

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**June 6, 2017**

The Bessemer City Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Proper notice was given.

### **Members Present**

Mayor Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Dan Boling, Howard Jones, Alfred Carpenter, Kay McCathen, Joe Will, and Donnie Griffin. Also present were Bessemer City City Manager, James Inman; Assistant City Manager, Public Works Department Director, Jamie Ramsey; Assistant Public Works Director, Melinda Beard; Economic Development Officer, City Clerk/Human Capital Officer, Joshua Ross, Deputy Clerk, Hydeia Hayes; and the City Interns: Nolan Groce, Mattison Miller, and Vince Roberts. Visiting guest included: Gaston County Commissioners Bob Hovis, Crowders Mountain Township and Ronnie Worley, Southpoint Township; Cherryville Mayor Henry L. Beam; Cherryville City Manager, Ben Blackburn; Cherryville Finance Director Dixie Wall; and Steven Miller of Martin-McGill Management Consulting.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00PM and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation about sales tax from Steven Miller of Martin-McGill Management Consulting.

### **Martin-McGill Presentation**

Steven Miller of Martin McGill presented Council with the Gaston County Sales Tax formularies and informed Council about the projected decline of funds the City would receive from the County. In an effort to prevent the declination of funds light discussion regarding the submittal of a joint resolution to Gaston County Commissioners by the end of June 2017 was held. Said resolution would be a joint agreement between all Gaston County municipalities to request a (3) three year hold of the current sales tax rate stated in the hold harmless agreement until 2020. After the (3) three year hold the sales tax rate would continue as stated in original hold harmless agreement.

### **Adjourn**

Being no further business, by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk