CITY COUNCIL OF THE **August 11, 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, August 11, 2026, at 10:00 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 Sarah B. Person.

Upon roll call, the following council members were found to be present; Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Teco Stephens, Sarah B. Person, Donna Thigpen, Chester W. Porter, and Jarvis Collier. Absent: Councilor Cleophus King. 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 21, 2026, meeting were presented to the Council by City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor.

Councilor Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, Teco Stephens, 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. Mayor Gulley extended condolences to the Marshall family and former Bessemer City Councilman Ronald Marshall following the recent passing of his wife, Mrs. Mary Marshall. Mayor Gulley announced that the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 35th Annual Evening of Honor on August 13, 2026, at the Bessemer Civic Center from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Gulley invited everyone to support the Bessemer Build Scholarship Fund at Bessemer City High School on August 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in collaboration with QTS, Miles College, Stillman College, and Lawson State

College. He explained that the scholarship program will begin in 2027 and that the program will provide every graduate for the next four years $10,000 to attend one of the participating institutions.

Councilor Jackson thanked New Life Foundation Ministries and Ms. Theresa Thomas for hosting the Political Forum for the upcoming 2026 Bessemer Municipal Election on Sunday, August 9, 2026.

Ms. Theresa Thomas expressed her gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the political forum. She stated that the goal of New Life Foundation Ministries is to educate and inform citizens and encourage them to actively participate in the voting process.

Mayor Gulley stated that, due to prior commitments, he was unable to attend the forum but expressed his appreciation for their continued support of the City of Bessemer.

Councilor Collier stated that, due to a planned family celebration, he was unable to attend the event.

Councilor Porter commended Ms. Thomas for all that she and her church have done for the City of Bessemer. He also invited everyone to attend the Prayer and Worship event on August 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. on the steps of the Bessemer City Hall. The event will be hosted by Councilor Porter, School Board President Terry Dawson, School Board Member Lee Jones, and Councilor Sarah B. Person.

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

WNR 8/11/26
STATUS UPDATE REPORT

PROPOSED HEARING DATE: TUESDAY, 9/15/26 AT 9:00 A.M.

PROPERTY LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)
1. 2900 11TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 04 1 007 012.000	MOORING TAX ASSET GROUP LLC
2. 1003 14TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 08 1 031 008.000	CHEAP LANDS INC (BEST PRICE W DEED)
3. 3020 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 015 008.000	WRIGHT JAMES
4. 3006 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 015 007.000	WRIGHT JAMES E (R/S)
5. 3025 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 016 003.000	FULLER YVONNE & CORNELIUS
6. 3100 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 009.000	JACKSON BRIAN S
7. 3102 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 010.000	TINOCO ISIDRO GARCIA
8. 3114 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 012.000	BRYANT ARTHUR LEE HEIRS OF

9. 3118 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 013.000	WILSON ANNETTE E
10. 630 32ND STREET NORTH	38 00 03 2 007 001.000	LITTLE DELOIS MAE (A)
11. 3126 7TH AVENUE NORTH	38 00 03 2 008 016.000	WITHERSPOON KATESSHA
12. 2214 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 007 004.000	WELLS LAKITA D (D)
13. 2216 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 007 005.000	GREEN RUBY LEE, DELANEY ORA L & POWELL LOUIS CLARK
14. 2218 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 007 006.000	GREEN RUBY LEE & DELANEY ORA L
15. 2217 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 013.000	BRYANT WILLIAM JR
16. 2221 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 019.000	BRUNSON DENISE SHIPMAN
17. 2225 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 018.000	BRUNSON DENISE SHIPMAN
18. 2229 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 017.000	BRUNSON DENIS SHIPMAN
19. 2233 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 016.000	BRUNSON DENISE SHIPMAN
20. 2237 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 015.000	BRUNSON DENISE SHIPMAN
21. 2241 15TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 3 004 014.000	BRUNSON DENISE SHIPMAN
22. 3116 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 022 017.000	GUY HENRY & DELOIS H
23. 3201 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 010 007.000	BAEZ OSCAR
24. 3210 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 009 013.000	WASHINGTON OTIS
25. 3212 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 009 012.000	CRUMPTON ROSHALINA (R/S)
26. 3301 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 005 008.000	FILES MELVIN RAY
27. 3312 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 006 008.000	MAYFIELD-HOWE HUBERTA
28. 3319 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 005 004.000	FORT GLADYS HEIRS OF
29. 3214 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 012 008.000	MCALPINE REBECCA
30. 3216 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 010 013.000	FRANKLIN PATSY
31. 3218 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 012 007.000	GIBSON WILMA MAE
32. 3220 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 012 006.000	GIBSON WILMA
33. 3222 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 012 005.000	BRACY BEN
34. 3228 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 012 001.000	WATFROD IRENE
35. 610 33RD STREET SOUTH	38 00 02 3 012 015.000	JONES LUTHER
36. 3301 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 007.000	HOWE JOHN W
37. 3307 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 005.001	BYRD DANIEL D
38. 3309 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 005.000	BYRD DANIEL D
39. 3315 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 004.000	SCOTT PATRICK EDWARD
40. 3321 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 003.000	SCOTT PATRICK E & BOBBIE L
41. 3323 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 002.000	WHITE GWENDOLY B
42. 3331 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 004 001.000	TYNER LELA HEIRS OF
43. 3031 CAROLINA AVENUE	38 00 03 4 005 001.000	CARTER LUCY
44. 3009 CAROLINA AVENUE	38 00 03 4 005 004.001	KING RAY ANTHONY
45. 3003 CAROLINA AVENUE	38 00 03 4 005 007.000	BRICKYARD HILL CHURCH OF GOD
46. 2901 CAROLINA AVENUE	38 00 03 4 016 007.000	ESTER WILLIE W & GRACE L HEIRS
47. 231 32ND STREET SOUTH	38 00 03 4 001 002.000	FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT HEIRS OF
48. 315 32ND STREET SOUTH	38 00 02 3 008 013.000	WRIGHT JOSEPH LEE
49. 3200 DARTMOUTH AVENUE	38 00 02 3 008 015.000	HILL LISA
50. 3204 DARTMOUTH AVENUE	38 00 02 3 008 016.000	BROOM CURTIS JR
51. 3214 DARTMOUTH AVENUE	38 00 02 3 008 017.000	DAVIS WILLIE
52. 3100 PATTON COURT	38 00 03 4 002 009.000	CARPENTER EDWARD
53. 3110 PATTON COURT	38 00 03 4 002 013.000	TANG SHU NAY
54. 1515 11TH STREET NORTH	38 00 08 1 034 004.000	BOYD GEORGE H JR
55. 239 JEFFERSON AVENUE	38 00 16 4 022 006.000	CARGER TIJUANA
56. 214 2ND AVENUE EAST	38 00 16 4 035 007.000	BYRON LINDA L
57. 210 2ND AVENUE EAST	38 00 16 4 035 008.000	JACKSON JUANITA
58. 208 2ND AVENUE EAST	38 00 16 4 035 008.001	REALTY RHYTHMS & PRESERVATION LL
59. 213 2ND AVENUE EAST	38 00 16 4 037 001.000	THOMAS VALLIE III & ANGELA VANIECE (TRUSTEE)
60. 219 2ND AVENUE EAST	38 00 16 4 037 002.000	DIAL IDELLA T EXTRX

Sanitation and Ordinance Inspector Aleria Harper stated that there were 60 properties that were out of code and requested that the hearing date be set for September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the hearing date. Councilors Stephens and Person seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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: Resolution authorizing participation in Act 2026-608 Retiree Benefits.

RESOLUTION NO. 1105-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, ELECTING TO COME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2 OF ACT 2026-608 OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE AND PROVIDING FOR A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES

WHEREAS, Act 2026-608 of the Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature authorizes participating local units of government to provide a one-time lump sum longevity payment to eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees through the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer desires to recognize and honor the dedicated service of its retired employees and eligible beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer participates in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama and is authorized to elect coverage under Section 2 of Act 2026-608;

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2 of Act 2026-608 of the Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, the City of Bessemer hereby elects to come under the provisions of said Act 2026-608.

Section 2. The City of Bessemer agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment authorized by Act 2026-608 for eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Bessemer.

Section 3. The one-time lump sum payment shall be distributed in accordance with Act 2026-608 and the policies and procedures established by the Retirement Systems of Alabama.

Section 4. The Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director, and such other officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution and transmit the City's election to the Retirement Systems of Alabama.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the City Council members have agreed to participate in Act 2026-608, which provides a one-time lump-sum payment to eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees through the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama (RSA).

Councilor Porter asked how soon retirees would receive their lump-sum payments.

Mayor Gulley stated that the allocated funds must be sent to RSA by August 31, 2026, after which RSA will distribute the funds to the retirees.

Mayor Gulley yielded his time to recognize the retirees present at the Bessemer City Council meeting.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Porter seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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: Resolution approving discretionary fund expenditures – Council Donna Thigpen.

RESOLUTION NO. 1106-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM DISTRICT FOUR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO SUPPORT HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT, AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BENEFITING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER

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, Councilwoman Donna Thigpen, District Four (4), has requested that the City appropriate funds from District Four (4) Discretionary Fund Account Line-Item No. 001-10000-024-527067 to organizations that provide services and programs benefiting the residents of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Hall of History promotes the preservation and public appreciation of the history and heritage of the City of Bessemer through educational exhibits, programs, and community engagement activities; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Elementary School provides educational and enrichment opportunities that support student achievement, youth development, and the welfare of children within the community; and

WHEREAS, Grace Klein Ministries, located at 2701 Morgan Road, Bessemer, Alabama 35022, provides charitable, food assistance, outreach, and volunteer programs that assist individuals and families in need and improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that providing support to the Bessemer Hall of History, Greenwood Elementary School, and Grace Klein Ministries serves a public purpose in that each organization promotes public education, historical preservation, civic engagement, community welfare, and charitable assistance for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds and determines that such support promotes public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a valid public purpose.

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

SECTION 1.

The City Council hereby authorizes the appropriation of funds from District Four (4) Discretionary Fund Account Line-Item No. 001-10000-024-527067 as follows:

Bessemer Hall of History - $2,500.00

Greenwood Elementary School - $2,500.00

Grace Klein Ministries (2701 Morgan Road, Bessemer, AL 35022) - $2,000.00

Total Appropriation - $7,000.00

SECTION 2.

The foregoing appropriations are made for the public purposes of supporting historical preservation, educational enrichment, community development, and charitable assistance programs that benefit the citizens of the City of Bessemer.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor Thigpen has requested to allocate $2,500 to the Bessemer Hall of History, $2,500 to Greenwood Elementary School, and $2,000 to Grace Klein Ministries from her discretionary funds.

Councilor Stephens made a motion to approve the item. Councilors Person and Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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: Resolution ratifying discretionary fund expenditures – Councilor Cleophus King.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1107-26

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM COUNCILOR CLEO KING DISTRICT SEVEN (7) DISCRESIONARY FUND BUDGET LINE ITEM

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama appropriated funds in its fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for use in each council district. Councilor Cleophus King has requested that the City of Bessemer appropriate funds from District Seven (7) Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-027-527067 for the purpose of purchasing school supplies which were issued to Bessemer area student; and

WHEREAS, Councilor King purchased book bags and school supplies that were distributed to Bessemer area students during the City's National Night Out Event, a community engagement activity intended to strengthen relationships between residents, public officials, and community organizations; and requests the city council to ratify the expenditure and appropriate One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) from his Discretionary Fund line-item number 001-10000-027-527067 as reimbursement for the expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that the appropriation and expenditure of municipal funds for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and supporting National Night Out 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; 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 finds and determines that the expenditure of municipal funds to purchasing school supplies and supporting National Night Out serves a valid and sufficient public purpose in that it has for its objective the promotion of public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose
2. The Council hereby ratifies and approves the expenditure of funds up to One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) from district Seven (7) budget line item # 001-10000-027-527067 for use as herein stated.
3. That documentation of all expenditures up to One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) is required prior to reimbursement.

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 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Councilor King has requested that $1,000 be ratified from his discretionary funds for the purchase of back-to-school supplies for Bessemer students at National Night Out.

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

Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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#10: Resolution approving SEEDS Act application.

RESOLUTION NO. 1108-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ALABAMA SEEDS SITE ASSESSMENT GRANT IN SUPPORT OF THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 125± ACRES FOR THE EXPANSION OF BESSEMER NATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMITTING THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama owns Bessemer National Airport, a public-use aviation facility and important economic development asset serving the City of Bessemer and the surrounding region;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the continued growth and long-term viability of Bessemer National Airport require strategic planning and preservation of opportunities for future airport expansion and aviation-related economic development;

WHEREAS, approximately 125± acres of land have been identified for potential future acquisition to facilitate airport expansion, enhance operational capabilities, support economic development, and accommodate future aviation and industrial growth;

WHEREAS, the Alabama SEEDS Program provides funding opportunities that support economic and industrial development projects throughout the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Alabama SEEDS Site Assessment Grant Program provides funding for land acquisition due diligence activities necessary to evaluate property proposed for future acquisition and development;

