

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**February 23, 2023**

The Bessemer City Council met in special session on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 8:00AM in Dhollandia Conference Room. Proper notice was given.

### **Members Present**

Mayor Becky Smith, Council Members: Brenda Boyd, Kay McCathen, Dan Boling, Joe Will, Brent Guffey, and Donnie Griffin. Also present were City Manager, Josh Ross and department heads: Jamie Ramsey, Diane Jenkins, Tom Ellis, Michael Gordon, Nathan Hester, Brandon Willis, and Hydeia Hayes.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and explained that this meeting was to discuss the strategic plan for FY 2023-2024.

### **Strategic Plan Discussion**

City Manager, Josh Ross introduced Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) staff. CCOG staff facilitated a session designed to help City Council identify their goals, mission, and vision. By general consensus, City Council compiled the following:

- **Vision:** Bessemer City strives to be a unique and welcoming community that connects people to economic opportunities and a higher quality of life.
- **Mission:** Bessemer City provides high quality public services in a responsible manner that creates success.
- **Goals:**
  - o #1 Promote a desirable place to live and work that provides a healthy quality of life.
  - o #2 Ensure a safe and secure community for residents and visitors.
  - o #3 Invest in high quality infrastructure to support a thriving and diverse economy.
  - o #4 Provide opportunities for citizen engagement and promote volunteerism.
  - o #5 Foster organizational sustainability that embraces innovation and creativity.

### **Department Head Reports**

Department Heads presented their department's strategic plan for the upcoming year.

By general consensus, the meeting was recessed at 4:30 PM.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order again on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

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

City Manager, Josh Ross presented the City's strategic plan for the upcoming year. No voting took place during this special session.

**Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, by general consensus the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk