

The City of Bessemer, Alabama

July 21, 2020

Re: COVID-19 and matters necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body.

The Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama met in special session via teleconference on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time. The purpose of the special meeting was to consider matters necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. The meeting was called to order by Council President Cynthia Donald who was Chairman of the meeting. The following Council members were found to be present: Councilors Kimberly Alexander, Ron Marshall, Jesse Matthews, Donna Thigpen, Latricia Crusoe and Cynthia Donald. Absent: Councilor Jarvis Collier. **The City Council approved the following agenda items:**

1. A weed nuisance hearing was held for June 16, 2020 weed nuisance report. Councilor Marshall made a motion to abate the “cut by owner” properties; cut the “no action” and “incomplete” properties; and allow a 2 week extension for the property located at 1621 Dartmouth Avenue. Councilor Crusoe seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded; Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Jarvis Collier arrived at the council meeting at 10:10 a.m.

2. The City Council and Mayor Kenneth Gulley discussed the status of AMIC. No action was taken.
3. The City Council and Mayor Kenneth Gulley discussed the status of CDBG. No action was taken.
4. Councilor Marshall made a motion to schedule a weed nuisance hearing for September 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the properties listed on the July 7, 2020 weed nuisance report. Councilor Matthews seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded; Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen and Donald. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilor Collier. The motion carried.
5. The financial status for COVID-19 will be discussed at the next scheduled city council meeting in August, 2020. No action was taken
6. Councilor Matthews made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing payment to EEFS Company, PC for April, 2020 invoices. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion

and the following votes were recorded: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe, and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried.

7. Councilor Crusoe made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Kenneth Gulley to execute an agreement with STRADA Professional Services, LLC to provide “A Develop City of Bessemer Strategic Plan.” Councilors Matthews and Alexander seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded; Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe, and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried.
8. Councilor Matthews made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Kenneth Gulley to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Birmingham in connection with the FXG Project Site. Councilor Marshall seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded; Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe, and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried
9. Councilor Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution consenting to Jefferson County granting an abatement for construction related transaction taxes. Councilor Crusoe seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded; Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried.
10. Councilor Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Kenneth Gulley to execute Amendment No. 1 agreement with Tillman Consulting, LLC for professional appraisal evaluation services related to ALDOT Project No. STPHBH-3717(251). Councilor Matthews seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried.
11. Councilor Matthews made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Kenneth Gulley to execute Amendment No. 1 agreement with Tillman Consulting, LLC for professional appraisal review services related to ALDOT Project No. STPHBH-3717(251). Councilor Alexander seconded the motion and the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Councilors Alexander, Collier, Marshall, Matthews, Thigpen, Crusoe and Donald. Nays: None. The motion carried.
12. The Council and Mayor Kenneth Gulley discussed testing for COVID-19. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk
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