WHEREAS, the proposed SEEDS Site Assessment Grant will fund due diligence and site assessment activities related to the potential acquisition of approximately 125± acres for the future expansion of Bessemer National Airport, including appraisals, environmental assessments, surveys, title work, engineering evaluations, geotechnical investigations, and other related studies;

WHEREAS, completion of such due diligence activities is necessary to support future applications for Alabama SEEDS land acquisition grants and other funding opportunities that may assist the City in acquiring the property;

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer desires to apply for a SEEDS Site Assessment Grant in the amount of $238,590.00, requiring a local matching contribution of $119,295.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that submission of the grant application and completion of the proposed site assessment and due diligence activities serve a valid public purpose and are in the best interests of the City of Bessemer and its citizens.

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

1. The City Council hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Alabama SEEDS Program for a Site Assessment Grant in the amount of $238,590.00 to fund due diligence and site assessment activities associated with the potential acquisition of approximately 125± acres for the future expansion of Bessemer Municipal Airport. The City Council hereby commits to providing the required local matching funds in the amount of $119,295.00, contingent upon grant award.

2. The City Council recognizes that the purpose of this grant application is to conduct the evaluations and due diligence necessary to determine the feasibility and suitability of acquiring the subject property and to support future applications for SEEDS land acquisition funding and related economic development funding opportunities.

3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit all applications, certifications, agreements, assurances, and related documents necessary to apply for, accept, and administer the Alabama SEEDS Site Assessment Grant and to take all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

4. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as obligating the City to acquire the subject property unless and until such acquisition is separately approved by the City in accordance with applicable law.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the Bessemer National Airport has identified approximately 125 acres of land for potential future expansion and growth. He explained that the SEEDS Act program provides funding to support economic and industrial development throughout the State of Alabama. He noted that the city has applied for a grant in the amount of $238,590 and that, if awarded, the grant would require a 50 percent match of $119,295.

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, 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 approving an agreement with EEFS for improvements at Frank House Gold Course.

RESOLUTION NO. 1109-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BESSEMER AND ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL & FORESTRY SERVICES COMPANY, P.C. FOR THE FRANK HOUSE GOLF COURSE DRIVING RANGE NETTING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer has determined that improvements are needed at the Frank House Golf Course, including the design, bidding, construction administration, and inspection services associated with the Driving Range Netting Project; and

WHEREAS, Engineering, Environmental & Forestry Services Company, P.C. ("EEFS Company, P.C.") has represented that it possesses the professional qualifications, experience, and personnel necessary to perform the required engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Bessemer to engage EEFS Company, P.C. to provide engineering services for the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Engineering Agreement provides for:

1. **Phase 1 – Design-Build Plan Preparation, Specifications, and Bid Procurement Services** for a fee of **Eighteen Thousand Dollars ($18,000.00)**; and
2. **Phase 2 – Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) Services** for a fee equal to **ten percent (10.0%) of the construction contract amount**; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Agreement further provides the terms and conditions governing the performance of services, payment, insurance requirements, termination rights, and related matters.

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

Section 1. The Engineering Agreement between the City of Bessemer and Engineering, Environmental & Forestry Services Company, P.C. for engineering services associated with the Frank House Golf Course Driving Range Netting Project is hereby approved in substantially the form presented to the City Council.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Engineering Agreement and any related documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Frank House Golf Course are constructing a driving range, which will require netting. He noted that EEFS has proposed to provide services, including construction engineering, inspection, and bid preparation for the project.

City Engineer Daniel Mayfield stated that, last year, the council approved improvements for the golf course and that the next step is to add netting to protect visitors.

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

Mr. Mayfield stated that the project should take approximately three months after approval.

Councilor Person made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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#12: Resolution accepting and agreeing to match a donation from Malik Temple for Bessemer Youth Football.

RESOLUTION NO. 1110-26

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM MALIK TEMPLE #270 FOR THE BESSEMER YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND AUTHORIZING A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION BY THE CITY OF BESSEMER

WHEREAS, the Bessemer Youth Football League provides valuable recreational opportunities and promotes discipline, teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and character development among the youth of the City of Bessemer; and

WHEREAS, Malik Temple #270 has expressed its desire to continue its partnership with the Bessemer Youth Football League by sponsoring ten (10) youth participants through a contribution of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) toward registration fees for children from families with financial need; and

WHEREAS, Malik Temple #270 has requested that the City of Bessemer match its contribution, consistent with the partnership established during the previous football season, to provide the remaining registration assistance necessary for ten (10) youth participants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that accepting this donation and providing a matching contribution will further the public purpose of promoting youth recreation and expanding access to athletic programs for children who might otherwise be unable to participate due to financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept the donation from Malik Temple #270 and authorize a matching contribution in the amount of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) from available Recreation Department funds or other legally available funds.

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby accepts the donation of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) from Malik Temple #270 to be used for registration assistance for participants in the Bessemer Youth Football League.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes and approves a matching contribution by the City of Bessemer in the amount of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), subject to the availability of appropriated funds and compliance with applicable laws and City financial procedures.

Section 3. The donation and matching funds shall be administered through the Bessemer Recreation Department and used solely for the purpose of assisting eligible youth participants with registration fees for the Bessemer Youth Football League.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that Malik Temple No. 270 has offered a $1,000 donation to Bessemer Youth Football and has requested that the city match the donation.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the item. Councilor Stephens seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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: Bid Item: 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Custom Crew Cab.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that three sealed bids were received for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado. The first bid was submitted by Donohoo Chevrolet, located at 1000 Greenhill Boulevard Northwest, Fort Payne, Alabama 35967, in the amount of $55,444.50. The second bid was submitted by Lander McLarty Chevrolet, located at 4930 University Drive Northwest, Huntsville, Alabama 35816, in the amount of $52,591. The third bid was submitted by McSweeney Chevrolet GMC, located at 86 Peach Tower Road, Clayton, Alabama 35045, in the amount of $56,755.95.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to refer item to mayor's office for his recommendation. Councilor Person seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Carla F. Jackson, 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: Council member's comments, statements, or motions:

Councilor Porter stated that, at the recent political forum, misinformation was provided by an attendee regarding the lack of grocery stores in Bessemer. He explained that the City of Bessemer has seven grocery stores in total.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item #15: Citizens Participation:

William Stokes, 936 Monterey Drive, expressed concern regarding a property near Alabama Adventure where an establishment has overgrown weeds that are becoming a public nuisance.

Pastor Phil Youngduk, 2867 Regal Circle, stated that his church plans to host a Tabernacle Encounter at the Bessemer Civic Center on August 28, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will be free and open to the public. Pastor Youngduk asked the city to assist with inviting citizens to attend and inquired whether the city could assist with obtaining a discounted rate for use of the Civic Center.

Rhonda Scott, 504 7th Avenue North, thanked the Mayor and Council members for approving the disbursement of funds to the retirees.

Ralph Hodge, 3751 Parkwood Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the resolution to provide payments to retirees in recognition of their service.

Sherri Moody, 2817 10th Avenue North, stated that there are several lots in her neighborhood with overgrown weeds and she need assistance addressing the issue.

David Horn Sr., 604 Morningside Drive, stated that there is a three-foot manhole located near his property that presents a safety concern for his small child. He also noted that a meter reader is located in his garage near his vehicle and was told he has to file documentation to get it removed.

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presented Item#15A: 2026 Municipal Election Officers for Election held on August 25, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-26

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA ON AUGUST 25, 2026

WHEREAS, the municipal election for the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City"), will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, and, if necessary, a run-off election will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the following named individuals have agreed to serve as election officers for the respective polling locations designated herein:

DISTRICT 1 - BOX 01

Fire Administration Building- 1111 2nd Avenue North Bessemer, Al

Chief Inspector
Monica Mason
1021 1st Avenue North
Clerk
Markheta Mason
1021 1st Avenue North
Clerk
Cynthia Fitch
644 8th Avenue North
Clerk
Mikita Jones
1129 Barclay Drive

DISTRICT 2 - BOX 01

Macedonia Baptist Church- 1401 26th Street North Bessemer, AL

Chief Inspector
Beverly M. Benefield
2315 13th Court North

Clerk
Barbara Spencer
1725 24th Street North
Clerk
Ronald J. Spencer
1725 24th Street North
Clerk
Aretha Percy
1709 25th Street North
Clerk
Janiese Long
2501 12th Avenue North

DISTRICT 3 - BOX 01

Community Center, South Bessemer Housing Project- 2501 Clarendon Avenue Bessemer, AL

Chief Inspector
Terria Walker
3215 Berkley Avenue
Clerk
Sheronda Swan
417 16th Street North
Clerk
Lee Nelson
2916 Arlington Avenue
Clerk
Ernestine McNair
2300 Fairfax Avenue
Clerk
Natlyn Tucker
2300 Fairfax Avenue

DISTRICT 4 - BOX 01

The Station Church 6270 -Park South Drive Bessemer, AL

Chief Inspector
Christine M. Champion
2340 Quail Drive
Clerk
Cindy C. Stanley
2328 Quail Drive
Clerk
Lisa Sims
2180 Quail Drive
Clerk
Judy Moore
2231 Quail Drive

Clerk
Justin McNair
3400 Hilltop Road
Clerk
Vickie Garner
4001 Myrtle Circle

Clerk
Randy Champion
2340 Quail Drive
Alternate Clerk
Scott Stanley
2328 Quail Drive

DISTRICT 4 - BOX 02

Parkwood Church of God- 1975 Highway 150 Bessemer, AL

Chief Inspector
Charles M. Aldrich
4846 Aldrich Road
Clerk
Jane N. Aldrich
4846 Aldrich Road
Clerk
Glenda Goodwin
2628 Old Highway 150
Clerk
Rose Clum
2580 Walker Road
Clerk
Margaret A. Simmons
4843 Aldrich Road

DISTRICT 5 - BOX 01

Westhills Primary School -710 Glenn Road Bessemer Al

Chief Inspector
Sandra McQueen
713 Castlewood Drive
Clerk
Vincent E. Duncan
716 Castlewood Drive
Clerk
Vickie Ashford
808 Canterbury Drive
Clerk
Linda Ashford Williams
123 Woodland Road
Clerk
Dewayne Thompson
808 Canterbury Drive

DISTRICT 6 - BOX 01

Fire Station No. 4- 495 Flint Hill Road Bessemer, AL

Chief Inspector
Donnie Bennett
5274 Cedar Creek Lane
Clerk
Don Mason
5274 Cedar Creek Lane
Clerk
Curtis Levy
189 Royal Coach Circle

Clerk
Jerry Johnson
5381 Cedar Creek Way
Clerk
Henrietta Johnson
5381 Cedar Creek Way

DISTRICT 6 - BOX 02

Fire Station No. 5 -1709 Long 12th Street North Bessemer, Al

Chief Inspector
Shirley Garrett
2014 13th Way North
Clerk
Linda Means
2105 Long 14th Street
Clerk
Bettie J. Harris
3231 Long 14th Street
Clerk
Sarah Glass
2215 Long 14th Street
Clerk
Cassandra Sanders
2228 15th Street North

DISTRICT 7- BOX 1

THOMPSON MANOR- 1500 Exeter Avenue Bessemer, Al

Chief Inspector
Mildred Hoskins
1431 Clarendon Avenue
Clerk
Lorel Robinson
1538 Exeter Court
Clerk
Sandra Crenshaw
2012 Arlington Avenue

DISTRICT 7- BOX 2

BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER -100 14th Street South Bessemer, Al

Chief Inspector
Michael Cooper
315 Gladys Street
Clerk
Rolna Hill
400 Center Street
Clerk
Shequita Mason
902 Fairfax Avenue
Clerk
Patricia Studivant
806 Clarendon Avenue
Clerk
Suzanne Bryum
308 Ash Avenue
Clerk

Portia Strode
430 10th Street South

ABSENTEE ELECTION OFFICERS
Bessemer City Hall -1700 3rd Avenue North Bessemer, AL

Chief Inspector
Johnnye P. Lassiter
321 Lexington Boulevard
Clerk
Florianna Williams
906 Alabama Avenue
Clerk
Jerri Hunter
2609 11th Avenue North
Clerk
Andrea Kirk-Cook
649 Elm Street Southwest
Clerk
Jay Howton
1501 Berkley Avenue
Clerk
Carolyn Coleman
725 Gramor Drive
Clerk
Delores Byrd Smith
100 Alabama Avenue

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

Section 1. That the municipal election for the City of Bessemer, Alabama, shall be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, and, if necessary, a run-off election shall be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

Section 2. That the above-named individuals are hereby appointed to serve as election officers at the polling locations designated herein. Each Chief Inspector shall be compensated in the amount of **Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250.00)**, and all other appointed election officers shall be compensated in the amount of **Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00)** for service on election day.

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 11th day of August 2026.

Attorney Killings stated that the official election officers have been appointed to serve as poll workers and absentee workers for the upcoming 2026 Bessemer Municipal Election, to be held on August 25, 2026.

Councilors Collier and Stephens requested that their respective lists of poll workers be revised to reflect the correct workers.

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

City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor presents Item#16: Motion to Adjourn.

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

Wanda D. Taylor

City Clerk

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Presiding Officer