as may be necessary are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the city appropriated funding in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget for nonprofit organizations that provide services to benefit the citizens of Bessemer. He noted that the American Red Cross provides services such as disaster preparedness, emergency shelters, emergency response services, blood collection and distribution, and other humanitarian services. He explained that Nurturing Golden Hearts, Inc. provides various programs focused on wellness, education, and community engagement for the citizens of Bessemer.

Councilor King made a motion to the item. Councilor Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#11: Resolution authorizing bids for a pick-up truck (Fire Dept).

RESOLUTION NO. 918-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD CREW CAB TRUCK FOR THE BESSEMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to purchase one (1) new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab truck, or an approved equal, for use by the Bessemer Fire Department in carrying out its public safety responsibilities and emergency response operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the acquisition of said vehicle will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Bessemer by providing reliable equipment to support the operations of the Bessemer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that it is necessary to authorize the advertisement for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of the vehicle in accordance with the requirements of the Alabama Competitive Bid Law and other applicable provisions of Alabama law.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Advertise for Bids. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab truck, or an approved equal, for the Bessemer Fire Department. The bid specifications shall include such equipment, accessories, options, and performance requirements as are determined necessary by the Fire Chief and the City's purchasing officials.

Section 2. Compliance with Law. The solicitation, receipt, and evaluation of bids shall be conducted in accordance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law, all applicable provisions of Alabama law, and the purchasing policies of the City of Bessemer.

Section 3. Recommendation and Award. Following the opening and evaluation of bids, the Mayor shall present the bid tabulation together with a recommendation to the City Council for consideration and award of the purchase contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, unless otherwise authorized by law.

Section 4. Authority to Act. The Mayor, City Clerk, Fire Chief, and such other City officials and employees as may be necessary are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Bessemer Fire Chief Kendric Hughley has requested that the city solicit bids for the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab.

He noted that the Fire Department's previous truck was involved in an accident and that the insurance claim has been settled, with proceeds received from the insurance company.

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

Councilor Porter asked Chief Hughley the amount received from the insurance claim.

Chief Hughley stated that the department received a total compensation of \$38,000.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#12: Resolution authorizing bid for (2) Apparatus trucks (Fire Dept).

RESOLUTION NO. 919-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PIERCE ENFORCER FIRE APPARATUS PUMPERS TRUCKS FOR THE BESSEMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to purchase two (2) new Pierce Enforcer Fire Apparatus Pumpers Trucks, or approved equals meeting the City's specifications, for use by the Bessemer Fire Department in carrying out its fire suppression, rescue, emergency response, and public safety responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the acquisition of said fire apparatus will improve the operational readiness, reliability, and effectiveness of the Bessemer Fire Department and will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that it is necessary to authorize the advertisement for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of the fire apparatus in accordance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law and other applicable provisions of Alabama law.

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

Section 1. Authorization to Advertise for Bids.

The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for competitive sealed bids for the purchase of two (2) new Pierce Enforcer Fire Apparatus Pumpers, or approved equals meeting the City's specifications, for the Bessemer Fire Department. The bid specifications shall include such chassis, pumping capacity, body configuration, firefighting equipment, safety equipment, warning devices, communications equipment, accessories, warranties, and other features as are determined necessary by the Fire Chief and the City's purchasing officials.

Section 2. Compliance with Law.

The solicitation, receipt, opening, and evaluation of bids shall be conducted in accordance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law, all other applicable provisions of Alabama law, and the purchasing policies of the City of Bessemer.

Section 3. Recommendation and Award.

Upon completion of the bid process, the Mayor shall present the bid tabulation together with a recommendation to the City Council for consideration and award of the purchase contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid is determined to be in the best interest of the City, unless otherwise authorized by law.

Section 4. Authority to Act.

The Mayor, City Clerk, Fire Chief, and such other City officials and employees as may be necessary are hereby authorized to prepare specifications, advertise for bids, receive bids, evaluate submissions, and take all other actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Chief Hughley has requested that bids be solicited for two new Pierce Enforcer Fire Apparatus Pumper Trucks. He noted that the request for bids would be advertised by Bessemer City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#13: Resolution supporting the Black Cherry Tree project.

RESOLUTION NO. 920-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BLACK CHERRY TREE PROJECT'S ELIZABETH LAWRENCE MEMORIAL AT DEBARDELEBEN PARK

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, recognizes the importance of preserving and acknowledging the history of the community and fostering opportunities for education, remembrance, and healing; and

WHEREAS, the Black Cherry Tree Project has requested the City's support for the continued stewardship of the memorial black cherry tree planted at DeBardeleben Park in honor of Elizabeth Lawrence, the only documented female lynching victim in Jefferson County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Black Cherry Tree Project has further requested approval for the installation of a memorial marker recognizing Elizabeth Lawrence and commemorating her life and legacy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that supporting appropriate historical and educational memorials located within public parks serves a valid public purpose by promoting historical awareness, civic engagement, and community understanding;

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

1. The City Council hereby expresses its support for the Black Cherry Tree Project's efforts to commemorate Elizabeth Lawrence through the existing memorial black cherry tree and proposed memorial marker at DeBardleben Park.
2. The City Council authorizes the continued maintenance and stewardship of the existing memorial black cherry tree located at DeBardleben Park and supports the replanting of a replacement black cherry tree should such replacement become necessary.
3. The City Council approves, subject to coordination with City staff and compliance with applicable City policies and procedures, the installation of the Elizabeth Lawrence memorial marker at DeBardleben Park.
4. The City Council authorizes the Mayor and appropriate City staff to coordinate with representatives of the Black Cherry Tree Project regarding the placement, installation, maintenance, and administration of the memorial project.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the Black Cherry Tree Project requested the City's support for the ongoing stewardship of the memorial cherry tree at DeBardleben Park, which was planted in remembrance of Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence, the only documented female victim identified in Jefferson County's lynching records.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#14: Resolution authorizing the city to join Fire Truck litigation.

RESOLUTION NO. 921-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A CONTINGENCY FEE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, TO PURSUE POTENTIAL ANTITRUST AND RELATED CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama, has purchased and continues to purchase fire apparatus and related emergency response equipment for use by the Bessemer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has become aware of allegations asserted in litigation pending in various jurisdictions that certain fire apparatus manufacturers, including but not limited to Pierce Manufacturing Inc., REV Group, Inc., Rosenbauer America, LLC, and other manufacturers and entities, may have engaged in unlawful conduct, including alleged antitrust violations, which purportedly resulted in artificially inflated prices, restricted production, delayed deliveries, and reduced competition in the fire apparatus market; and

WHEREAS, if such allegations are proven, the City of Bessemer may possess legal claims entitling it to recover damages and other relief arising from the purchase of fire apparatus at allegedly inflated prices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to investigate and preserve any legal claims available to the City without requiring the expenditure of public funds for attorney fees unless a recovery is obtained; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has recommended that the City retain litigation counsel through a contingency fee arrangement to investigate, prosecute, or participate in such litigation as may be appropriate.

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

Section 1. Authorization. The City Attorney, Aaron Killings, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Bessemer, to investigate, pursue, prosecute, intervene in, or otherwise participate in any litigation, multidistrict litigation, class action, coordinated proceeding, settlement program, or other legal action relating to alleged antitrust violations, price fixing, market allocation, supply restrictions, monopolization, unfair trade practices, fraud, or other unlawful conduct involving the manufacture, marketing, sale, or distribution of fire apparatus or related equipment purchased by the City.

Section 2. Contingency Fee Agreement. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, one or more contingency fee agreements with qualified outside counsel, co-counsel, or litigation firms as the City Attorney determines to be in the best interests of the City, provided that:

- (a) no attorney fees shall be owed by the City unless a monetary recovery is obtained on behalf of the City;
- (b) litigation expenses shall be advanced by counsel unless otherwise approved in writing by the Mayor and City Attorney; and
- (c) any contingency fee shall be commercially reasonable and consistent with applicable Alabama law and the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct.

Section 3. Preservation of Claims. The City Attorney is authorized to execute all documents necessary to preserve, investigate, and prosecute the City's claims, including retention agreements, participation agreements, tolling agreements, proofs of claim, claim forms, pleadings, discovery responses, settlement participation documents, and any other documents reasonably necessary to protect the City's legal interests.

Section 4. Settlement Authority. Nothing in this Resolution shall authorize the settlement, compromise, dismissal, or release of any claim of the City without further approval of the City Council unless otherwise authorized by applicable law.

Section 5. Cooperation of City Officials. The Mayor, Fire Chief, Finance Director, Purchasing Department, City Clerk, and all other appropriate City officials and employees are authorized and directed to cooperate with the City Attorney and retained litigation counsel by providing records, purchasing information, contracts, invoices, bid documents, correspondence, and other information reasonably necessary to investigate and prosecute the City's claims.

ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings requested the council's approval to authorize the city to join a lawsuit against fire truck manufacturers. He explained that although there are a limited number of fire truck manufacturers, Pierce Manufacturing Inc. and Rosenbauer America, LLC, allegedly colluded to fix prices and coordinate delivery schedules. He further noted

that he had spoken with Bessemer Fire Chief Kendric Hughley and confirmed that the city purchased fire trucks from one of the companies during the period in question.

Councilor Porter made a motion to the item. Councilor Person seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#15: Resolution appropriating discretionary funds from District 1 for Kate Waller.

RESOLUTION NO. 922-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF DISTRICT ONE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO THE BESSEMER HOUSING AUTHORITY AND FINDING THAT THE EXPENDITURE SERVES A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Housing Authority is a public housing authority organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama and owns and operates the Kate Waller Public Housing Community, which provides safe, decent, and sanitary housing and resident services to eligible low-income individuals and families within the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, Kate Waller Public Housing Community is located within Council District One (1) of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appropriated discretionary funds within the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Budget for use by each City Council district for expenditures that serve a lawful municipal and public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Jarvis Collier has requested that the City appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** from District One (1) Discretionary Fund Line Item No. **001-10000-021-527067** to the Bessemer Housing Authority to assist with providing services to Kate Waller residents, and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the appropriation is not a gift or donation to a private individual or entity, but rather is an expenditure in furtherance of a legitimate municipal purpose that provides a direct public benefit to the citizens of the City of Bessemer and therefore serves a valid 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 regular meeting duly assembled, with a quorum present, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby determines that the appropriation authorized herein serves a valid and lawful public purpose by promoting the public health, safety, welfare, civic engagement, neighborhood stability, and general well-being of residents of the City of Bessemer.
2. The appropriation of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** from **District One (1) Discretionary Fund Line Item No. 001-10000-021-527067** in the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Budget is hereby approved.
3. The funds shall be made payable to the **Bessemer Housing Authority** and shall be used solely for the purpose stated herein.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Collier requested the allocation of \$500 from his discretionary funds to provide services for residents of the Bessemer Housing Authority's Kate Waller community.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#16: Resolution appropriating discretionary funds from District 1 for Back-to-School supplies.

RESOLUTION NO.: 923-26

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT ONE (1) DISCRETIONARY FUND BUDGET LINE ITEM

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, “City” appropriated funds in its fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for use by each council district. Councilor Jarvis Collier has requested that the City appropriate funds in the total amount of One Thousand Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1000.00) from District One (1) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-21-527067 to purchase Back-to-School supplies with the objective of providing bookbags and school supplies to students of District 1; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that providing support for a Back-to-School Supply Drive for the residents of District 1 serves a 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; 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, as follows:

1. That the city council hereby determines that a public purpose is served and approves the expenditure of municipal funds from District #1 Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-21-527067 in the total amount of One Thousand Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1000.00) and authorizes payment to Councilman Collier upon presentation of receipts verifying proof of purchase.

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 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Collier requested the allocation of \$1,000 from his discretionary funds to purchase back-to-school supplies for students in his district.

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

Jackson, Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#17: Resolution appropriating discretionary funds from District 1 for Old Jonesboro/ Jonesboro Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 924-26

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT ONE (1) COUNCILOR JARVIS COLLIER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND BUDGET LINE ITEM TO SUPPORT THE JONESBORO DAY AND OLD JONESBORO DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama ("City"), appropriated funds in its Fiscal Year **2025–2026** General Fund Budget for use by each City Council district; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Jarvis Collier has requested that the City appropriate funds from District One (1) Discretionary Fund Line Item No. **001-10000-021-527067** in the amount of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Jonesboro Day celebration to be held on October 10, 2026, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Old Jonesboro Day celebration to be held on September 25, 2026, for a total appropriation of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)**, with such funds to be made payable to **Jackson Inflatables, LLC** for inflatable attractions to be used at each event; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that supporting these District One community celebrations serves a valid public purpose by promoting neighborhood unity, civic engagement, community participation, public welfare, and the general well-being of the citizens of the City of Bessemer.

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

1. The City Council hereby approves the appropriation of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Old Jonesboro Day celebration and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the Jonesboro Day celebration, for a total appropriation of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from District One (1) Discretionary Fund Line Item No. 001-10000-021-527067** in the Fiscal Year **2025–2026** General Fund Budget.
2. The appropriated funds shall be made payable to **Jackson Inflatables, LLC** for the rental of inflatable attractions and related services for each of the two community events, with **\$500.00 allocated to each event.**

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Collier requested the allocation of \$500 from his discretionary funds to purchase a moon bounce for Jonesboro Day on October 10, 2026, and an additional \$500 from his discretionary funds to purchase a moon bounce for Old Jonesboro Day on September 25, 2026.

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

Jackson, Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#18: Resolution appropriating discretionary funds from District 6 for Bessemer Board of Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 925-26

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT SIX (6) DISCRETIONARY FUND LINE ITEM TO THE BESSEMER BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE BESSEMER CITY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM AND FINDING THAT THE EXPENDITURE SERVES A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama ("City"), appropriated discretionary funds within its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Budget for use by each City Council district for expenditures that serve a lawful municipal and public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Carla Jackson has requested that the City appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00)** from District Six (6) Discretionary Fund Line-Item No. **001-10000-026-527067** to the **Bessemer Board of Education**, with such funds designated for the **Bessemer City High School Parent Engagement Program**; and

WHEREAS, the Bessemer City High School Parent Engagement Program promotes parental involvement in student education, strengthens communication and collaboration between families and educators, encourages student achievement and attendance, and supports a safe, positive, and productive educational environment for students residing within the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that supporting programs that encourage parental engagement and educational success promotes the health, safety, welfare, prosperity, and general well-being of the citizens of the City by fostering stronger families, reducing barriers to student success, encouraging civic participation, and contributing to the long-term economic and social vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the appropriation authorized herein is not a gift or donation but is made in consideration of the direct public benefits provided to the citizens of the City of Bessemer and therefore constitutes an expenditure for a lawful municipal and 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 regular meeting duly assembled, with a quorum present, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the appropriation authorized herein serves a valid and lawful public purpose by promoting educational achievement, parental involvement, youth development, civic engagement, community welfare, and the general well-being of the citizens of the City of Bessemer.
2. The City Council hereby approves the appropriation of **Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00)** from **District Six (6) Discretionary Fund Line-Item No. 001-10000-026-527067** in the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Budget to the **Bessemer Board of Education**, with such funds earmarked exclusively for the **Bessemer City High School Parent Engagement Program**.
3. The Bessemer Board of Education shall utilize the appropriated funds solely for the public purpose described in this Resolution and shall provide documentation evidencing the expenditure of such funds upon request of the City.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Jackson requested the allocation of \$350 from her discretionary funds to the Board of Education for the Bessemer City High School Parent Engagement Program.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#19: Resolution appropriating discretionary funds from District 2 for Back-to-School supplies.

RESOLUTION NO.: 926-26

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT TWO (2) DISCRETIONARY FUND BUDGET LINE ITEM

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, “City” appropriated funds in its fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for use by each council district. Councilor Chester Porter has requested that the City appropriate funds in the total amount of Twelve Hundred Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1200.00) from District Two (2) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-22-527067 to purchase Back-to-School supplies with the objective of providing bookbags and school supplies to students of District 2; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that providing support for a Back-to-School Supply Drive for the residents of District 2 serves a 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; 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, as follows:

1. That the city council hereby determines that a public purpose is served and approves the expenditure of municipal funds from District #2 Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-22-527067 in the total amount of Twelve Hundred Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1200.00) and authorizes payment to Councilman Chester Porter upon presentation of receipts verifying proof of purchase.

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 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Porter requested the allocation of \$1,200 from his discretionary funds to purchase back-to-school supplies for the children in his community.

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

Jackson, Cleophus King, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis

Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#20: Resolution appropriating discretionary funds from District 7 for Back-to-School supplies.

RESOLUTION NO.: 927-26

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT SEVEN
(7) DISCRETIONARY FUND BUDGET LINE ITEM**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, “City” appropriated funds in its fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for use by each council district. Councilor Cleophus King has requested that the City appropriate funds in the total amount of One Thousand Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1000.00) from District Seven (7) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-27-527067 to purchase Back-to-School supplies with the objective of providing bookbags and school supplies to students of District 7; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that providing support for a Back-to-School Supply Drive for the residents of District 7 serves a 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; 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, as follows:

1. That the city council hereby determines that a public purpose is served and approves the expenditure of municipal funds from District #7 Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-27-527067 in the total amount of One Thousand Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1000.00) and authorizes payment to Councilman Cleophus King upon presentation of receipts verifying proof of purchase.

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 7th day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor King requested the allocation of \$1,000 from his discretionary funds to purchase back-to-school supplies for the children in his community.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#21: Executive Session – Legal.

City Attorney Aaron Killings requested that the councilors remove the item from the City Council agenda.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#22: Council member's comments, statements, or motions.

Councilor Porter thanked the citizens of District Two for the opportunity to continue serving as their City Councilman for another term.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#23: Citizens Participation:

David Corey, 178 Bentley Lane, stated that the road leading to his property is in need of repair. He explained that he has also used his own funds and machinery to make repairs to the road himself.

Mayor Gulley requested that City Engineer Mr. David McDaniel and Street Department Director Mr. Michael Reese inspect the road near the residence.

Jesse Matthew, 600 Flint Hill Road, stated that a utility pole near his neighbor's property is leaning towards the roadway. He also expressed concerns regarding ongoing speeding throughout his community and requested assistance in addressing the issue.

Dorothy Davidson, 1416 7th Avenue North, thanked the Mayor and City Council for all they do for the City of Bessemer.

Sade Harris, 721 Westchester Drive, thanked Bessemer Police Department Chief Gary Carmichael and his officers for assisting with the trash issue in her community.

Kelvin Eades, 723 Rosemary Lane, thanked the Bessemer Fire Department for their quick response and assistance in extinguishing his neighbor's residence.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presents Item#24: Motion to Adjourn.

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

**Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk**

Presiding Officer