



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Pre Sine Die

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. **Students of the Month:** Mayor & City Council will recognize the December 2023 students of the month from Bessemer City area schools: Bessemer City Primary School, Bessemer City Central Elementary School, Tryon Elementary, Bessemer City Middle School, and Bessemer City High School.

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.*

2. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting Minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Work Session Meeting minutes of the November 28th, 2023 meeting.

Business Items

4. **Acceptance of Official Canvass** - City Council will consider accepting the official canvass of the Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 election:

Becky Smith -270
Michael Brooks -363
Allen Hook - 501
Brenda Boyd -273

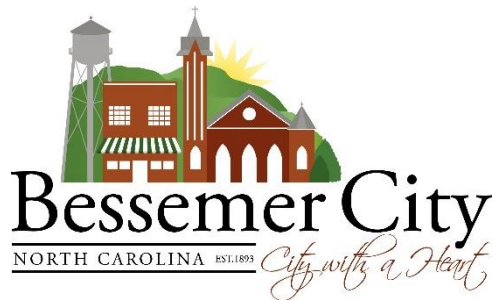
5. **Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** - City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment about the closeout out of the 2014 (14-D-3029) and 2016 (16-D-3029) CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization projects. Amanda Whitaker, Director of Funding Services will address Council during the public hearing.

- 6. Resolution - Approving Minutes of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** City Council will consider adopting a resolution that certifies the meeting minutes of the CDBG public hearing.
- 7. Public Hearing: Amend Land Development Code (LDC) & Abolish Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments:** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding the abolishment of Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments.
- 8. Public Hearing: Amend Land Development Code (LDC) & Establish Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments:** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding the establishment of Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments.
- 9. Ordinance to Amend the Land Development Code (LDC) & Establish Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments:** City Council consider adopting an ordinance to amend sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the LDC to increase the number of Planning Board members from 5 to 7. Additionally, City Council will review the submitted applications and consider appointing members to serve on this Board
- 10. Public Hearing: Abolish Downtown Development Board:** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding the abolishment of the Downtown Development Board.
- 11. Public Hearing: Establish Downtown Development Board:** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding the establishment of the Downtown Development Board.
- 12. Resolution - Bessemer City Downtown Development Board - Bylaw Changes and Board Appointment:** City Council will consider adopting a resolution that increases board membership numbers from 5 to 9. Additionally, City Council will review applications and consider appointing members to serve on this Board.
- 13. Board Appointment:** Mayor and City Council will consider appointing Robert Johnson to serve on the ABC Board to complete the term of Michael Brooks. This term will expire on June 30, 2025. Per the November 2023 election, Michael Brooks has been elected to serve on the City Council. Thus, he has resigned from the ABC Board.

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.*

Adjournment Sine Die of the 2021-2023 Council Session



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present

Mayor, Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Brenda Boyd, Donnie Griffin, Dan Boling, Nellie Floyd, Brent Guffey and Joe Will were all present. City Manager, Josh Ross and City Attorney, David Smith were present as well.

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. John Harper, Pastor of Ragan Wesleyan led the audience in prayer. Mayor Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustment and Approval of the Agenda

By motion Brent Guffey and unanimous vote, the November agenda was approved with no revisions.

Oath of Office

Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to Nellie Floyd. Ms. Floyd was recently appointed to fulfill Kay McCathen's term until December 2025.

Special Presentations

Student Appreciation- Students from Bessemer City High School, Bessemer City Middle School, Bessemer City Central Elementary School, Bessemer City Primary School, and Tryon Elementary were recognized by their principals and City Council as part of the Student Appreciation Program:

Dr. Sheila Wyont, Principal of Bessemer City High School, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Monserrat Baez Salazar, 9th grade representative; Camron Marlow, 10th grade representative; Tyrese Edwards, 11th grade representative and Laila Coleman, 12th grade representative.

Dr. Jessica Mellon, Principal of Bessemer City Middle School, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Kevin Cruz, 6th grade representative; Leah Owens and Naeja Lewis, 7th grade representatives; and Madison Trakas and Jayden Morris 8th grade representatives.

Dr. April Conley, Principal of Bessemer City Central School, and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Gustavo Cordova; 3rd grade representative; 4th Mylah Graham; and 5th Walker Hurst.

Mrs. Erin Morehead, Guidance Counselor of Bessemer City Primary and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Karmon Hampton, Kindergarten representative; Lilliam Hinson, 1st grade, and representative; Aryanna Mills, 2nd grade representative.

Mrs. Kelsey Nixon, Kindergarten Administrator of Tryon Elementary and Mayor Smith, recognized the following students of the month: Emily Randall, Kindergarten representative; Hallie Hoyle, 1st grade, Zack

Randall, 2nd grade representative, Leslie Rodriguez and Yosthin Sanchez, 3rd grade representative; Elijah Love and Cullen Cooper, 4th grade representative; and Josiah Drake, 5th grade representative.

Request to Speak/Opportunity for Public Comment

Mayor Smith opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals came forth:

- Monica Hence at 705 S Skyland Drive: Mrs. Hence addressed Council regarding a light being placed in the Vantine Cemetery. Her father is buried there and she would like to go visit his grave in the light. Ms. Hence also stated that a number of residents have witnessed several people using the cemetery as an area of relief for their animals. This should be stopped, individuals should show respect and dignity when visiting the cemetery. Hence also mentioned a concern with the water being brown in color.

- Courtney Womack at 517 Costner School Road: Ms. Womack congratulated all winners of the recent Tuesday, November 7th election.

Consent Agenda

The following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by motion of Dan Boling:

2. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of the October 9th, 2023 meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting the Work Session Meeting minutes of the October 31st, 2023 meeting.

Establish a Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

City Staff is requesting the establishment of a public hearing on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 PM to close out the 2014 (14-D-3029) and 2016 (16-D-3029) CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization projects.

By motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding two CDBG close out projects will be held on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 PM.

Ordinance for the Closing & Withdrawing of a Recorded Section of Public Street Right-of-Way (Hillcrest Dr):

By motion of Joe Will, this ordinance was approved. This portion of unimproved street right-of-way measures approximately 0.0921 acres. A public hearing was previously held on Monday, October 9th at 7:00 PM.

Declare Property Surplus:

City Staff is requesting that a 1981 GE Generator and Condec Detroit diesel generator be declared surplus. These are old generators from the Water Plant. New upgrades have been made with the Water Plant improvements. Thus, these generators are no longer needed.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the two generators were declared surplus.

Resolution to Accept Offer for Loan Funding:

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure has offered the City a Clean Water State Revolving Loan in the amount of \$1,985,000 for the construction of the Vantine Pump Station and Sewer Replacements. This is a 0% interest loan, and the City will have \$500,000 forgiven at the completion of the project. The City will have 20 years to pay this loan back.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the resolution to accept the offer for loan funding for Vantine Pump Station and Sewer Replacements were approved.

Capital Project Ordinance Amendment - Vantine Sewer Pump Station:

By motion of Brent Guffey and unanimous vote, the capital project ordinance amendment for the Vantine Pump Station and Sewer Replacements were approved.

Establish Public Hearing: Amend Land Development Code (LDC) & Abolish Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

As required by NCGS 160A-346, the City is required to hold a public hearing prior to adopting and amending any changes to Land Development Code (LDC). Mayor and Council wish to abolish the board by rescinding sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the LDC at the next regular meeting. Public notice of this public hearing will be advertised in accordance of N.C.G.S. 160A-364.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the abolishment of the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments will be held Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Establish Public Hearing: Amend Land Development Code (LDC) & Establish Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

As required by NCGS 160A-346, the City is required to hold a public hearing prior to adopting and amending any changes to Land Development Code (LDC). Mayor and Council wish to establish a Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments by adopting sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the LDC at the next regular meeting. Public notice of this public hearing will be advertised in accordance of N.C.G.S. 160A-364.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the establishment of the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments will be held Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Establish Public Hearing: Abolish Downtown Development Board & Bylaw Changes

Mayor and Council wish to abolish the downtown development board and change the bylaws.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the abolishment of the Downtown Development Board will be held Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Establish Public Hearing: Establish Downtown Development Board & Bylaw Changes

Mayor and Council wish to establish the downtown development board and change the bylaws.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, a public hearing regarding the establishment of the Downtown Development will be held Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Josh Ross, addressed Council regarding the following:

- General: The previous items to establish a public hearing relate to City Staff wishing to increase the number of Board members on each Board. Back in 2018 the Boards underwent the same process to limit the number of Board members. But we would like to reverse this action. Christmas in the City will be this upcoming Sunday, November 19th. We have over 25 vendors set up to attend. The parade will begin at 4:30 PM. Once it's dark we will transition to the Tree Lighting program. The Fire Departments annual bbq sale yielded over 1,200 plates. The public works team is working on leaf removal. There is a county wide burn ban in effect, due to the drought. City Staff is working to address

the discoloration of city water. This is a natural effect due to lake turnover and the drought. Additionally, the water is being drew from a lower elevation in the lake. The discolored water poses no health or safety risk.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council member, Dan Boling thanked the Board and City Attorney, David Smith for their service to the City. Mr. Boling has been on the Board for 18 years. Mr. Boling thanked Mayor Smith and late Council member McCathen for their leadership during his tenure. Council member Nellie Floyd thanked the Board for allowing her to join the Bessemer City Council as the Ward 2 representative. Ms. Floyd is looking forward to helping the citizens of Bessemer City and serve the Board. Council member, Joe Will stated that he was honored to serve and work with the current board. Mr. Will commended Mayor Smith for her many years of leadership and dedication to the citizens of Bessemer City. Furthermore, he is happy to pass along the baton to the next City Councilman for Ward 3. Hiring Joshua Ross as the City Manager was a wonderful decision. Council member, Brenda Boyd thanked the Bessemer City citizenry for entrusting her with another four years. She thanked the past members for their service. Council member, Brent Guffey thanked Joe Will and Dan Boling for their years of service. Guffey thanked Mr. Boling for encouraging him to run for public office. Council member, Donnie Griffin commended Joe Will and Dan Boling for many years of great service to the Bessemer City community.

Closed Session

By motion of Brent Guffey and unanimous vote, City Council entered in to closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS143-318(a)(6) at 7:53 PM.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, City Council came out of closed session at 8:45 PM. No action was taken.

City Manager - Vehicle Allowance

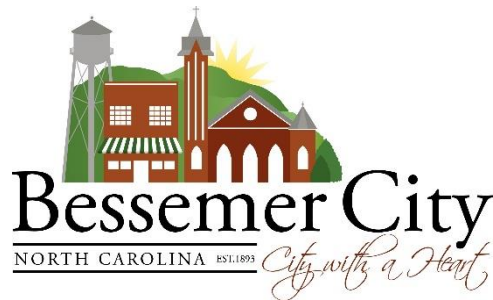
By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, City Manager, Joshua Ross will receive a \$600 monthly stipend for a vehicle. Additionally, his managerial contract was extended an additional 2 years. Thus, Mr. Ross will serve as City manager until January 1, 2028.

Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

Members Present

Mayor, Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Joe Will, Brenda Boyd, Brent Guffey, Nellie Floyd, Dan Boling and Donnie Griffin were all present. City Manager, Josh Ross and department heads were present as well. A quorum was present.

Department Head Reports

Bessemer City department heads gave reports on their department's status:

JoD Franklin, Parks and Recreation Director- Mr. Franklin addressed Council regarding the Breakfast with Santa event, the light up Bessemer City contest, and youth sports. This year's Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 9th at 9 AM at the Allan Farris Community Center. The annual light up Bessemer City contest will convene soon. More details will be released as the event nears. Basketball sign ups have begun. The annual Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting, and Christmas in the City festival went well. There were some issues with generators, however, City staff was able to address these concerns on the spot. Mayor Smith and City Council congratulated Mr. Franklin on being recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Bessemer City Area Chamber.

David James, Deputy Police Chief – Mr. James addressed Council regarding new Police Officers and a stabbing that took place on Thanksgiving day.

Nathan Hester, Development Services Director – Mr. Hester addressed Council regarding the Lennar Homes project, the Osage Mill, and the Main Street program. The Lennar Homes project is fully underway. City Council and City Staff toured the Osage Mill today. The Main Street program will have a night to celebrate new businesses in downtown Bessemer City. This event will be held December 6th in City Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Meritage Homes took over the Eastwood project. They will come before Council to update the project plans. The Kintegra project is fully underway as well. They plan to house a medical facility, optometrist, and pharmacy in the complex.

Diane Jenkins, Finance Director – Ms. Jenkins addressed Council regarding the audit, W-2s, and ACA reporting. The auditors are almost complete with the audit. Once the audit is submitted and accepted by the State, the auditors have 45 days to come and present their findings to the Board at a public meeting. This is a new requirement by the State. City staff anticipate that this presentation should be sometime in January. The finance department will be working on W-2s and ACA reporting for the end of the year.

Jamie Ramsey, Director of Operations- Mr. Ramsey informed Council that the Osage Mill project will be a gas user. The project will use City gas to heat their hot water heater. City staff is working on possible plans for a streetscape project. City Staff is hoping to receive grant funds from Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) to complete this project. We have had several water main breaks along West Virginia Avenue and South Pinchback. We have one truck picking up leaves this season. The City will be working to extend water lines to Tryon Courthouse Road. More information will come once City staff meet with County officials.

Hydeia Hayes, City Clerk & Human Capital Director- Ms. Hayes addressed Council regarding the upcoming Staff Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5th. Additionally, Ms. Hayes mentioned that the Planning & Zoning Board as well as the Downtown Development Boards will all be going through an dissolution and re-establishment process. Several public hearings will be held at the December 2023 to re-establish both boards. Additionally, City Council has received 3 resignations: Allen Hook from the Planning & Zoning Board, Michael Brooks from the ABC Board, and Nellie Floyd from the Downtown Development Board.

City Manager's Report

Josh Ross, City Manager- Mr. Ross addressed Council regarding the following:

General: The City is moving forward in small claims court regarding several sewer only customers. As previously reported there are four citizens who are sewer only customers who have not paid their utility bill. The Christmas in the City festival and Tree Lighting program went well and is a wonderful time to see all of Staff.

Water Discoloration: Mr. Dennis Wells, ORC for the Water Plant was brought in to inform Council of the water situation. The City of Bessemer City continues to treat water for discoloration which started at the beginning of November 2023. The discoloration is due to sporadic temperature changes during November, which changes iron and manganese levels. Additionally, as drought conditions continue, Arrowood Lake (the City's main water reservoir) levels remain several feet below average, meaning water feeds to the plant from a lower depth. Lastly, as we move from fall into winter, lake turnover will occur which can impact water discoloration. The City is treating water at the plant for discoloration. The City is also flushing lines to mitigate the presence of discoloration. Water is tested daily. Water in the system is treated at the plant and does not contain dirt or any harmful material. The water is stained by changing mineral levels due to the above mentioned (needed space between words) reasons, which ultimately affects the clarity of the water (turbidity). Water processed at the plant is safe for consumption and use. Water is tested daily in accordance to all North Carolina and Federal laws.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. There was none.

Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 PM by motion of Brent Guffey and unanimous vote.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk

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38 HIGH SHOALS	405	51	0	0								
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37 CHERRYVILLE 3											
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01 YORK CHESTER	18	59	2	103	65	0	1	133	97	0	0	1	133	97	0	0	19	77	3	130	3	39	39	39	77	130	3	39	39	39	39	39	39
02 VICTORY	56	85	7	92	99	1	0	181	134	1	0	1	181	134	1	0	22	104	4	186	4	46	46	46	104	186	4	46	46	46	46	46	46
03 PLEASANT RIDGE	49	60	2	34	110	1	1	133	111	0	0	1	133	111	0	0	13	85	1	154	1	17	17	17	85	154	1	17	17	17	17	17	17
04-1 FOREST HEIGHTS	66	117	4	26	161	1	0	225	125	1	0	1	225	125	1	0	25	98	6	245	6	27	27	27	98	245	6	27	27	27	27	27	27
05 HEALTH CENTER	47	30	4	19	113	0	0	87	113	1	0	0	87	113	1	0	12	66	3	137	3	7	7	7	66	137	3	7	7	7	7	7	7
06-1 MYRTLE	60	27	4	14	121	2	1	94	115	2	1	1	94	115	2	1	18	59	1	162	1	8	8	8	59	162	1	8	8	8	8	8	8
07 HIGHLAND	43	5	2	13	122	0	0	69	105	1	0	2	69	105	1	0	12	37	2	150	2	0	0	0	37	150	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
08 WOODHILL	37	59	3	28	97	0	1	126	83	4	4	1	126	83	4	4	13	61	2	152	2	11	11	11	61	152	2	11	11	11	11	11	11
09 GRIER	22	133	4	64	65	1	0	186	88	0	0	0	186	88	0	0	15	116	3	129	3	41	41	41	116	129	3	41	41	41	41	41	41
10 SHERWOOD	31	188	7	137	225	0	1	399	170	3	0	2	399	170	3	0	19	168	6	348	6	69	69	69	168	348	6	69	69	69	69	69	69
11 ARMSTRONG	36	43	5	28	56	1	0	95	62	1	0	1	95	62	1	0	11	63	1	90	1	15	15	15	63	90	1	15	15	15	15	15	15
12 FLINT GROVES	10	144	1	31	66	0	0	179	68	1	0	1	179	68	1	0	5	89	4	120	4	40	40	40	89	120	4	40	40	40	40	40	40
14-1 GARDNER PARK	47	293	8	138	138	0	0	418	189	3	0	2	418	189	3	0	16	174	18	328	18	106	106	106	174	328	18	106	106	106	106	106	106
15 ROBINSON 1	52	548	11	247	336	2	0	812	341	7	0	0	812	341	7	0	36	361	21	596	21	217	217	217	361	596	21	217	217	217	217	217	217
16 GASTON DAY	37	348	5	160	235	1	0	551	216	2	0	4	551	216	2	0	21	228	7	431	7	123	123	123	228	431	7	123	123	123	123	123	123
17 ROBINSON 2	64	308	6	147	234	1	0	483	228	4	0	2	483	228	4	0	46	249	14	372	14	127	127	127	249	372	14	127	127	127	127	127	127
18-1 ASHBROOK	57	224	8	108	240	1	0	423	180	4	0	3	423	180	4	0	34	209	6	342	6	84	84	84	209	342	6	84	84	84	84	84	84
19-1 SOUTH GASTONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 BESSEMER CITY 1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	2	10	1	25	1	12	12	12	10	25	1	12	12	12	12	12	12
21-1 BESSEMER CITY 2	4	28	1	4	11	0	0	36	10	0	0	0	36	10	0	0	10	66	108	1	0	23	23	23	66	108	1	23	23	23	23	23	23
22 CROWDERS MOUNTAIN	23	75	0	17	83	0	0	109	79	2	0	0	109	79	2	0	6	57	5	81	5	47	47	47	57	81	5	47	47	47	47	47	47
29-1 NEW HOPE	10	113	0	20	47	0	0	140	41	0	0	0	140	41	0	0	2	22	28	0	0	3	3	3	22	28	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
30-1 MCADEVILLE	6	17	2	10	18	0	0	24	23	0	0	4	24	23	0	0	4	20	23	1	0	7	7	7	20	23	1	7	7	7	7	7	7
31 UNION	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33 TRYON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 DALLAS 1	8	7	2	5	11	1	0	15	17	1	0	0	15	17	1	0	1	15	16	0	0	3	3	3	15	16	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
41 DALLAS 2	7	9	1	2	3	1	0	12	8	2	0	0	12	8	2	0	1	11	9	1	0	2	2	2	11	9	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
TOTALS	793	2931	91	1457	2680	13	5	4962	2625	41	4	25	4962	2625	41	4	363	2445	109	4365	109	2	1074	1074	2445	4365	109	2	1074	1074	1074	1074	1074

