

CITY COUNCIL OF THE

July 21, 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 21, 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 Chester W. Porter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Cleophus King.

Upon roll call, the following council members were found to be present; Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Absent: Councilor Teco Stephens. 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 July 7, 2026, meeting were presented to the Council by City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor.

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

Presentation, Awards, Announcements, and Recognition:

City of Bessemer Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley greeted the council and all attendees present at the meeting. He stated that he had no announcements at that time.

Councilor King commended the Building & Inspections Department for its continued diligence in demolishing dilapidated homes throughout the city.

Mrs. Pauline Ford, Founder of the Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization, thanked the Mayor, Council Members, Sponsors, City departments, and

attendees for their continued support of the Caribbean Festival. She stated that the event was well attended and featured entertainers from all around the world.

Mayor Gulley commended Mrs. Ford for her dedication and continued efforts in organizing the annual festival, noting that each year the event becomes more entertaining. He also stated that the City of Bessemer is proud to serve as a sponsor of the festival.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#6: Public hearing for WNR 6/16/2026.

WNR 6/16/26
STATUS UPDATE REPORT

PROPERTY LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)	MAIL STATUS	PROPERTY STATUS
1. 311 21 ST STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 2 012 007.000	WILLIAMS TOMMY (D) & MARY J 311 21 ST STREET SOUTH BESSEMER AL 35020-5911	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
2. 309 21 ST STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 2 012 006.000	GONZALEZ JOSEFINA MARTINEZ & MARTINEZ DAVID ALEJANDRO 1601 TRAILER LANE LOT 200 IRONDALE, AL 35210	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
3. 412 21 ST STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 1 021 009.000	HARRELL LOUISE HEIRS OF 2507 HOLBROOK TERRACE BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
4. 2106 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 018 012.000	CHEATHAM GREGORY (R/S W DEED) 2216 EXETER AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
5. 2104 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 018 011.000	HOUSE TOWN PROPERTIES, LLC (R/S) 1725 13 TH COURT SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
6. 2102 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 018 010.000	LOMAS CHARLES HEIRS OF & HENRY JR 2102 FAIRFAX AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-5973	RETURNED	NOT CUT
7. 172 MCCALLA ROAD	38 00 31 3 000 002.001	HOANG DUC & CHI LAN 520 FALLS CREEK DRIVE HELENA, AL 35080	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
8. 2413 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 4 009 004.000	H3W HOLDING LLC (R/S W DEED) 1911 4 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
9. 2421 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 4 009 002.000	BESSEMER REDEVELOPMENT CORP 2625 5 TH AVENUE NORTH, BLDG C BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	INCOMPLETE
10. 2429 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 4 009 001.000	GARCIA LILIANA VICENCIO 2429 7 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
11. 2431 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 3 010 001.000	LEE TERESA 5 CARRIAGE HOUSE RD SW BESSEMER, AL 35022	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
12. 2529 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 3 008 005.000	FAMILY FUNDS INC 5618 LESTER ROAD CINCINNATI, OH 45213-2428	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
13. 1031 CLARENDON AVENUE	38 00 16 1 027 001.000	KENNDY ANGELIQUE 1031 CLARENDON AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
14. 414 11 TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 16 1 027 012.000	HOLLIS TONYA 4514 ROSSER FARMS BESSEMER, AL 35022	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
15. 204 RIDGE AVENUE	38 00 17 1 011 003.000	MOORE KENNETH L & CHERYLE S 6413 G AND H ROAD MCCALLA, AL 35111-3421	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
16. 1025 3 RD AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 039 004..000	SMITH JOHN A 1909 FABERSHAM DRIVE SE SNELLVILLE, GA 30078	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
17. 1029 3 RD AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 4 039 002.000	JONES SHERRY DENISE MCKINNEY 1312 FAIRFAX AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-5715	RECEIVED	NOT CUT

18. 1048 POSEY AVENUE	38 00 17 2 007 038.000	TUBBS DAVID LEE & 17111 KNOB CREEK DRIVE DAYTON, OH 45417-3803	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
19. 1042 POSEY AVENUE	38 00 17 2 007 038.001	TUBBS ANNIE MAE 1044 POSEY AVENUE BESSEMER,A L 35022-4548	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
20. 501 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 007 028.000	HUGHES EMMA J 6280 HANDY AVENUE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35228	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
21. 500 CHARLESTON DRIVE	30 00 34 1 007 027.000	EQUIFUNDING INC PO BOX 980 EAST LANSING, MI 48826-0980	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
22. 301 LEXINGTON BLVD	30 00 34 1 006 019.000	BENEFIELD ARTHUR L 5236 SUMMERSET WAY BESSEMER, AL 35022	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
23. 722 6 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 020.000	BENNETT LOTTIE MAE/GLOVER KENNETH RAY/GLOVER GERVASE LAUNARD 517 LYN PARK CIRCLE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
24. 718 6 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 019.000	REYNOLDS EARTHANN PO BOX 512 BESSEMER, AL 35021-0512	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
25. 714 6 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 018.000	HUNTER WILLIE LEE & CHARLES E & ROYE E & ALFRED R & WILLIAM CAROLYN 420 FOREST CIRCLE FAIRFIELD, AL 35064	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
26. 648 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 025.000	BELL ELEANOR L 2314 16 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-3283	RETURNED	NOT CUT
27. 642 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 024.000	PETERSON LULA EDMONDS 5529 5 TH STREET SOUTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-2909	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
28. 636 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 023 023.000	HEIRS OF FULGHAM LIZZIE KIMBROUGH 636 7 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-6148	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
29. 639 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 022 003.000	JEMISON ANNIE 639 7 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-6149	RETURNED	CUT BY OWNER
30. 1831 HOLBROOK AVENUE	38 00 10 4 001 024.000	CALHOUN SAMUEL L JR 1831 HOLBROOK AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-6675	RETURNED	NOT CUT
31. 718 20 TH STREET SOUTH	38 00 10 4 007 019.001	WARE SANDRA A 718 20 TH STREET SOUTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-5961	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
32. 731 7 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 032 006.000	DAVIS LUCKIE A HEIRS OF 800 CLARENDON AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020-6347	RETURNED	INCOMPLETE
33. 3009 CAROLINA AVENUE	38 00 03 4 005 004.001	KING RAY ANTHONY 335 DELLVIEW DRIVE BESSEMER, AL 35023	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
34. 401 WESLEY STREET	38 00 08 3 009 001.000	DUNNICAN JAMES B HEIRS OF 2920 SNAVELY AVENUE SW BIRMINGHAM, A 35211-4519	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
35. 416 WESLEY STREET	38 00 08 3 007 009.000	MENDIETA JORGE ACUNA 211 RADEN AVENUE BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
36. 143 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 005.000	RIZA INVESTMENTS LLC PO BOX 361281 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35236	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
37. 141 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 004.000	PEREZ CAROLINA BELTRAN 701 8 TH STREET SOUTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
38. 137 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 002.000	GRAY JIMMY HEIRS OF 752 NYTOL CIRCLE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35210	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
39. 135 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 001.000	WILSON TANIA & DANTE CAMPBELL 125 FAIRVIEW WAY STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281	OUTSTANDING	NOT CUT
40. 1423 7 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 2 030 002.000	SQUARE GRADY 311 15 TH STREET NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-5611	RECEIVED	NOT CUT

41. 1508 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 05 4 037 004.000	CHAVIS DAVID & KANDISE 1508 14 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RETURNED	NOT CUT
42. 1102 13 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 026 005.000	BEST PRICE W DEED 716 RICHARD ARRINGTON JR BLVD NORTH, STE 210 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	RECEIVED	NOT CUT
43. 1106 13 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 026 006.000	THRASHER BULINDA & THRASHER FRED 1106 13 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RETURNED	NOT CUT
44. 1023 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 031 002.000	ROBINSON CURTIS (R/S W/DEED) 1413 ½ 6 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020-4609	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
45. 1220 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 018 001.000	WRAY ERIC 1220 14 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
46. 1300 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 012 007.000	SEXTON MARY BELINDA PO BOX 3174 HUEYTOWN, AL 35023	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
47. 1306 14 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 012 006.000	PITTS JAMES MELVIN & DOROTHY H 1306 14 TH AVENUE NORTH BESSEMER, AL 35020	OUTSTANDING	INCOMPLETE
48. 1216 2 ND AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 4 027 011.000	SPENCER WILLIAM 2209 MISSISSIPPI AVENUE HUEYTOWN, AL 35023	RECEIVED	CUT BY OWNER
49. 715 4 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 009 007.000	WRIGHT PATRICIA FONVILLE C/O SPARTAN INVEST LLC 2015 3 RD AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER
50. 705 4 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 16 2 009 009.000	WRIGHT PATRICIA ANN FONVILLE C/O SPARTAN INVEST LLC 2015 3 RD AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	OUTSTANDING	CUT BY OWNER

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 June 16, 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. Councilors Porter and Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#7: Set Hearing Date for Weed Nuisance Report 7/21/2026.

WEED NUISANCE REPORT
7/21/2026

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

PROPERTY LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)
1. 512 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 030.000	DJ PROPERTY LLC
2. 514 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 029.000	TAYLOR TAWANA M
3. 530 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 021.000	TURNER BRIAN & JENNIFER

4. 538 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 017.000	CUNNINGHAM BESSIE H
5. 542 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 015.000	SCHIFFMAN ELEANOR R
6. 548 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 012.000	DAVIS DELLA HEIRS OF & VIRGINIA MCKENZIE
7. 550 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 011.000	HARKINS VICTOR L
8. 556 SELMA ROAD	30 00 34 1 009 008.000	LUSTER WINDFRED
9. 145 HOUSTON DRIVE	30 00 35 2 005 006.000	CLYDE BEAVER PROPERTIES LLC
10. 27 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 3 020 018.000	HILL BERT L & SAUNDRA V
11. 29 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 3 020 019.000	TARRANT JOSEPH A ESTATE OF
12. 34 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 3 031 001.000	SANDERS IRAZOLA & HOWARD SR
13. 104 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 3 032 008.000	ROBINSON SHAKTI (R/S)
14. 200 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 3 032 005.000	AO PROPCO 1 LLC
15. 107 ALABAMA STREET	38 00 16 3 032 011.000	HAYWOOD CYNTHIA (R/S W DEED)
16. 109 ALABAMA STREET	38 00 16 3 032 012.000	ROBINSON SHAKTI (R/S WITH DEED)
17. 115 ALABAMA STREET	38 00 16 3 032 013.000	SHIVERS LARRY DON
18. 309 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 019 001.001	AMISON KAMARRUS
19. 311 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 019 001.003	DIGGINS RONNIE
20. 313 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 019 001.000	BROWN MARY LEE (A) & FREDDIE M BROWN SR
21. 315 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 019 001.002	DIGGINS RONNIE
22. 317 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 016 006.000	MCCLENNEY CARRIE MAE
23. 323 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 016 003.000	CRAYTON VERNON (R/S WITH DEED)
24. 327 BLACK AVENUE	38 00 16 3 016 001.000	THOMAS ELVIRA F
25. 32 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 015 002.000	COLLINS MARY PEARL KING
26. 29 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 003 008.000	JOHNSON ELIZABETH
27. 28 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 015 003.000	COLLINS MARY PEARL KING
28. 27 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 003 007.000	EBERHART DANIELLE SHAWNESE & MICHAEL ANTHONY EBERHART
29. 26 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 015 004.000	BREZEL ELIEZER AND RISA LEDERMAN
30. 25 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 003 006.000	KIDDU HARRIET (R/S W DEED)
31. 24 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 015 005.000	AXTON PROPERTIES LLC
32. 20 WELLINGTON STREET	38 00 16 3 015 006.000	GRIFFIN ANGELA (R/S W DEED)
33. 204 MARTIN STREET	38 00 16 4 008 007.000	MITCHELL RODRAGUS
34. 325 ASH AVENUE	38 00 16 4 019 002.000	MCGRAW FRED H
35. 406 ASH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 001 012.000	MCKINNEY RUBY J & HORACE
36. 408 ASH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 001 012.000	MORRIS TERRY L & BEVERLY E
37. 426 ASH AVENUE	38 00 16 3 001 015.000	SUTTERLIN PROPERTIES LLC C/O CAB 35020 LLC
38. 239 JEFFERSON AVENUE	38 00 16 4 022 006.000	CARTER TIJUANA
39. 241 KYSER AVENUE	38 00 16 4 024 003.000	COASTAL MOUNTAIN AL LLC
40. 611 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 4 015 009.000	DILLARD JA & CHRISTINE S
41. 626 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 4 024 002.000	NEW SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
42. 725 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 4 014 009.001	PITTS MARGARET
43. 730 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 4 025 003.000	JOSLYN JACK ADAM DREW
44. 724 CENTER STREET	38 00 16 4 025 005.000	MCMILLIN LARRY & RONALD
45. 226 SIMMONS STREET	38 00 16 4 024 012.000	RUBIO PABLO MARTINEZ
46. 220 SIMMONS STREET	38 00 16 4 024 011.000	WOODS JASON
47. 210 SIMMONS STREET	38 00 16 4 024 010.000	MCMILLIN LARRY & RONALD
48. 200 SIMMONS STREET	38 00 16 4 024 009.000	MCMILLIN FRANKLIN HEIRS OF
49. 915 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 08 4 002 015.000	EVANS FERD F

50. 925 WEST LAKE BLVD	38 00 08 1 030 007.000	PRIMEDIMAGE LLC
51. 509 RIDGE AVENUE	38 00 17 1 004 003.000	N R L L EAST LLC
52. 514 RIDGE AVENUE	38 00 17 1 003 028.000	LIBRA HOME SOLUTIONS LLC (R/S W DEED)
53. 2300 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 1 010 004.015	MCNAIR NATHANIEL (D) & ERNESTINE
54. 1701 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 3 007 003.000	WALKER SCOTT & TAMMY LYNN
55. 1622 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 3 019 016.000	THOMAS NOE PROPERTIES LLC
56. 1031 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 15 2 015 011.000	HORN KIMBERLY D
57. 1023 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 15 2 015 012.000	HORN KIMBERLY D
58. 704 AVENUE H	38 00 15 3 005 009.000	TEJADA MIGUEL
59. 2510 5 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 3 009 007.000	BESSEMER REDEVELOPMENT CORP
60. 2101 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 10 4 001 003.000	ZAGRONI LOISE RAFAEL CASTILLO (BEST PRICE W DEED)
61. 901 6 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 021 008.000	FODE KEVIN M
62. 917 6 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 3 021 004.000	ALLEN JOHNNIE
63. 619 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 008 006.000	WILLIAMS JEFFREY EDWARD SR
64. 715 12 TH STREET NORTH	38 00 09 3 009 005.000	STANTON VELETRIA
65. 1318 8 TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 09 2 033 011.000	FLUKER GLENDA JEAN EXTRX
66. 1047 POSEY AVENUE	38 00 17 2 008 004.000	OAKLAND VISTA LLC
67. 334 GLORIA COURT	38 00 17 2 008 002.000	CAIN ROCILE HEIRS OF
68. 1118 FANCHER STREET	38 00 17 2 002 014.000	GLOVER WILLIE P & MATTIE JEAN
69. 1025 SAUNDERS DRIVE	38 00 08 3 011 016.000	HOWARD PATRICIA R
70. 1029 SAUNDERS DRIVE	38 00 08 3 011 015.000	JONES HARLAN C
71. 1024 SAUNDERS DRIVE	38 00 08 3 011 005.000	HUNTER MELVIN
72. 1036 SAUNDERS DRIVE	38 00 08 3 011 001.005	TAYLOR LARRY E HEIRS OF
73. 1360 DEWANNA LANE	38 00 08 3 011 001.004	PRATHER SANDRA HEIRS OF
74. 1348 DEWANNA LANE	38 00 08 3 011 001.002	FLOWERS INELL & JOSEPH
75. 1336 DEWANNA LANE	38 00 08 3 011 001.001	PHILLIPS RONALD C & CHERONDA D

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper stated that there were 75 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 Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#8: Election Resolution and Certificate of Election – Chester W. Porter.

RESOLUTION NO. 1032-26

**RESOLUTION DECLARING CHESTER W. PORTER DULY ELECTED TO THE
OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER,
ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state having Mayor-Council form of Government; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code (1975) prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person; and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor as required by Section 11-46-26, has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of City Council, District 2 prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Chester W. Porter.

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:

1. That Chester W. Porter be and is hereby declared duly elected to the office of City Council, District 2, in the City of Bessemer, Alabama for the office commencing on the first Monday in November 2026.
2. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Chester W. Porter for the office of City Council, District 2, for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

City Attorney Aaron Killings read the resolution on behalf of Bessemer Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley declaring Chester W. Porter duly elected to the office of City Council Member for District 2 in the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#9: Election Resolution and Certificate of Election – Samuel V. Morris.

RESOLUTION NO. 1033-26

RESOLUTION DECLARING SAMUEL VAUGHN MORRIS DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4 IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state having Mayor-Council form of Government; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code (1975) prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person; and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor as required by Section 11-46-26, has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Board of Education District 4 prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Samuel Vaughn Morris.

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:

3. That Samuel Vaughn Morris be and is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Board of Education, District 4, in the City of Bessemer, Alabama for the office commencing on the first Monday in November 2026.
2. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Samuel Vaughn Morris for the office of Board of Education, District 4, for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.
4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

City Attorney Aaron Killings read the resolution on behalf of Bessemer Mayor

Kenneth E. Gulley declaring Samuel V. Morris duly elected to the office of Board of Education District 4 in the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#10: Election Resolution and Certificate of Election – Tasha Scott.

RESOLUTION NO. 1034-26

RESOLUTION DECLARING TASHA WYNN-SCOTT DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 3 IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state having Mayor-Council form of Government; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code (1975) prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code (1975), as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the

deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person; and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor as required by Section 11-46-26, has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Board of Education District 3 prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Tasha Wynn-Scott.

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:

5. That Tasha Wynn-Scott be and is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Board of Education, District 3, in the City of Bessemer, Alabama for the office commencing on the first Monday in November 2026.
2. That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer be and he hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Tasha Wynn-Scott for the office of Board of Education, District 3, for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.
6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.
ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

City Attorney Aaron Killings read the resolution on behalf of Bessemer Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley declaring Tasha Wynn-Scott duly elected to the office of Board of Education District 3 in the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilors King and Person seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: Councilor Chester W. Porter. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#11: An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 3652.

ORDINANCE NO. 3702

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3652 OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, BY AMENDING SECTION FOURTEEN (b) TO ADD SUBSECTION (4) REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, that Ordinance Number 3652 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment. Ordinance No. 3652, Section Fourteen (b), is hereby amended to add a new subsection (4), which shall read as follows:

(4) The public comment portion of City Council meetings is intended to receive comments regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Campaign speeches, electioneering, solicitation of votes or campaign contributions, and the distribution of campaign materials are prohibited during City Council meetings. This restriction shall apply equally to all candidates for public office and shall be administered in a reasonable, viewpoint-neutral manner consistent with applicable federal and state law governing limited public forums.

SECTION 2. Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Ordinance No. 3652 establishes the procedures for conducting city council meetings. He explained that Section 14(b) would be amended to add subsection (4) addressing the public comment portion of meetings, which is intended to address matters within the jurisdiction of the city council. He noted that campaign speeches, electioneering, the distribution of campaign materials, and the solicitation of votes by candidates would be prohibited during the public comment period.

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

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#12: A Resolution approving Video and Audio Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 1035-26

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF BESSEMER VIDEO AND AUDIO SURVEILLANCE POLICY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe, secure, and efficient workplace for municipal employees, elected officials, contractors, volunteers, visitors, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates numerous public facilities, vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure requiring protection from theft, vandalism, workplace violence, misconduct, unauthorized access, and other threats; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the use of video and audio surveillance systems serves a valid public purpose by enhancing public safety, protecting public property, assisting in investigations, improving operational efficiency, reducing liability exposure, and preserving evidence relating to personnel matters, claims, litigation, and criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed City of Bessemer Video and Audio Surveillance Policy and finds that adoption of the Policy is in the best interests of the City and its citizens;

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

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF POLICY.

The City of Bessemer Video and Audio Surveillance Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted as an official policy of the City of Bessemer, Alabama.

SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTATION.

The Mayor, Department Heads, and all other appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to implement and administer the Policy and establish procedures necessary for its enforcement. This policy shall become part of the new hire employee package.

SECTION 3. EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

All City employees shall receive a copy of the Policy and shall be required to execute an Employee Acknowledgment Form confirming receipt and understanding of the Policy. Failure or refusal to sign the acknowledgment shall not exempt any employee from compliance with the Policy.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC PURPOSE.

The City Council expressly finds and determines that the installation, operation, and maintenance of video and audio surveillance systems constitute expenditures and activities serving a valid and lawful public purpose by promoting public safety, protecting public assets, reducing governmental liability, supporting law enforcement and administrative investigations, and improving municipal operations.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that many departments within the city limits utilize video and surveillance cameras. He explained that currently the city does not have a policy in place to govern the use of surveillance cameras within the municipality to protect staff and

the public. He noted that the Bessemer Police Department would be exempt from the policy due to the confidential nature of its investigative processes and related materials.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#13: A resolution appropriating discretionary funds to Bessemer Board of Education – Councilwoman Sarah Person.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1036-26

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT THREE (3)
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 Sarah Person has requested that the City appropriate funds in the total amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1500.00) from District Three (3) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-23-527067 to Bessemer Board of Education earmarked for Bessemer City High School football team; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having considered the request, hereby determines that providing support to Bessemer City High School football team serves a public purpose in that it promotes public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and as such serves a public purpose; 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 approves the expenditure of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) from District Three (3) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-23-527067 to Bessemer Board of Education earmarked for Bessemer City High School football team.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Person requested that \$1,500 from her discretionary funds be allocated to the Bessemer Board of Education to support the Bessemer City High School football team.

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

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#14: A resolution appropriating discretionary funds to Bessemer Housing Authority – Councilwoman Sarah Person.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1037-26

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT THREE (3)
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; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Sarah Person has requested that the City appropriate funds in the total amount of Five Hundred Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$500.00) from District Three (3) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-23-527067 to Bessemer Housing Authority to support their back-to- school initiative for students in District three (3); and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having considered the request, hereby determines that providing support to Bessemer Housing Authority to support their back-to-school initiative for students serves a public purpose in that it promotes public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and as such serves a public purpose; 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 approves the expenditure of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from District Three (3) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-23-527067 Bessemer Housing Authority to support their back-to-school initiative for students, payable to the Housing Authority.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Person requested that \$500 from her discretionary funds be allocated to the Bessemer Housing Authority to support their back-to-school initiative in District 3.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#15: A resolution appropriating discretionary funds Back-to-School Event – Councilwoman Sarah Person.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1038-26

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM DISTRICT THREE (3)
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; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Sarah Person has requested that the City appropriate funds in the total amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$1500.00) from District Three (3) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-23-527067 to support District Three’s (3) back-to- school initiative as part of the City of Bessemer’s National Night Out event and supporting Charles F. Hard and Bessemer City Middle Schools; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having considered the request, hereby determines that providing support to District Three’s (3) back-to-school initiative as part of the City of Bessemer’s National Night Out event and supporting Charles F. Hard and Bessemer City Middle Schools; back-to-school initiative for students serves a public purpose in that it promotes public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and as such serves a public purpose; 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 approves the expenditure of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) from District Three (3) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-23-527067 in support of District Three’s back-to-school initiative for students. Said funds shall be reimbursed upon sufficient proof of purchases.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Person requested that \$1,500 from her discretionary funds be allocated to support the Bessemer Police Department's National Night Out event and the students at Charles F. Hard Elementary School and Bessemer City Middle School.

Councilor King 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, Cleophus King, 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 authorizing the use of K.E.G Recreation Center – Councilman – Cleophus King.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1039-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE EXTERIOR GROUNDS OF BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER FOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY

WHEREAS, Counselor Cleophus King plans to host a back-to-school rally on August 1, 2026 Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and requests the use of the exterior grounds of 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, finds that a back-to-school rally 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 and, as such, serves a public purpose.

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

1. That the back-to-school rally serves a valid and sufficient public purpose and hereby authorizes the use of the exterior grounds of the Recreation Center between the hours 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2026.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor King requested the use of the exterior grounds of the Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center, free of charge, to host a back-to-school rally on August 1, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 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, Cleophus King, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#17: Jefferson County use of the Civic Center for poll worker training for the election on August 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1040-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER BY JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, FOR POLL WORKER TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR THE AUGUST 11, 2026 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, Section 94.01 of Amendment 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 permits municipalities to expend public resources and provide things of value when the governing body determines that such action serves a valid and sufficient public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Probate Court-Elections Division is responsible for conducting elections and providing training for poll workers serving Jefferson County citizens and has requested the use of the Bessemer Civic Center on **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**, starting at 10:00 a.m. for poll worker training related to the **August 11, 2026, Special Primary Election**; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that permitting Jefferson County Probate-Elections Division to use the Bessemer Civic Center without charge benefits the citizens of the City of Bessemer and Jefferson County by promoting the efficient and effective administration of elections and serves a valid and sufficient public purpose by supporting the administration of elections, promoting the

efficient operation of polling places, enhancing voter access, and benefiting the citizens of the City of Bessemer and Jefferson County.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes Jefferson County, Alabama, acting through the Probate Court-Elections Division, to utilize the Bessemer Civic Center without charge on **August 5, 2026**, for the purpose of conducting poll worker training in preparation for the August 11, 2026 Special Primary Election.

Section 2. The Mayor, City Clerk, and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Jefferson County has requested the use of a meeting room at the Bessemer Civic Center to conduct a poll worker training class on August 5, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in preparation for the Special Primary Election on August 11, 2026.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#18: Approve to use of Bessemer Civic Center for the Employee's Appreciation Day on August 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1041-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER AT NO COST FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A BESSEMER CITY EMPLOYEES APPRECIATION DAY ON AUGUST 17, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bessemer recognize the dedicated service, commitment, and contributions of the employees of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of its employees through the hosting of a Bessemer City Employees Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Civic Center is an appropriate venue for such an event and its use will promote employee morale, teamwork, and appreciation among the City's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that authorizing the use of the Bessemer Civic Center for this municipal purpose serves a valid public purpose and is in the best interest of the City of Bessemer.

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

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes the use of the Bessemer Civic Center on Monday, August 17, 2026, between the hours of 11:00 am until 4:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a Bessemer City Employees Appreciation Day event. The rental fee and facility usage charges customarily associated with the use of the Bessemer Civic Center are hereby waived for this event.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of July 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the city is requesting the use the of Bessemer Civic Center at no cost to host a City of Bessemer Employee Appreciation Day on August 17, 2026.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#18A: Authorizing the rescheduling of the August 4, 2026, City Council meeting.

Councilor Collier stated that the next city council meeting, scheduled for August 4, 2026, coincides with the Bessemer Police Department's National Night Out event. He asked the council to consider rescheduling the meeting to August 11, 2026, immediately following the Planning Session.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#19: Council member's comments, statements or motions.

Councilor Porter announced that he, School Board President Terry Dawson, School Board Member Lee Jones, and Councilor Sarah B. Person will host a Prayer and Worship event on August 22, 2026, on the steps of Bessemer City Hall open to the public.

Councilor Collier announced that District 1 will host its annual backpack giveaway at Fountain of Life Church on August 1, 2026, for students throughout the City of Bessemer.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#20: Citizen's Participation:

Dewayne Thompson, 808 Canterbury Drive, stated that he owns a business located at 1200 Hall Avenue and expressed his appreciation for the support he has received since relocating to Bessemer. Mr. Thompson stated that he was not notified of the road closure for the Southern Soul Festival, which resulted in a loss of revenue for his business.

Attorney Killings apologized on behalf of the city for the failure to notify Mr. Thompson of the street closure and the resulting loss of revenue. He advised Mr. Thompson to contact the Councilor representing the district where his business is located and to communicate with the city regarding any future concerns.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presents Item#21: Motion to Adjourn.

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

**Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk**

Presiding Officer