



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM

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### MINUTES

#### **Call to Order**

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

#### **Members Present**

Mayor, Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Joe Will, Kay McCathen, Brenda Boyd, Brent Guffey, Dan Boling, and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, Josh Ross and department heads was present as well. A quorum was present.

#### **Department Head Reports**

Bessemer City department heads gave reports on their department's status:

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding Stinger Park and the City Swimming Pool. City Staff has been working with contractors to fix the drainage issue at the City pool. The pool will be able to open on time, during Memorial Day weekend. We had over 45 applications. Stinger Park is almost complete. We will host the June 2023 Dixie Youth Softball league the weekend of June 30, 2023.

Tom Ellis, Director of Public Safety- Chief Ellis addressed Council about general operations of the Police and Fire Departments.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director- Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the new customer service kiosk and upcoming budget amendments. The kiosk is ready to use, the payments will post to the account manually the next billing day. At the June 2023 Work Session City Council meeting, City Staff will present Council with the end of the year budget amendments. This is done to accurately accrue all funds for the appropriate budget year.

Nathan Hester, Development Services Officer- Mr. Hester addressed Council regarding economic development in the City. All projects are currently progressing as planned, Lennar, Trinity, Foundry Commercial and Amazon. Light discussion was held regarding the TCC delegate.

#### **City Manager's Report**

Josh Ross, City Manager- Mr. Ross addressed Council the FY 23-24 budget. This is the final review of the budget before City Council vote at the June 2023 Regular Meeting. Per Council direction, there have been no changes since the last meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup>. However, Staff would like to recommend the following changes:

- the new utility rates on the fee schedule be rounded to the nearest nickel

- removal of solid waste fee for apartment units

By general consensus, the Staff recommendations were accepted.

**Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. There was none.

**Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM by motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk