

Bessemer, Alabama

January 8, 2018

The Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama met in regular session in the Council's Chamber at the City Hall in said City on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Central Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jesse Matthews who was Chairman of the meeting. Upon roll call, the following Council members were found to be present: Councilors Kimberly Alexander, Jarvis Collier, Latricia Crusoe, Ron Marshall, Donna Thigpen, Cynthia Donald and Jesse Matthews Absent: None. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Councilor Cynthia Donald opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley wishes everyone a Happy New Year and welcomes everyone back from the holiday break. Mayor Gulley stated that he looks forward in servicing the citizens in 2019. Mayor Gulley stated that he's excited about the year 2019 and working with others to move the city forward.

Councilor Matthews stated that formal Birmingham Mayor Larry Langford passed away on today and offered up a moment of silence.

Councilor Crusoe stated that the Special Events Committee met to discuss matters in regard to the Living Legends Luncheon, which is scheduled for January 18, 2019.

Councilor Donald made a motion to place agenda item numbers 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 on the consent agenda. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Crusoe Marshall, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None: The motion carried.

The council consented to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 001-19**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE USE OF THE  
BESSEMER CIVIC CENTER, WITHOUT COST,  
BY THE BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
ON JANUARY 3, 2019 TO HOST ITS PROFESSIONAL**

**DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR FOR ITS EMPLOYEES AND  
SUPPORT STAFF AND DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE**

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**WHEREAS, the Bessemer School System desired to use the upper level of the Bessemer Civic Center, without charge, on January 3, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., to host a professional development seminar for its teachers and support staff;**

**WHEREAS, the request for the use of the Bessemer Civic Center came too late to be considered at a regular meeting of the governing body;**

**WHEREAS, Code of Alabama § 16-13-36 (1975) provides, “[a]ny appropriate local governing body is authorized at any meeting of said governing body in any calendar year to appropriate any funds it may deem proper and expedient out of the general funds of the governing body's treasury to local boards of education for the construction, repair, operation, maintenance and support of new or existing public schools within the jurisdiction of said governing body;**

**WHEREAS, Section 94.01 of the Alabama Constitution gives municipalities flexibility for expenditures that serve a "public purpose," provided expenditures are in "aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality";**

**WHEREAS, the Attorney General for the State of Alabama opined in Opinion No. 99-00155 to the Honorable Roger H. Bedford, Jr., dated April 1, 1999 “that municipalities may donate funds for schools attended by residents of the municipality;”**

**WHEREAS, the Bessemer School System operates within the City of Bessemer, Alabama and said school is attended primarily by residents of the City of Bessemer; and**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that the Bessemer School System’s use of the upper level of the Bessemer Civic Center, without charge, on January 3, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., to host a professional development seminar for its teachers and support staff, served a valid and sufficient public purpose in that it had for its objective the promotion of public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment, and the general welfare of the community and, as such, served a public purpose;**

**WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama desires to ratify the use of the Bessemer Civic Center, without charge, on January 3, 2019, by the Bessemer School System to host its professional development seminar for its teachers and support staff.**

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

- 1. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby ratifies the use of the upper level of the Bessemer Civic Center, without charge, on January 3, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., by the Bessemer School System to host a professional development seminar for its teachers and support staff, and declaring a public purpose.**
- 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.**

**ADOPTED this the 8th day of January, 2019.**

**Abatement of Properties**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Owner</b>
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| 1. 425 Woodward Road             | 38-17-4-6-12.0006 | Tracey Frankie L & Oceola T                              |
| 2. 309 21 <sup>st</sup> Street S | 38-10-2-1-6       | Gonzales Josefina Martinez &<br>Martinez David Alejandro |

The council consented to the use of the Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, January 10, 2019 to the JCDC for a meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 002-19**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND LETTING OF BID PROPOSALS FOR BESSEMER CDBG PAVING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama regarding competitive bidding, desires that the City Engineer develop minimum bid specifications for equipment, labor and materials for the Bessemer CDBG Paving and Sidewalk Improvements Project and that the same be advertised and distributed to qualified interested bidders;

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

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Engineer to prepare, advertise and distribute bid specifications to qualified, interested bidders for equipment, labor and materials for the CDBG Paving and Sidewalk Improvements Project.
2. That all bids received from qualified, interested bidders be analyzed by the Mayor and the City Engineer and returned to the City Council of the City of Bessemer for award and approval.
3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

**RESOLUTION NO. 003-19**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL & FORESTRY SERVICES COMPANY, PC FOR THE BESSEMER CDBG PAVING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") desires to obtain certain professional engineering services to be rendered for its Bessemer CDBG Paving and Sidewalk Improvements Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Engineering Environmental and Forestry Services Company, PC ("EEFS") has represented to the City that they have the academic and professional qualifications and personnel to render the necessary engineering services for the City's needs; and

WHEREAS, EEFS agrees to provide professional engineering services to the City for the Project as described in the Engineering Agreement (the "Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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 Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for engineering services with Engineering Environmental and Forestry Services Company, PC for the Bessemer CDBG Paving and Sidewalk Improvements Project, in substantial form as the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, said agreement to be in such a form satisfactory to the Mayor and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the Project specifications and this resolution.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of this resolution.
3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-19

A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE BESSEMER CONCORD LANDFILL  
PHASE II CLOSURE PROJECT TO THE LOWEST  
RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

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WHEREAS, Ronald R. Gilbert, City Engineer for the City of Bessemer ("City Engineer") prepared bids and specifications for the Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project in the City of Bessemer and the same having been advertised and distributed to interested bidders and the bids of interested bidders having been returned to the City Engineer in accordance with the bid package; and

WHEREAS, the bids were received and opened on December 20, 2018, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the bid solicitation; and

WHEREAS, eight (8) entities submitted bids and after analysis of said bids by the City Engineer, it was determined that the lowest responsible bid for the Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project was submitted by Tommy Beasley Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$94,645.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer presented his findings to the Mayor of the City of Bessemer on December 20, 2018, and the Mayor concurred with the City Engineer that Tommy Beasley Construction Company, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder and recommended that a contract for the Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project be awarded to Tommy Beasley Construction Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, acting upon the recommendation of the City Engineer and the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Bessemer now desires to award a contract to Tommy Beasley Construction Company, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder to perform the work described in the plans and specifications for the Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project as aforesaid.

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 governing body finds and determines that Tommy Beasley Construction Company, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder on the Bessemer

**Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project for the total sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$94,645.00).**

2. **That a contract is hereby awarded to Tommy Beasley Construction Company, Inc. for the Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project for the total sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$94,645.00), said contract to be in such a form satisfactory to the Mayor and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications and this resolution.**
3. **That the Mayor of the City of Bessemer shall be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract and other documents and to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of this resolution.**
4. **That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.**

**ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.**

**RESOLUTION NO.005-19**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL & FORESTRY SERVICES COMPANY, PC FOR THE BESSEMER CONCORD LANDFILL PHASE II CLOSURE PROJECT**

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**WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") desires to obtain certain professional engineering services to be rendered for its Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project (the "Project"); and**

**WHEREAS, Engineering Environmental and Forestry Services Company, PC ("EEFS") has represented to the City that they have the academic and professional qualifications and personnel to render the necessary engineering services for the City's needs; and**

**WHEREAS, EEFS agrees to provide professional engineering services to the City for the Project as described in the Engineering Agreement (the "Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A".**

**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 Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for engineering services with Engineering Environmental and Forestry Services Company, PC for the Bessemer Concord Landfill Phase II Closure Project, in substantial form as the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, for an amount not to exceed Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars (\$28,360.00), said agreement to be in such a form satisfactory to the Mayor and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the Project specifications and this resolution.**
2. **That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of this resolution.**
3. **That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.**

**ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.**

**RESOLUTION NO.006-19**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO  
EEFS COMPANY, P.C. CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer retained the engineering services of EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers, including the services of Ron Gilbert as City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted invoices for services rendered in the month of October, 2018 totaling the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight and 21/100 Dollars (\$38,448.21) herein attached as Exhibit "A", and the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama having reviewed the invoices have determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 25554 in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$2,722.48) for work performed on the Sidewalks on Various Streets Project job herein attached as Exhibit "B" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 25604 in the amount of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$3,873.22) for work performed at the Raimund Muscoda Landfill herein attached as Exhibit "C" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 25609 in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 79/100 Dollars (\$2,165.79) for work performed on the CDBG Projects herein attached as Exhibit "D" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 25610 in the amount of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four and 31/100 Dollars (\$12,324.31) for work performed on the Concord Landfill project herein attached as Exhibit "E" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, EEFS Company, P.C., has submitted Invoice No. 25630 in the amount of Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 25/100 Dollars (\$10,399.25) for work performed on the BP Funds – Bessemer City Council Special Projects herein attached as Exhibit "F" and the City Council having reviewed the invoices has determined that payment is in the public interest.

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 that the City Council hereby authorizes payment of the following listed invoices to EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers:

- a. October 2018 Invoices
- b. Invoice No. 25554
- c. Invoice No. 25604
- d. Invoice No. 25609
- e. Invoice No. 25610
- f. Invoice No. 25630

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

ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019.

Granted Extension

Address	Owner	Status
1. 408 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. North	Alexander, Louise U & King George C	Cut by Owner

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to abate the item and give an extension.

Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Collier, Crusoe Marshall, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None: Abstention: Councilor Alexander. The motion carried.

The following property was presented to the council for rezoning.

1629 Powder Plant Road.

Councilor Matthews announced a hearing to rezone property located at 1629 Powder Plant Road and no one appeared before the council.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the rezoning. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Crusoe Marshall, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None: The motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3585**

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3391 OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER ENTITLED "CITY OF BESSEMER ZONING ORDINANCE" PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING PLAN OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER," AND TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1.5 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3391, AS HERETOFORE ADOPTED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008, AND AS HERETOFORE AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Tina Walker, pursuant to Section 2.11 of Ordinance No. 3391, filed an application to re-zone property situated in the City of Bessemer, Alabama, described hereinafter in Section 1 of this Ordinance from A-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residential District for the entire property described herein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was scheduled and held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, on November 20, 2018, in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance No. 3391; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, considered the application for rezoning and issued a report to the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, in favor of re-zoning the property from A-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residential District for the entire property described herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer has found it necessary and desirable that the zoning of the hereinafter described parcel of property, as described in Section 1 below, be considered and has set a public hearing on said Ordinance for the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bessemer City Hall, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue N., Bessemer, Alabama and has directed the City Clerk to give notice thereof, as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. 3391 of said City, as heretofore adopted, as amended,

and the Zoning Map of said City of Bessemer, Alabama, be and the same hereby are amended as follows:

**Section 1.** That the following described parcels of real property located in the City of Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama, are the subject of the re-zoning application, to-wit:

See legal description on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein

**Section 2.** That from and after the enactment of this Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Bessemer and its approval by the Mayor, or its otherwise becoming a law, the uses and restrictions applicable to R-2, Single-Family Residential District, as set out in Ordinance No. 3391 of the City of Bessemer previously adopted and as heretofore amended and as further restricted by the provisions of paragraph 1 above, shall govern and control the uses made of and permitted on the property described in Section 1 hereof.

**Section 3.** That if any part, provision, or section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other parts, provisions or sections of this ordinance not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, or it's otherwise becoming a law.

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January. 2019.

The following property was presented to the council for rezoning.

177 McCalla Road.

Councilor Matthews announced a hearing to rezone property located at 1629

Powder Plant Road and no one appeared before the council.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to approve the rezoning. Councilor Donald

seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes:

Councilors Alexander, Collier, Crusoe, Marshall, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays:

None: The motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3586**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3391 OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER ENTITLED "CITY OF BESSEMER ZONING ORDINANCE" PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING PLAN OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER," AND TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1.5 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3391, AS HERETOFORE ADOPTED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008, AND AS HERETOFORE AMENDED.**

