

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, October 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time. The meeting was called to order by Council President Cleophus King who was Chairman of the meeting. Upon roll call, the following Council members were found to be present: Councilors Cynthia Donald, Ron Marshall, Chester Porter, Donna Thigpen, David Vance, Jesse Matthews and Cleophus King. Absent: None. City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Ms. Veronica Perry opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley thanks Habitat for Humanity for partnering with the city of Bessemer for completing the construction of 10 hours on Thursday, October 11, 2016.

Mayor Gulley stated that as a result of this the city of Bessemer has ten new families.

Mayor Gulley stated that the 6th Annual Pink and Purple Parade will be Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Gulley stated that the Pink and Purple parade is a combination of Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence and he encourages everyone to come out and support them.

Mayor Gulley stated that Bessemer City High School will have their Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Gulley stated that he has a proclamation from the mayor's office recognizing October 14th 2018 through October 20th, 2018 as National Business Women Week.

Mayor Gulley stated that each year these ladies are recognized for being movers and shakers in the city of Bessemer. Mayor Gulley stated that these ladies are moving Bessemer in a positive direction and he presented them with a proclamation.

WHEREAS, October 14-2 has been set aside as National Business Women's Week for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the concept of National Business Women's Week originated with Emma Dot Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club from 1924 to 1927; and

WHEREAS, The first annual observance of National Business Women's Week was held April 15-22, 1928 when National President Lena Madesin Phillips opened the week with a national speech, stating that the purpose of the week was "to focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world"; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, National Business Women's Week was moved to the third full week of October and United States President Herbert Hoover was the first president to issue a letter recognizing National Business Women's Week and the contributions and achievements of working women; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Business Women's Week has helped to promote leadership roles and to increase opportunities for their advancement professionally and personally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Kenneth E. Gulley**, by the powers vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim that October 14-20, 2018 as **National Business Women's Week** in the city of Bessemer, Alabama.

Mrs. Latasha Williams (Director Chamber of Commerce) 212 7th Street South thanks Mayor Gulley for recognizing Business and Professional Women's Organization every year. Mrs. William stated that there are around 27 women that are a part of this organization. Mrs. Williams stated that Business and Professional Women's Organization is 99 years old and she thinks about all of the professional women that are in the city of Bessemer who has not joined the organization. Mrs. Williams stated they meet the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Williams stated that they should have more than 27 women that are movers and shakers in the city of Bessemer.

Mrs. Williams thanks Mayor Gulley for agreeing to participate in the Pink and Purple Parade and encouraged other elected officials to participate. Mrs. Williams stated that Bessemer is the only city in the state of Alabama that host a Pink and Purple Parade.

Councilor Porter thanks everyone who came out and supported the Fashion Show on Sunday October 14, 2018. Councilor Porter that stated they raised over \$800 for the Susan G. Komen Organization.

Councilor Marshall stated that the Habitat for Humanity project was a great afternoon and moving experience to see individuals becoming homeowners. Councilor Marshall stated that it was very emotional for him to see how proud the new homeowners were.

Councilor Matthews stated that he is the President of the National League of Municipalities and Ronnie Morris (mayor of Athens) is the Vice President, they had their 2018 Municipal Leadership Institute Graduation where the certified advance emeriti awards were given. Councilor Matthews stated that the topic was “community engagement” and they had a full day with a lot of information. Councilor Matthews stated that there is always something to learn at the Alabama League of Municipalities and its good job training. Councilor Matthews thanks Kenneth Smith and staff for hosting a great event.

Councilor Donald made a motion to place agenda items number 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on the consent agenda. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The council approved the minutes from September 4, 2018, the Reconvened meeting on September 4, 2015 and the Special Call meeting on September 28, 2018.

Report of Costs

	Address	Owner	Report of Cost
1.	2130 Exeter Avenue 3017 Dartmouth Avenue	Eatman Louise (A)	\$450.00
2.	Avenue 1905 Granville	Murphy Thomas L	\$299.00
3.	Avenue	Harris Marilyn P	\$549.00
4.	1905 Fairfax Avenue	Nixon Margaret I Auton	\$265.00
5.	709 26th Street North 2900 9th Avenue	Ellis Roosevelt (D)	\$350.00
6.	North 2819 11th Avenue	Wilson Lylia & Newman A	\$440.00
7.	North 2308 11th Avenue	Dun Robert L	\$250.00
8.	North 1700 Arlington Avenue	Edwards Sirarthur & Charity	\$259.00
9.	Avenue 825 5th Avenue	Scales Rebecca A	\$245.00
10.	North	Taylor Howard Heirs of	\$244.00
11.	2113 Fairfax Avenue	Greene Julia &	\$299.00
12.	2106 Fairfax Avenue	Scott Gregory L & Nancy	\$240.00
13.	616 18th Street South	Partain Milford D	\$273.00
14.	514 18th Street South 1604 Clarendon Avenue	Fuller Jay	\$239.00
15.	Avenue	Johnson Timmy	\$225.00

16.	1806 Berkley Avenue 1900 Clarendon Avenue	US Bank Cust/Sass Muni V Dtr Arceo Maria Sagrario Serrano & Manuel Ruiz Garcia	\$284.00 \$649.00
18.	614 24th Street North 1423 7th Avenue North	Johnson Ruth Heirs of C/O Patricia Levins (Daught/Heir) Square Grady	\$249.00 \$349.00
20.	4075 Farr Road	McClure F L	\$550.00
21.	3326 Long Avenue D 1508 Dartmouth Avenue	Franklin Willie Estate of Nationstar Reo Sub 1B LLC C/O Sutterlin Properties LLC	\$450.00 <u>\$289.00</u>
		Grand Total:	\$7,447.00

Weed Nuisances Set Hearing

November 20, 2018

	Address	Parcel ID	Owner
1.	624 3rd Avenue North	38-16-2-19-8	Lewis Callie B
2.	705 3rd Avenue North	38-16-2-11-6	Jackson Addie Heirs of
3.	707 3rd Avenue North	38-16-2-11-5	Williams Valerie (I/S)
4.	709 3rd Avenue North	38-16-2-11-4	Matthews Jeffrey C Jr
5.	727 3rd Avenue North	38-16-2-11-3	Wanda Ericksen Trust U/T/A
6.	143 Houston Drive	30-35-2-5-5	Riza Investments LLC (R/S)
7.	145 Houston Drive	30-35-2-5-6	A & V Ephraim LLC
8.	1035 13th Street North	38-9-2-23-24	Sims William
9.	3001 Exeter Avenue	38-2-3-25-3	ABCDE Enterprises LLC
10.	2926 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-35-17	Charles W Carter Jr
11.	2924 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-35-16	Jones Onetha Y
12.	2912 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-35-13	Smith Ralph D
13.	2908 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-35-12	Smith Alice
14.	616 30th Street	38-2-3-34-17	Crumpton Lee (A)
15.	3310 Exeter Avenue	38-2-3-6-7	Howe Huberta Mayfield & John
16.	3312 Exeter Avenue	38-2-3-6-8	Evans Naomi Mayfield
17.	3126 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-21-20	Colvin Alonzo & Marcia
18.	3124 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-21-19	Carr William Jr
19.	3215 Exeter Avenue	38-2-3-10-4.001	Long Cheryl
20.	704 South 31st Street	38-2-3-27-15	Africanese LLC
21.	207 Black Avenue	38-16-3-48-2.001	Smoot Alfonso F
22.	209 Black Avenue	38-16-3-48-2	Smoot Alfonso F

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| 23. | 425 Woodland Road | 38-17-4-6-12.006 | Tracey Frankie L & Ocoola T
Gonzalez Josefina Martinez &
Martinez David Alejandro |
| 24. | 309 21st Street S | 38-10-2-12-6 | |
| 25. | 503 Fairfax Avenue | 38-16-4-1-13 | Watson Victor |
| 26. | 501 Fairfax Avenue | 38-16-4-1-15 | B & A Properties LLC |
| 27. | 421 Fairfax Avenue | 38-16-4-1-16.001 | Hankins Jessie Clay Heirs & Heirs of
Martha N |
| 28. | 417 Fairfax Avenue | 38-16-4-1-16 | Homeless Veterans Initiative of AL
Inc |

