



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:15 PM

AGENDA

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Oath of Office

- 1. Oath of Office-** Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to Council Member, Donnie Griffin.
- 2. Oath of Office-** Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to Council Member, Kay McCathen
- 3. Oath of Office-** Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to Council Member, Brent Guffey.

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.*

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 2021- 2023 Council session.

Appointments

- 4. Appointments:** City Council will make the following appointments:

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. Council should appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate to the CCOG Board. Kay McCathen has served as delegate for a number of years and will continue to serve if Council so desires.

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.

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. A regular member and an alternate should be designated.

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.

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.*

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. 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule:** City Council will consider adopting the proposed 2022 holiday schedule that establishes when the City will observe certain holidays.
- 6. 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

- 7. Establish a Public Hearing** - City Council will establish a public hearing on Monday, January 10th, 2022 at 7:00 PM to consider a text amendment to the Land Development Code's (LDC) table of uses.
- 8. Establish a Public Hearing** - City Council will establish a public hearing on Monday, January 10th, 2022 at 7:00 PM to consider a map amendment for property located on 14th Street, PIDs 119975, 214728, and 214726.

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.*

- 9. Closed Session:** City Council will enter Closed Session to consult with the City Attorney in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (3).

Adjourn

State of North Carolina
County of Gaston



**CITY OF BESSEMER CITY
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Donnie Griffin, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, Donnie Griffin, do affirm that I will execute the duties of the office as a member of the Bessemer City Council to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.

Donnie Griffin, Ward 6

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 13th Day of December, 2021

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

State of North Carolina
County of Gaston



**CITY OF BESSEMER CITY
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I, Kay McCathen, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, Kay McCathen, do affirm that I will execute the duties of the office as a member of the Bessemer City Council to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.

Kay McCathen, Ward 2

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 13th Day of December, 2021

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

State of North Carolina
County of Gaston



**CITY OF BESSEMER CITY
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Brent Guffey, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, Brent Guffey, do affirm that I will execute the duties of the office as a member of the Bessemer City Council to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.

Brent Guffey, Ward 5

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 13th Day of December, 2021

Becky S. Smith, Mayor



City of Bessemer City

2022 Holiday and Meeting Schedule



<u>CITY OF BESSEMER CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE</u>		
<u>Holiday</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>CLOSED DAY(S)</u>
New Year's Day	January 1	Saturday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 17	Monday
Easter Friday	April 15	Friday
Memorial Day	May 30	Monday
Independence Day	July 4	Monday
Labor Day	September 5	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11	Friday
Thanksgiving	November 24 and 25	Thursday and Friday
Christmas	December 26 and 27	Monday and Tuesday

<u>BESSEMER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE</u>	
<u>7:00PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH</u>	
January 10	July 11
February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

<u>BESSEMER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SCHEDULE</u>	
<u>3:00PM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS- LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH</u>	
January 25	July 26
February 22	August 30
March 29	September 27
April 26	October 25
May 31	November 29
June 28	December- no meeting

<u>BESSEMER CITY PLANNING/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING SCHEDULE</u>	
<u>6:30PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH</u>	
January 4	July 5
February 7	August 1
March 7	September 6
April 4	October 3
May 2	November 7
June 6	December 5



CITY OF BESSEMER CITY RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Bessemer City Council authorized a one-year trial period for the Ridge Runners New Year's Shooters to shoot black powder muskets inside the City Limits; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the City Council authorized the Ridge Runners to hold the shooting as an annual event with guidelines and since their inception in the 1990's the shooters have been an important part of the local New Year's celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recently deemed it appropriate to update the guidelines governing the Ridge Runners activities within the City Limits of Bessemer City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bessemer City Council sets forth the following guidelines for the Ridge Runners activities within the City:

- 1) The Ridge Runners may only discharge non-loaded, black powder muskets and when possible be accompanied by an officer of the Bessemer City Police Department while in the City Limits.
- 2) The Ridge Runners are authorized to perform their opening ceremonies on Friday, December 31, 2021 at 11:45PM- Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 12:30AM in front of City Hall on West Virginia Avenue.
- 3) Shooting within City Limits shall only be conducted from the hours of 12:00AM-12:30AM and 7:00AM- 7:00PM on Saturday, January 1, 2022.
- 4) The Ridge Runners shall provide the City Manager, City Clerk, and the Bessemer City Police Department with a schedule of events and a current roster of member names, addresses and phone numbers.
- 5) Each shooting member shall display on his person a visible means of Ridge Runner identification. This means of identification shall not be readily or easily duplicated by non-members of the Ridge Runners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this *Resolution of Authorization* be valid for a one-year period, with renewals required each year by the Bessemer City Council no later than their December meeting.

Adopted this the 13th Day of December, 2021

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 AND 94 OF THE CITY OF
BESSEMER CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

WHEREAS, after proper notification a Public Hearing was held before the Bessemer City Council on December 13th, 2021 to consider a proposed amendment to the City of Bessemer City Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, after a _____ vote, the City Council of Bessemer City approved a text change to the City of Bessemer City Code of Ordinances reflected in Chapter 92 and 94 of the City of Bessemer City Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bessemer City, that the City of Bessemer City Code of Ordinances is amended to reflect the adopted changes as written below.

1. CHAPTER 92 ABANDONED, JUNK, NUISANCE VEHICLES.
2. CHAPTER 94 NOISE.

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bessemer City, North Carolina.

Adopted by City Council this 13th Day of December, 2021.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk



City of Bessemer City

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (TAX ID PARCEL #214726, #214728, AND PORTION OF PARCEL #119975)

WHEREAS, the applicant, Design Development Solutions, is requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone Tax Parcel #214726, #214728, and #119975, from Urban Residential (UR) Urban Residential Conditional District.

WHEREAS, the city has accepted the application and desires to set a Public Hearing on the same in accordance with the requirements of the Bessemer City LDC (Land Development Code)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be set for January 10th, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Bessemer City Council Chambers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff shall provide legal notice of this Hearing in accordance with the LDC.

ADOPTED THIS THE 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia H. Hayes, City Clerk

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