	0018_KINGS MTN MAYOR KINGS MOUNTAIN				0019_KINGS MTN CNCL AT-LG KINGS MOUNTAIN				0020_KINGS MTN CNCL W1 KWI				0021_LOWELL MAYOR LOWELL					
	SCOTT NEILSLER	ROB WAGMAN	WRITE-IN	OVER VOTES	UNDER VOTES	KEITH MILLER	SHEARRA MILLER	WRITE-IN	OVER VOTES	UNDER VOTES	ANNIE THOMBS	WRITE-IN	OVER VOTES	UNDER VOTES	D LAMB, JR	WRITE-IN	OVER VOTES	UNDER VOTES
21-1 BESSEMER CITY 2	18	4	0	0	0	5	16	0	0	1	20	0	0	2				
22 CROWDERS MOUNTAIN	21	32	1	0	0	27	27	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	318	399	2	0
32-1 LOWELL															318	399	2	0
TOTALS	39	36	1	0	0	32	43	0	0	1	23	0	0	2	318	399	2	0

Item 4.

	0022_LOWELL COUNCIL LOWELL					0034_LOWELL COUNCIL (UNEX) LOWELL					0023_MCADENVILLE MAYOR MCADENVILLE							
28-1 CRAMERTON																		
30-1 MCADENVILLE																		
32-1 LOWELL	391	26	349	182	189	250	0	0	69	273	28	407	9	1	10	63	0	2
TOTALS	391	26	349	182	189	250	0	0	69	273	28	407	9	1	10	63	0	2

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	0024_MCADENVILLE COUNCIL MCADENVILLE				0025_MOUNT HOLLY MAYOR MT HOLLY				0026_MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN MT HOLLY										
	Joe Rankin	Reid Washam	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	UNDER VOTES	Bryan Hough	David Moore	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	UNDER VOTES	Phillips	BHarris	Gloria Ann Mack	Jeff Meadows	Raay Nichols	Kenneth Reeves	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	UNDER VOTES
26-1 CATWEEA HEIGHTS						212	248	4	0	5	247	183	248	151	265	100			
28-1 CRAMERTON	0	0	0	0	0														
30-1 MCADENVILLE	53	58	3	0	24														
32-1 LOWELL	0	0	0	0	0														
42 LUCIA						197	80	0	0	0	158	112	214	113	118	17			96
43 STANLEY 1						51	64	0	0	0	77	79	48	24	55	9			71
45 MOUNT HOLLY 1						216	367	2	0	6	356	323	255	187	330	94			228
46 MOUNT HOLLY 2						202	387	7	0	5	342	293	289	188	394	91			206
TOTALS	53	58	3	0	24	878	1146	13	0	22	1180	990	1054	663	1162	311		3	814

	0027_RANLO COMMISSIONER RANLO						0030_STANLEY MAYOR STANLEY			0031_STANLEY COUNCIL WARD 1 STANLEY									
13 RANLO	P e e n n y	R u s t y	C o r e y	J a m i e	R o n n i e	A n d r e w	D o u g	D i a n a	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	U N D E R V O T E S	S e v e n	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	U N D E R V O T E S	(B u d)	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	U N D E R V O T E S
39 ALEXIS	B r a d s h a w	B r a d s h a w	C r e e c h	F l o w l e e	L a w s	M c L a r e n	M o r e	P a r k e r				D e n t o n							
43 STANLEY 1												0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44 STANLEY 2												66	1	0	10	62	1	0	14
TOTALS	86	56	133	170	133	64	174	98	6	0	121	309	15	1	44	291	13	0	65

