

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, March 20, 2018 at 11:00 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.

Mr. Franklin Walker opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gulley invited Ms. Catherine Shivers of Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to address the council.

Ms. Shivers stated that on behalf of MDA and all the families that they serve, they would like to thank the Bessemer Fire Department for their donation through the Field of Boot Program. Ms. Shivers presented Bessemer Firefighter Captain Carlton Jackson with a plaque of appreciation.

Mayor Gulley invited everyone out to the McDonald's Ribbon cutting located on Academy Drive on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Gulley stated that McDonald's has been totally renovated.

Mayor Gulley invited everyone out to David Sea Day at the Bessemer Civic Center on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Gulley stated that Mr. Sea sings with the Temptation and he will be recognized on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Councilor Porter invited Ms. Renee Scott to address the council; Councilor Porter stated that Ms. Scott and he took students to "Power Up", an organization founded by Dr. Mittie Cannon.

Ms. Scott thanks Councilor Porter for working with the young ladies at Bessemer City High School. Ms. Scott stated that the Power Up Program is designed to get young

ladies interested in the field of construction. Ms. Scott thanks Mayor Gulley and the council for all continually working together.

Councilor Porter stated the Power Up Program introduces young girls to engineering and the STEM process. Councilor Porter stated that the Power Up Program target girls from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through the 12<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Porter stated that this event takes place every year and hundreds of girls attend with their mothers.

Councilor Porter invited everyone out to their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community 360 on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Councilor Porter stated that the event will take place at New Jerusalem Baptist Church on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North. Councilor Porter stated that there will be over 40 vendors and door prizes will be given away. Councilor Porter stated that the event is free and open to the public.

Councilor Porter made a motion to place agenda item numbers 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 16B and 16C on the consent agenda. Councilor Thigpen 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 consented to approve the minutes for March 6, 2018 with corrections.

Weed Nuisance Set Hearing Date

May1, 2018

	Address	Parcel	Owner
1.	513 1st Avenue North	38-16-2-18-7	Fendley Dan A & Fendley Janice L
2.	731 7th Street North	38-9-3-32-6	Davis Luckie A Heirs of
3.	721 7th Street N	38-9-3-32-13	Booker Yolanda K (R/S)
4.	1616 6th Avenue North	38-9-1-31-17	Castleberry Lacourtney
5.	109 19th Street South	38-10-2-29-3	Hopson Ezra
6.	2130 Exeter Avenue	38-10-1-19-15	Eatman Louise (A) Perry Michael Ann & Jimmie Ree McLaughlin & Billye Perry Pope & Oscar Lee Perry & Felecia R Perry
7.	508 29th Street	38-2-3-37-1	
8.	2821 Fairfax Avenue	38-2-3-37-16	Harbour Portfolio VIII LP
9.	3106 Granville Avenue	38-2-3-20-10	Smith Sylvia Morgan
10.	1510 Granville Avenue	38-10-3-22-6.001	Raine N Joy

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| 11. | 913 Borah Avenue       | 38-15-1-5-2  | Nedd Bishop               |
| 12. | 509 West Lake Drive    | 38-17-1-1-17 | Strategic Realty Fund LLC |
| 13. | 1004 15th Avenue North | 38-8-1-39-8  | Hancock James M & Linda D |
| 14. | 2121 17th Street North | 38-5-3-1-2   | Green Antoinette M        |
| 15. | 2128 17th Street North | 38-5-3-1-4   | Green Antoinette          |

RESOLUTION NO. 068-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PAY  
INCREASE FOR FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW FINNEY OF THE  
CITY OF BESSEMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Personnel Board authorizes under its premium code directive an educational incentive pay increase for sworn personnel in the police, sheriff or fire departments who have completed sixty four (64) semester hours, ninety six (96) quarter hours or an associate degree in an accredited college program area deemed acceptable by the Department Head and the Director of Personnel; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Carter of the City of Bessemer Fire Department has reviewed the educational achievements of Firefighter Matthew Finney and recommends a five percent (5%) pay increase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, having reviewed the recommendation of Deputy Fire Chief Gary Carter and the educational achievements of Firefighter Matthew Finney, hereby approves a five percent (5%) pay increase for Firefighter Matthew Finney, as authorized by the Jefferson County Personnel Board.

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 a five percent (5%) premium pay increase for Firefighter Matthew Finney, as authorized by the Jefferson County Personnel Board Premium Directive for educational pay incentives.

This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 069-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL REFUND OF BESSEMER  
CIVIC CENTER DEPOSIT TO TRACY CUMMINGS

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WHEREAS, due to the cancellation of an event scheduled for April 27, 2018 at the Bessemer Civic Center, a request has been made for a refund of the deposit paid toward the rental of the Bessemer Civic Center in the amount of Three Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$300.00); and

WHEREAS, Terry E. Dawson, Director of the Bessemer Civic Center, has reviewed the request for refund and due to the cancellation of the event being less than 90 days but more than 30 days of the scheduled event, recommends a partial refund of the deposit in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$250.00) to be paid to Tracy Cummings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, having considered the request for a refund and the recommendation of Terry E. Dawson hereby determines that the partial 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 that the City Council hereby authorizes the refund of Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$250.00) payable to Tracy Cummings.

This resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 070-18

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

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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 Invoice No. 24733 for work performed on the Recreation Center Road and Parking Area Project totaling the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four and 71/100 Dollars (\$1,784.71) herein attached as Exhibit "A", and the City Council of Bessemer, Alabama having reviewed the invoice has determined that payment is in the public interest; 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 that the City Council hereby authorizes payment to EEFS Company, P.C., Civil and Structural Engineers for work performed on the Recreation Center Road and Parking Area Project totaling the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four and 71/100 Dollars (\$1,784.71).

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

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 071-18

A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MARGIE C. VARNER TO THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA

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WHEREAS, the term of office of Margie C. Varner as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Bessemer, Alabama (the "IDB") expired on February 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Margie C. Varner has requested to be re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the IDB; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that it is in the public interest to re-appoint Margie C. Varner to the Board of Directors of the IDB.

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, that the City

Council of the City of Bessemer hereby re-appoints Margie C. Varner to the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Bessemer, Alabama for the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 26, 2018 and ending at 12:01 a.m. on February 26, 2024, or until her successor is duly appointed.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 072-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT  
OF INVOICE FROM JACKSON HARRIS, P.C.,  
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2018

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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 January 2018 in the amount of Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Seven and 50/100 (\$6,627.50) 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 Six Hundred Twenty Seven and 50/100 (\$6,627.50) Dollars to Jackson Harris, P.C., in accordance with the attached invoice.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.:073-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT  
OF INVOICE FROM JACKSON HARRIS, P.C.,  
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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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 January 2018 in the amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty and NO/100 (\$5,620.00) 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 Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty and NO/100 (\$5,620.00) Dollars to Jackson Harris, P.C., in accordance with the attached invoice.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 074-18

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF BESSEMER'S  
INTENT TO RETAIN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT

1830 ARLINGTON AVENUE

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WHEREAS, on August 8, 2016, the City of Bessemer (the "City") foreclosed on the property located at 1830 Arlington Avenue, Bessemer (the "Sweet House"); and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Terry presented the City with a commercial sale agreement dated March 17, 2017 with a \$5,000 earnest money check for the purchase of the Sweet House; and

WHEREAS, after consideration, the City Council of the City has determined that declining the offer made by Ms. Terry and retaining the Sweet House for City use would be in the best interest of the City.

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Bessemer has determined that retaining the ownership of the property located at 1830 Arlington Avenue, Bessemer would be in the best interest of the City.
2. That the City Council will entertain ideas on how best to utilize the Sweet House for the betterment of the City.
3. That the City declines the offer to purchase the Sweet House in the amount of \$75,000 from Ms. Kimberly Terry and has returned the \$5,000 earnest money check. In addition, the City Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution notifying Ms. Terry of the City's decision to retain the Sweet House.
4. That this resolution shall become effective upon its due adoption.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 075-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILOR CLEO KING, USE OF THE BESSEMER RECREATIONAL CENTER TO HOST THE 7TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT; AND DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE**

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WHEREAS, Councilor Cleo King desires to use the Bessemer Recreational Center, without charge, on Sunday, April 1, 2018, to host the 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, in order to promote unity among the citizens and youth throughout the City of Bessemer;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer desires to permit Councilor Cleo King to use the Bessemer Recreational Center, without charge, as requested.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bessemer finds and determines that allowing the use Bessemer Recreational Center, without charge, has as its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community, confers a direct public benefit of a reasonably general character and, as such, serves a public purpose.

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

1. Councilor Cleo King is hereby permitted use of the City of Bessemer Recreational Center, at no charge, to host and conduct the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt, to promote unity among the youth in the City of Bessemer, on Sunday, April 1, 2018.

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

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO.: 076-18

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 31  
OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, REGARDING EFFORTS TO  
REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN THE US

WHEREAS, in June of 2016, the City of Orlando fell victim to one of the largest mass shooting in America's history in which a gunman shot and killed 49 people and wounded 53 with an assault rifle;

WHEREAS, since January 2016, there have been over 190 mass shootings involving four or more victims in 36 states and 136 cities, killing over 290 people and wounding over 720;

WHEREAS, as of the year 2017, there have been more than 24,900 gun-related incidents, killing 6,386 people and wounding 13,176;

WHEREAS, after several years of decline in the rate of gun violence, many cities around the country are now reporting a significant rise in the level of gun violence, including mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities adopted its Resolution Number 31 which, among other things, called for:

- federal funding for local crime prevention programs that address gun violence, including school-based mental health services;
- the strengthening of existing laws that prohibit the sale of firearms to persons who have been adjudicated to be mentally ill;
- mandatory sentences for the use of firearms in the commission of a crime; federally funded background checks on all firearms sales and transfers to make it more difficult for adjudicated mentally ill persons, violent criminals, gang members, drug dealers, domestic abusers, and other prohibited persons to acquire firearms; and
- federal funding for education and training in safe effective handling of legal firearms;

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 lends its support to the above and foregoing efforts of the National League of Cities, as contain in its Resolution Number 31 to reduce gun violence in the United States of America.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of March, 2018.

Granted Extension

Address	Parcel ID	Owner
1. 2630 Exeter Avenue	38-10-1-4-1	Hamilton Cheryl (R/S)

Councilor Marshall made a motion to cut the property located at 2630 Exeter Avenue.

Councilor Thigpen 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 Donald thanks Principal Gray and Ms. Jones at Bessemer City Middle School. Councilor Donald stated that she thought she was attending a program to honor the young ladies at the school; however she was totally surprised when she was told that they were there to honor her.

Councilor Vance stated that March for our Lives will take place at Railroad Park on March 24, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Councilor Vance stated that the march is to draw awareness to gun violence that is plaguing our youths.

Councilor Matthews stated that a Flag Football tournament will take place on March 24, 2018 at McNeil Park. Councilor Matthews stated that the age range is 12 – 14, 15 and up. Councilor Matthews stated that Quindarius Winslett from Oasis of Praise is one of the organizers. Councilor Matthews stated that Mr. Winslett has a gift to minister to children.

Councilor Matthews stated that on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 they will be at McNeil Park for an Easter Egg Hunt and Mr. Winslett will be in the dunking booth.

Councilor Matthews stated that on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Flinthill Baptist Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilor Matthews stated that on last week they had the opportunity to have dinner and visit with Congresswoman Terri Sewell. Councilor Matthews stated that they spoke with Congresswoman Sewell concerning regional transit infrastructure. Councilor Matthews stated that they visited Senator Richard Shelby and Senator Doug Jones. Councilor Matthews stated that Senator Shelby is about to become the chairman of



Appropriation. Councilor Matthews stated that one of Senator Shelby's goals is I22, which is at a standstill now, however I22 is suppose to intersect with I459 and I20. Councilor Matthews stated that merging these interstates will open up economic growth for the state and county.

Councilor Marshall stated that sometimes people take him in a different light, but he is about doing business decently and in order. Councilor Marshall stated that if we adhere to procedures, then we would move along much better, however if he comes across straight forward then he is straight forward and he does not apologize for that. Councilor Marshall stated that his interest is to operate with integrity and do what is best for the city. Councilor Marshall stated that we can disagree and that's a part of the process, however we don't have to be disagreeable. Councilor Marshall stated that working together does work so let's do it with dignity and respect for one another.

Councilor Thigpen stated that she praise and thank God for showing mercy towards us during the storms on yesterday. Councilor Thigpen asked everyone to pray for those who suffered damages.

Councilor Thigpen stated that during her visit to Washington with the National League of Cities everyone that she spoke with is having infrastructure troubles across the country. Councilor Thigpen stated that every state and every city across the country have the same problem. Councilor Thigpen stated that they paved what they could last year and this year as well. Councilor Thigpen stated that we all are struggling with it, and to bear with the council because they are doing all they can.

Councilor King stated that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Thursday March 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor King stated that District 7 will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bessemer Recreational Center.

Councilor King stated that on Saturday, March 24, 2018 District 7 will have a cleanup day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilor King asked everyone to pray for the families who have had a love one to pass and to especially pray for the George family. Councilor King stated that Pastor Rodney George who was Mayor Gulley's pastor passed away.

Councilor Matthews asked the citizens whose streets didn't get paved during this paving project to be patient and as soon as more money becomes available they are going to pave more streets.

Councilor Matthews stated as far as the upcoming city elections to keep the Lord first in all you do and let's run a clean campaign without mudslinging, backbiting and talking bad about one another because if it's for you then you will get it.

Councilor Matthews stated that this mayor and council stand on the shoulders of other mayors and councilors. Councilor Matthews stated that they have done a great job and you can look around and see results i.e. Recreational and Recycle Center. Councilor Matthews stated that they work together collectively and working together works.

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

Attorney Chante Brown stated that she is running for Criminal District Judge in the Bessemer Cutoff. Attorney Brown stated that she lives and attends church in Bessemer at New Life Interfaith Ministry. Attorney Brown stated that she is married to Army Veteran and police officer John Brown. Attorney Brown stated that she only practice criminal law and she has spent countless hours in the court room and inside the jails. Attorney Brown stated that she has spent time with mothers grieving over the sons who are facing long prison sentences. Attorney Brown stated that instead of opening up her own private practice she made a conscious decision to be a public defender, because it's doesn't matter what type of background you come from, she is going to take care of you. Attorney Brown stated that so on June 5, 2018 you need to be down with Chante Brown.

Mr. John Webster 3334 15<sup>th</sup> Street No, Hueytown stated that he mailed a letter to the president of the city council concerning Resolution 5586 that was adopted in 1986 which is the annexation of West Highland McNeil fire district, and it been over 30 days and he hasn't received a response.

Mr. Webster stated that he is here this morning to find out what was the decision from the council and he is here for help.

Mayor Gulley stated that he has read the letter and hasn't discussed it with legal at this time. Mayor Gulley stated that one of the reasons is he thought that issue was resolved in 1986. Mayor Gulley stated that he needs more clarity and time to discuss the matter with the city's attorney. Mayor stated that he has to go back and take a look at what happen with that whole scenario.

City Attorney Shan Paden stated that West Highland had a fire district and ninety percent of the citizens voted to come into the city of Bessemer and ten percent didn't. Attorney Paden stated that Mr. Webster voted not to come into the fire district and basically lost his fire district. Attorney Paden stated that the city came to an agreement with the citizens if they agreed to pay fire dues then the city will provide fire service. Attorney Paden stated that the city of Hueytown agreed to provide fire service if the city of Bessemer provided the fire hydrants. Attorney Paden stated the city of Bessemer did their part and this is the first that he has heard of the West Highland Community wanting Bessemer to provide fire service.

Attorney Horace Kynard stated that he has been a practicing attorney here in the Bessemer area since 1998. Attorney Kynard stated that he is running for Judge Place 11. Attorney Kynard stated that he is currently the president of the Bessemer Bar Association. Attorney Kynard stated that he is running as a Democrat for this position that was vacated by Judge Fancher. Attorney Kynard stated that Gov. Kay Ivey interviewed him for the position and ask him would he be willing to change over to a Republican and when he refused -- he was heading back up Interstate 65 North. Attorney Kynard stated that his office is located on 19<sup>th</sup> Street near the foundry.

Ms. Debra Little 1031 Exeter Avenue thanks Mayor Gulley, the council and Mr. Toraine Norris for tearing down an abandon home in her community. Mrs. Little stated that the house was torn down 3 week ago, also her street has been paved. Mrs. Little stated that it's a breeze to drive up Exeter Avenue now and she thanks everyone for their hard work.

Ms. Nancy Wright 2826 Berkley Avenue stated that Andre Holland event will be at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Bessemer Public Library. Ms. Wright asked Councilor Donald if she referencing the same park where the lights were out. Ms. Wright stated that the lights at Southside Community Park were out for several months.

Councilor Donald stated that as soon as she was notified that the lights were out she called Brian Persons (Park and Rec. Department) and they were replaced the next day.

Ms. LaTricia Crusoe stated that a lot of things that the councilors do are not visible for notoriety. Ms. Crusoe stated that she encounter two homeless individuals in the park and in the midst of their conversation she offered them something to eat and they stated that Councilor Donald was in route to bring them food. Ms. Crusoe stated that she will not sit back and allow negativity to be thrown towards Councilor Donald, however she would like to commend her for things that are unseen. Ms. Crusoe stated that government positions are servants to the public and elected officials must realize that people lives are been affect by the decisions that they make and lets pray and ask God for discernment and guidance, because none of us know all of the answers.

Ms. Renee Soles Scott 2666 Grandview Avenue stated that she is seeking re-election for School Board District 3. Mrs. Soles-Scott stated that she has been on the school board for 12 years and she asks for everyone prayers for another 4 years as we move forward.

Councilor Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Donald 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.

Wanda Taylor  
City Clerk  
City of Bessemer

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Presiding Officer

