



## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**City Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Discussion Items**

1. FY 2025-2026 Draft Budget Review
2. Ward 1 Discussion
- [3.](#) Review Resolution of Intent (Single Water / Sewer Rates)
- [4.](#) Review Board Appointment Procedure
- [5.](#) Review Resolution - Adopting City Technology Use Policy

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

#### **Council General Discussion**

#### **Adjourn**

RESOLUTION OF INTENT  
SINGLE WATER RATE STRUCTURE FOR BESSEMER CITY

WHEREAS the City of Bessemer City provides water utility services to residents and customers; and

WHEREAS Gaston County received ARPA Funds from the Federal Government to install a waterline to an unserved area between Bessemer City and the Tryon Community north of Bessemer City; and

WHEREAS water utility services will extend to the Tryon Community north of Bessemer City along Ramsuer Road and Tryon Courthouse Road (Highway 274) ending at Tryon Elementary School and Tryon Park; and

WHEREAS it is beneficial for the City’s water utility service to gain new customers as possible along this route to help offset costs of maintaining the new line and increase flow levels for overall water quality; and

WHEREAS the City of Bessemer City aims to make connecting to City water as attractive as possible; and

WHEREAS the City of Bessemer City understands the interest from non-residents to be offered the same water rate as residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT the City of Bessemer City Council approves this resolution of intent to transition to a single water rate for residents and non-residents as the Tryon Waterline Project finishes. This single rate structure will be reflected in a future budget that aligns with the completion of this project.

Adopted this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk

# BC Board Appointment Process

**1** Applicant submits application to city clerk.

**2**

City Clerk places the application on the agenda of the respective board (e.g., Planning and Zoning, Parks & Rec, ABC, or Downtown Development).

**3**

Respective board reviews application and conducts interview at the following meeting.

**4**

City Clerk submits the board's recommended action for consideration during the City Council's work session.

**5**

City Council either directs the City Clerk to send out declinations or place the recommended applicants on the agenda for the next regular meeting.



## RESOLUTION ADOPTING TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

**WHEREAS**, NCGS 143-805, effective October 1, 2024, requires all public agencies to adopt a policy governing the use of its network and devices owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the City of Bessemer City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bessemer City has an administrative technology policy effective April 14, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bessemer City Council adopts the Technology Use Policy to be applicable to all City employees, elected officials and appointees utilizing any device or network owned, leased, maintained or otherwise controlled by the City of Bessemer City.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. Each year, and no later than August 1, the City shall report information required in NCGS 143- 805 to the State Chief Information Officer.
2. This policy shall not apply to investigation, law enforcement training, or actions related to law enforcement purpose; identifying potential security or cyber security threats; establishing, testing and maintaining firewalls, protocols and otherwise implementation of this policy; or other exceptions as specifically set forth in NCGS 143-805(d).
3. The terms used in the policy shall be defined as set forth in NCGS 143-805(g).
4. Any employee, elected official, or appointed of the City who has saved pornography to a device owned, leased, maintained or otherwise controlled by the Town shall remove, delete or uninstall the pornography no later than May 1, 2025.
5. Any City employee who violates any provision of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action under the City's Personnel Policy.
6. Any City appointee who violates any provision of this policy shall be subject to removal by City Council.
7. Any elected official who violates any provision of this policy shall be subject censure proceedings.

Adopted by City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2025

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk