



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, October 09, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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### AGENDA

#### Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### Special Presentations

1. **Fire Department Recognition:** Per the NC Department of Insurance's evaluation, the Fire Department's ISO protection class rating level has gone from a 5 to 3. ISO level 3 is the highest rating in the department's history! This achievement is due to the hard work of the BCFD staff and volunteers who work diligently to protect citizens and property in Bessemer City. This rating indicates that BCFD continues to make improvements and investments built on a solid framework of commitment and service. This higher rating can also significantly lower insurance rates within Bessemer City's Fire District. Mayor Smith and City Council will recognize the Fire Department for this awesome achievement.
2. **Students of the Month:** Mayor & City Council will recognize the October 2023 students of the month from Bessemer City area schools: Bessemer City Primary School, Bessemer City Central Elementary School, Bessemer City Middle School, and Bessemer City High School.

**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.*

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

#### Bessemer City History & Art Society

4. **Bessemer City History & Art Society:** The Bessemer City History & Art Society will address Mayor and Council.

**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.*

5. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of September 11, 2023.

6. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Work Session Meeting minutes of September 26, 2023.
7. **Street Closure- Christmas in the City Festival & Parade:** City Staff is requesting a temporary street closure of the 100 block of West, 100 Block East Virginia Avenue, 100 block of N. 12th, 100 block of N. 11th Street for the Parks & Recreation Christmas in the City festival, Parade, and Community Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 19th from 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

## **Business Items**

8. **Resolution Providing Approval Of A Multifamily Housing Facility To Be Known As Osage Mill Apartments In The City Of Bessemer City, North Carolina And The Financing Thereof With The Gastonia Housing Authority's Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds In An Aggregate Amount Not To Exceed \$1,500,000:** City Council will consider approving a resolution approving multifamily housing for the Osage Mill Redevelopment property. This project will be funded by the Gastonia Housing Authority revenue bonds and shall not exceed \$1,500,000.
9. **Public Hearing for Right-of-Way Closure (Hillcrest Dr):** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding a right of way closure on Hillcrest Drive. This portion of unimproved street right-of-way measures approximately 0.0921 acres.
10. **Ordinance for the Closing & Withdrawing of a Recorded Section of Public Street Right-of-Way (Hillcrest Dr):** City Council will consider adopting an ordinance closing public right of way on Hillcrest Drive. This portion of unimproved street right-of-way measures approximately 0.0921 acres.
11. **Public Hearing for Rezoning Request (401 E. Alabama Avenue):** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding a rezoning request from Lightbeam Estates to rezone the parcel #121483 401 E. Alabama Avenue from City Center (CC) to Urban Residential (UR).
12. **Ordinance Amending Zoning Map (401 E. Alabama Avenue):** City Council will consider approving an ordinance regarding a zoning map request from Lightbeam Estates to rezone the parcel #121483 401 E. Alabama Avenue from City Center (CC) to Urban Residential (UR).

## **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.*

## **Adjourn**