



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM

AGENDA

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Oath of Office

1. **Oath of Office-** City Clerk, Hydeia Hayes will administer the oath of office to Mayor, Becky S. Smith.
2. **Oath of Office-** Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to Council Member, Michael Brooks.
3. **Oath of Office-** Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to Council Member, Allen Hook.
4. **Oath of Office-** Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to Council Member, Brenda Boyd.

Call to Order

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda — *Items will only be added or removed with the approval of the Mayor and City Council.*

Appointments

5. **Mayor Pro Tem:** General Statutes direct that the City Council, at its organizational meeting, elect a mayor pro tempore, who is to serve at its pleasure. The direct role of the pro tem is to preside over council meetings in the mayor's absence. While presiding, the mayor pro tem may vote as a council member but may not, as chairing officer, vote to break a tie. (In the absence of both the Mayor and Pro Tem, the council members present may select a temporary presiding officer). City Council will select a Mayor Pro Tem for the 2023- 2025 Council session.
6. **Centralina Council of Governments-** This delegate serves as Bessemer City's member of the COG Board, which oversees the operation of the local Council of Governments. Meetings are held every other month.
7. **Metropolitan Planning Organization-** The Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) is a multi-jurisdictional entity made up of 34 local governments, NCDOT, USDOT, and other providers of transportation services.

8. **ABC Board Liaison-** While not a formal position, the ABC Board has requested for a number of years that a Council member be appointed to serve as a liaison between the City and the ABC Board. Board meetings are held monthly on the fourth Monday at 5:00 PM.
9. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board-** This Board is dedicated to making a great community and committed to providing a safe and inviting parks and facilities in Bessemer City. Board meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday at 6:00 PM.
10. **Downtown Development Board Liaison-** While not a formal position, the Downtown Development Board has requested for a number of years that a Council member be appointed to serve as a liaison between the City and the Downtown Development Board. Board meetings are held monthly on the fourth Monday at 9:30 AM.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment — *This is an opportunity for members of the public to express items of interest to the Mayor and City Council. This is not a time to respond or take action. Any necessary action will be taken under advisement. Speakers are asked to use proper decorum and to limit comments to no more than three minutes.*

11. **Public Comment Acknowledgment:** City Manager, Josh Ross will provide clarity on items mentioned during public comment, if needed.

Consent Agenda — *The items of the Consent Agenda are adopted on a single motion and vote, unless the Mayor and City Council wish to withdraw an item for separate vote and/or discussion.*

12. **2024 Annual Meeting Schedule:** City Council will consider adopting the proposed 2024 holiday schedule that establishes when the City will observe certain holidays.
13. **Resolution of Authorization:** City Council will consider approving a resolution that authorizes the Ridge Runners to hold their annual event with certain guidelines on New Year's Eve.

Business Items

14. **Establish Annual Planning Retreat:** City Council will consider holding their annual Planning Retreat on Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23, 2024.

City Manager's Report

Council General Discussion — *This is an opportunity for the Mayor and City Council to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back, or place a matter on a future agenda.*

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