WHEREAS, Tina Walker, pursuant to Section 2.11 of Ordinance No. 3391, filed an application to re-zone property situated in the City of Bessemer, Alabama, described hereinafter in Section 1 of this Ordinance from A-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residential District for the entire property described herein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was scheduled and held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, on November 20, 2018, in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance No. 3391; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, considered the application for rezoning and issued a report to the City Council of the City of



Bessemer, Alabama, in favor of re-zoning the property from A-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residential District for the entire property described herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer has found it necessary and desirable that the zoning of the hereinafter described parcel of property, as described in Section 1 below, be considered and has set a public hearing on said Ordinance for the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bessemer City Hall, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue N., Bessemer, Alabama and has directed the City Clerk to give notice thereof, as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. 3391 of said City, as heretofore adopted, as amended, and the Zoning Map of said City of Bessemer, Alabama, be and the same hereby are amended as follows:

Section 1. That the following described parcels of real property located in the City of Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama, are the subject of the re-zoning application, to-wit:

See legal description on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein

Section 2. That from and after the enactment of this Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Bessemer and its approval by the Mayor, or its otherwise becoming a law, the uses and restrictions applicable to R-2, Single-Family Residential District, as set out in Ordinance No. 3391 of the City of Bessemer previously adopted and as heretofore amended and as further restricted by the provisions of paragraph 1 above, shall govern and control the uses made of and permitted on the property described in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That if any part, provision, or section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other parts, provisions or sections of this ordinance not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, or it's otherwise becoming a law.

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January. 2019.

The following properties were presented to the council for demolition.

1. 814 22<sup>nd</sup> Street N
2. 2919 Berkley Avenue
3. 642 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N
4. 3124 Fairfax Avenue
5. 1617 Berkley Avenue
6. 1615 Berkley Avenue
7. 1531 Arlington Avenue
8. 16 Martin Street
9. 640 McAdory Avenue
10. 1605 Berkley Avenue
11. 1100 19<sup>th</sup> Street N
12. 1405 25<sup>th</sup> Place N
13. 1110 19<sup>th</sup> Street N
14. 1625 Berkley Avenue
15. 3126 Fairfax Avenue

Ms. Carol Bamby 1605 Berkley Avenue stated that she purchased the property in December of 2017 and she has plans to restore the property. Ms. Bamby requested to have the demolition of the property postpone until she hears back from her contractor. Ms. Bamby stated that the contractor wants her to tear down the interior walls so that he can figure out what is needed. Ms. Bamby stated that she is waiting to hear from the contractor.

**Councilor Marshall made a motion to give a 30 day extension to 1605 Berkley Avenue. Councilor Crusoe seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Crusoe, Marshall, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None: The motion carried.**

**Mr. William Minor 1100 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 1110 19<sup>th</sup> Street stated that he is in favor of demolishing these two structures because a car hit it two week ago and it cost too much to repair it.**

**Councilor Marshall made a motion to demolish the 14 properties. Councilor Crusoe seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Crusoe, Marshall, Thigpen, Donald and Matthews. Nays: None: The motion carried.**

**Councilor Matthews announced citizen's participation and the following citizens appeared before the council.**

**Ms. Leslie Williams 10903 Center Drive Cottondale, Al stated that she booked her wedding at the Bessemer Civic Center for February 23, 2019. Ms. Williams stated that when she called back she was told that the date was already taken. Ms. Williams stated that she had a verbal agreement for that date. Ms. Williams stated that she wants someone to help her out with this situation because she has mailed out her wedding invitations. Ms. Williams stated that she has reached out to Civic Center Director Mr. Terry Dawson but hasn't been able to reach him.**

**Mr. Chester Porter asked everyone to pray for Mr. Silas Baldwin (City Council candidate for District 7). Mr. Porter stated that Mr. Baldwin's father (Dr. Joseph Baldwin) passed away and his funeral is tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Porter asked everyone to pray for District 2. Mr. Porter stated that they are experiencing some challenges at this time. Mr. Porter stated that the Bessemer police had to be called because of these challenges and he wants to thank them and other law enforcement agencies for their response in handling the matter.**

**Councilor Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Wanda D. Taylor  
City Clerk**