RESOLUTION NO. 1381-18

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENTS APPLICATION DEPOSIT TO PATRICIA MAY**

WHEREAS, Patricia May paid a deposit in the amount of One Hundred and NO/100 (\$100.00) Dollars to the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "City") at the time she submitted an application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and has requested a refund of said deposit due to having to withdraw her application after being informed by the State Department of Transportation that they would not allow the placement of a billboard at that location; and

WHEREAS, T.E. Harmon, Jr., Director of Building & Inspection Services, has reviewed the request for refund and recommends that the entire deposit be refunded; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, having considered the request for a refund and the recommendation of T.E. Harmon, Jr., hereby determines that the refund of said deposit 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, hereby authorizes the refund of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) to Patricia May.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its due Adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 1382-18

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND LETTING

**OF BID PROPOSALS FOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG 3RD AVENUE NORTH FROM 19TH
STREET NORTH TO 18TH STREET NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF 17TH STREET NORTH**

WHEREAS, City of Bessemer ("City") entered into an agreement with the State of Alabama for streetscape improvements along 3rd Avenue North from 18th Street North to 19th Street North to the intersection of 17th Street North & 3rd Avenue North through the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the State has approved the budget for the Project and authorized the Project for bidding in accordance with the State's letter to the City dated October 10, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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 preparation and letting of bid by EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers for the streetscape improvements along 3rd Avenue North from 18th Street North to 19th Street North to the intersection of 17th Street North & 3rd Avenue North in accordance with the State's letter to the City dated October 10, 2018.

2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 1383-18

A RESOLUTION AWARDBG BID FOR THE BESSEMER RECREATION CENTER CDBG DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

WHEREAS, Ronald R. Gilbert, City Engineer for the City of Bessemer ("City Engineer") prepared bids and specifications for the Bessemer Recreation Center CDBG Drainage Improvements Project (the "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 of Bessemer in accordance with the bid package; and

WHEREAS, the bids were received and opened on October 4, 2018, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the bid solicitation; and

WHEREAS, only two bids were received and after analysis of said bid by the City Engineer, it was determined that the lowest responsible bid for the Project was submitted by Coston General Contractors (Coston) in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$180,964.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer presented his findings to the Mayor of the City of Bessemer on October 4, 2018, and the Mayor concurred with the City Engineer that Coston General Contractors was the lowest responsible bidder and recommended that a contract for the Project be awarded to Coston; 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 Coston General Contractors as the lowest responsible bidder, to perform the work described in the plans and specifications for the Bessemer Recreation Center CDBG Drainage Improvements Project.

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 Coston General Contractors was the lowest responsible bidder on the Bessemer Recreation Center CDBG Drainage Improvements Project for the total sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$180,964.00).
2. That a contract is hereby awarded to Coston General Contractors for the Bessemer Recreation Center CDBG Drainage Improvements Project for the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$180,964.00), said contract to be in such a form satisfactory to the Mayor and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications.
3. That the Mayor of the City shall be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract and other documents or to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of the contract.

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

ADOPTED this the 16th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 1384-18

**A RESOLUTION AWARDBG BID FOR THE BESSEMER WELCOME
SIGN CDBG PROJECT 2018 TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER**

WHEREAS, Ronald R. Gilbert, City Engineer for the City of Bessemer ("City Engineer") prepared bids and specifications for the Bessemer Welcome Sign CDBG Project 2018 (the "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 of Bessemer in accordance with the bid package; and

WHEREAS, the bids were received and opened on October 4, 2018, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the bid solicitation; and

WHEREAS, only one (1) bid was received and after analysis of said bid by the City Engineer, it was determined that the only bid submitted by Coston General Contractors (Coston) was the lowest responsible bid for the Project in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$142,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer presented his findings to the Mayor of the City of Bessemer on October 4, 2018, and the Mayor concurred with the City Engineer that Coston General Contractors was the lowest responsible bidder and recommended that a contract for the Project be awarded to Coston; 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 Coston General Contractors as the lowest responsible bidder, to perform the work described in the plans and specifications for the Bessemer Welcome Sign CDBG Project 2018 as aforestated.

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 Coston General Contractors was the lowest responsible bidder on the Bessemer Welcome Sign CDBG Project 2018 for the total sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$142,000.00).
2. That a contract is hereby awarded to Coston General Contractors for the Bessemer Welcome Sign CDBG Project 2018 for the total sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$142,000.00), said contract to be in such a form satisfactory to the Mayor and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the bid specifications.
3. That the Mayor of the City shall be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract and any other documents or to take such additional actions as are necessary and appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of the contract.
4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1385-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT
OF INVOICE FROM JACKSON HARRIS, P.C.,**

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama retained the services of Gregory L. Harris of Jackson, Harris, P.C., as attorney for the City Council at a rate stated in accordance with Resolution No. 040-15 adopted on January 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Gregory L. Harris has submitted an invoice for services rendered for the month of September 2018 in the amount of Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 50/100 (\$6,432.50.00) Dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, at a regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, that the City Council of the City of Bessemer hereby approves and authorized the payment of the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 50/100 (\$6,432.50.00) Dollars to Jackson Harris, P.C., in accordance with the attached invoice.

ADOPTED this the 16th, day of October, 2018.

Councilor King announced a weed nuisance hearing for the following weed properties.

	Address	Owner	Status
1.	3131 Avenue C	Andrews Thelma Ceola Speed Eugene (TY 07 Guardianship) C/O Netta Ruth Speed-Womack (Personal Representative)	No Action
2.	3213 Avenue C	Willis George Heirs of C/O Heir Lovell Willis	No Action
3.	3212 Avenue C		No Action
4.	3220 Avenue C	Williams Hannah Perry	No Action
5.	3224 Avenue C	Humphrey Zechariah (R/S With Deed)	Cut by Owner
6.	3230 Avenue C	Gaddis Helen B & William Jr &	No Action
7.	501 Selma Road	Hughes Emma J	No Action
8.	512 Selma Road	Hubbard Robert V (I/S)	No Action
9.	514 Selma Road	Taylor Tawana M	Cut by Owner
10.	516 Selma Road	Daugherty Associates	Cut by Owner
11.	525 Selma Road	Harrell Lillie B & Khesa I Harrell	Cut by Owner
12.	119 Houston Drive	Home Solution Partners IV REO	No Action
13.	135 Houston Drive	Greenwood Christopher (R/S)	Cut by Owner
14.	536 Brewer Drive	Warford Michael	Incomplete
15.	329 Lexington Boulevard	Drake Derrick (R/S)	No Action
16.	320 Lexington Blvd	Steen Joe Jr & Mary	No Action
17.	528 Charleston Drive	Vann Venethean L	Incomplete

Address	Owner	Status
18. 27 Bluebell Street	Black Michael L C/O Garcia Jorge	No Action
19. 39 Bluebell Street	Moore Dennis R	2-Week Extension Granted
20. 47 Bluebell Street 2025 14th Street	Lewis Jeff	Cut by Owner
21. North 2021 14th Street	Brooks Jeffrey D	No Action
22. North 2017 14th Street	Lawson Fannie I	No Action
23. North 2004 14th Street	Green Antoinette M	No Action
24. North	Rogers Gregory	No Action

Councilor Thigpen made a motion that all items that are cut by owner to be abated and all items incomplete and no action to be cut by the city and item numbers 19 and 39 be given a 2 week extension. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The council held an election to fill the vacancy on the Bessemer Library Board.

Councilor Marshall nominated Kimberly Madden, Councilor Donald nominated Carolyn Coleman and Councilor Porter nominated Mara Allen. Councilor Matthews made a motion to close the nominations. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The council voted on Kimberly Madden as follows: Ayes: Councilor Marshall. Nays: Councilors Donald, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. The motion did not carry. The council voted on Carolyn Coleman as follows: Ayes: Councilors: Donald, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: Councilors: Marshall, Porter and Thigpen. The motion carried. Carolyn Coleman was appointed to the Library Board.

The council voted on a resolution to reimburse Paden & Paden, PC.

Councilor Matthews made a motion reimburse Paden & Paden, PC. Councilors Marshall and Porter seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1409-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
REIMBURSEMENT TO PADEN & PADEN, PC**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer retained the services of R. Shan Paden of Paden & Paden, PC, as attorney for the City of Bessemer (the "City Attorney"), Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has incurred out of pocket expenses on behalf of the City of Bessemer in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred One and 65/100 Dollars (\$1,601.65); and

WHEREAS, Attorney R. Shan Paden has submitted an invoice, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for expenses paid on behalf of the City in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred One and 65/100 Dollars (\$1,601.65).

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 and appropriates the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred One and 65/100 Dollars (\$1,601.65) to Paden & Paden, PC for reimbursement of expenses paid on behalf of the City.

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

ADOPTED this the 16th day of October, 2018.

The council voted on a resolution to allocate funding for the Bessemer City High School Parade and the Pink and Purple Parade.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1410-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE
OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AND THE PURCHASE OF THROWS FOR THE
ANNUAL BESSEMER CITY HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE AND THE PINK AND PURPLE
PARADE IN THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA; AND DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bessemer Business & Professional Women's Organization have joined to sponsor and promote a Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence program for the benefit residents of the City of Bessemer, Alabama;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with and to promote the said Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence program the parties are sponsoring a Pink & Blue Parade in the City of Bessemer on October 17, 2018;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines, as follows:

- (a) that the Pink & Purple Parade in the City of Bessemer is open to the public;
- (b) that the Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence program is aimed at raising public awareness of matters involving the health and safety of a large, varied and diverse segment of the population of the City of Bessemer; and
- (c) that the objectives of the Pink & Purple Parade are the promotion of education, public health, safety of those in the City of Bessemer and

surrounding communities presently affected by or who may become affected by breast cancer and/or domestic.

WHEREAS, as part of its participation in said parade, the governing body of the City of Bessemer desires to purchase throws and candy to be distributed to attendees during the parade;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer, Alabama finds and determines that expending municipal funds and employing municipal property to support the objectives of the Pink & Purple Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence programs have as their objectives the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community and, as such, serves a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the Bessemer City High School hosts an annual Homecoming Parade in the City of Bessemer, Alabama each year, traditionally in the month of October;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines, as follows:

- (a) that the annual Homecoming Parade in the City of Bessemer is open to the public;
- (b) that residents of the City of Bessemer attend the parade in large numbers;
- (c) that the annual Homecoming Parade and activities are often an impetus for former residents, family and friends of the same to return to Bessemer to attend the parade and participate in homecoming activities;
- (d) that the annual Homecoming Parade and activities promote the City of Bessemer and promote commerce in the City of Bessemer;
- (e) that the annual Homecoming Parade is a civic event that provides amusement for the citizens of Bessemer and has as its objective the promotion of education, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community; and
- (f) the governing body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines that participation in the annual Homecoming Parade and expenditure of funds for the purpose of purchasing items to be thrown to children along the parade route serves a public purpose;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, as follows:

1. That the above and foregoing findings and determinations are hereby adopted herein by reference thereto as though fully set out herein.
2. That the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama, hereby authorizes the use of municipal property and the expenditure of municipal funds for the purchase of candy and throws for the annual Bessemer City High School Homecoming Parade to be held on October 19, 2018, in an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$700.00) Dollars.
3. That the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama, hereby authorizes the use of municipal property and the expenditure of municipal funds for the purchase of candy and throws for the Pink & Purple Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Parade in an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$700.00) Dollars.

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

ADOPTED this the 16th, day of October, 2018.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to pass the resolution for funding for the parades. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Thigpen made a motion to delete item number 12. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Item #12: Resolution to amend the City of Bessemer Civic Center and Auditorium Policy & Procedures Manual to provide that refunds are approved by the council.

Councilor Donald stated that on Sunday, October 21st, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Victor L. Harkins Sr. will be celebrating 20 years at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Councilor Donald invited all to attend.

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

Skyler Prince 2530 12th Court North stated that he is here today to offer his services of Jiu Jitzu. Mr. Prince stated that he is a Jiu Jitzu teacher and he wants train kids at the Recreation Center. Mr. Prince stated that Jiu Jitzu teachers self control, confidence, boosts your moral and how to defend yourself. Mr. Prince stated that he thinks that Jiu Jitzu training will be something great for the city of Bessemer.

Ms. Elizabeth Long 2923 Berkley Avenue stated that on Berkley Avenue they had a water leak for a month. Ms. Long stated that the leak was fixed, but the street has a lot of mud and the street department needs to come out and clean it up.

Ms. Long stated that District 3 need sidewalks. Ms. Long stated that they are tired of their kids having to walk in the street to go to school. Ms. Long stated that one sidewalk

was done on Dartmouth Avenue and not the other. Ms. Long stated that this route she takes for her exercise and she doesn't want to trip and fall.

Ms. Nancy Wright 2826 Berkley Avenue stated that on September 30th between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. she heard crying and screaming coming from Southside Community Park. Ms. Wright stated that she went to the park to find a toddler hanging from the swings and when she tried to remove the child a young man told her to leave him along and that was his brother. Ms. Wright stated that she saw this as a liability and she contacted the police.

Alabama State Representative Louise Alexander 2508 11th Avenue asked everyone to take a moment for a silent prayer for Bessemer Retired Police Chief Ron Brown. Representative Alexander stated that Chief Brown passed away on Saturday, October 13, 2018 and his funeral will be Saturday, October 20, 2018. Ms. Alexander stated that his body is at Davenport and Harris Funeral Home.

Amy Merchant 908 12th Street North stated that she spoke to Councilor Vance and Officer Little concerning a business next door to her. Ms. Merchant stated that she wants to know if this is a business or holding facility or a junk yard. Ms. Merchant stated that the property is owned by Mr. Patrick Davis who also owns Autotune on Bessemer Super Highway. Ms. Merchant stated that Officer Little turned in a report stating that this property is a health hazard. Ms. Merchant stated that there is so much trash on this property and abandon cars with broken windows. Ms. Merchant stated that this is a health hazard and it needs to be clean up.

Councilor King expressed his gratitude to the city of Bessemer, employees, residents and the city council. Councilor King stated that he is grateful to have had an opportunity to have served and he considers it an honor to have been able to contribute to the success of the city. Councilor King stated that this is a chapter closing and he looks forward to a new beginning. Councilor King thanks everyone for allowing him to service and that this is not the last of Cleo King. Councilor King thanks Ms. Angela Coleman (councilor secretary) for all she has done and she has been someone he can talk too. Councilor King stated that Ms. Coleman does not take sides and she will always be true in telling you what's right.

Councilor King stated to the incoming and returning council members he challenges you all to be steadfast and continue to move forward. Councilor King thanks State Representative Louise Alexander for her support and he wishes everyone well.

State Representative Louise Alexander stated that on Monday, October 22, 2018 they will be giving Jonesboro Elementary School \$10,000.00 for their STEM Program on behalf of the city of Bessemer and Councilor Cleo King. Representative Alexander stated that \$5,000.00 will be given to the Bessemer Public Library. Representative Alexander stated that they have 32 checks to give; one will be given to Earnestine Williams for her afterschool program also to Juanita Graham for her STEM program and to other STEM programs will be given \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Representative Alexander thanks everyone who supported her.

Councilor Matthews made a motion to recess until 12:00 noon. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Donald, Marshall, Porter, Thigpen, Vance, Matthews and King. Nays: None. The motion carried.