	0032_STANLEY COUNCIL WARD 3 STANLEY		0033_STANLEY COUNCIL WARD 4 STANLEY		
	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	W R I T E - I N	O V E R V O T E S	U N D E R V O T E S
39 ALEXIS	0	0	0	0	0
43 STANLEY 1	34	43	0	62	15
44 STANLEY 2	109	181	0	245	42
TOTALS	143	224	0	307	57



**RESOLUTION APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City strives to support the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City held a public hearing regarding the closeout out of the 2014 (14-D-3029) and 2016 (16-D-3029) CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bessemer City approves the following minutes of the public hearing:

Amanada Whitaker, Director of Funding Services addressed Council during the public hearing with the following:

Background

In 2018 Bessemer City applied for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization Program through the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The City was awarded funds in 2019 in the amount of \$750,000 for the rehabilitation of approximately 16 homes. When the state awarded the funds, the City was given funding out of the 2014 CDBG allocation, because the funds were already 5 years old when awarded the City had a shorter timeframe to expend the funds and complete the project. The City procured grant administration services in May 2019 and quickly began working to complete all the start up compliance requirements on the grant. No funds other than grant administration can be spent until the environmental review is approval and funds are released. The City immediately began procuring services for rehabilitation specialist, environmental specialist, and legal specialist once funds were released. However, due to low response this process required multiple rounds of advertisement and some services required the state to approve sole source procurement due to only one response. Additionally, the NC Department of Commerce requested that the City reduce the scope of work from 16 homes to 10 homes. Simultaneously, the Housing Selection Committee (a committee formed by the City and submitted with the application) began evaluating the applications for home repairs. Once homes were selected the City had to perform title searches and evaluate all the income information provided by the homeowners to ensure they met the program income requirements. Unfortunately, due to the expenditure deadlines the City was required to amend the project and only do emergency repairs to the first 5 homes on the list. The City completed 5 emergency repairs and closed out the 2014 grant without spending all the funds. Due to the circumstances and the short timeframes of the 2014 grant NC Commerce awarded the City the remaining balance that couldn't be spent in a new award from their 2016 CDBG funds. The 2016 grant had the same challenges with deadlines, and ultimately the City was able to fully rehabilitate 4 homes in the given timeframe.

Public Hearing Details

The CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization Program requires that public hearings be held at the time of closeout. Therefore, the purpose of the public hearing is to meet that requirement. The public hearing is for the City Bessemer City FY 2014 & FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborh

Revitalization Program, grant number 14-D-3029 & 16-D-3029. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the program performance, allow the citizens of the City of Bessemer City an opportunity to make any comments, and close out the CDBG project.

The City received \$750,000.00 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG funding from the North Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) for grant 14-D-3029.

Proposed project activities include rehabilitation for 10 homes. The city was able to assist five (5) households with emergency repairs. All of the housing activities benefited low- and moderate- income (LMI) households directly, for 100% benefit to LMI persons.

Program activities are complete and approximately \$129,993.59 of the grant funds were spent - \$89,964 towards rehabilitation and \$40,029.59 towards administrative fees. Final requisitions for funds and CDBG closeout documents have been submitted to DOC.

With only a portion of the funds expended, the City received the remaining \$620,006.41 in U.S. HUD CDBG funding from NC DOC for grant 16-D-3029.

Proposed project activities include rehabilitation of 10 homes. The city was able to assist four (4) households. All of the housing activities benefited low- and moderate- income (LMI) households directly, for 100% benefit to LMI persons.

Program activities are complete and approximately \$431,650.24 of the grant funds were expended – \$396,685.09 towards rehabilitation and \$34,965.15 toward administrative fees. At the conclusion of the program approximately \$108,356.17 of the grant’s funds were deobligated due to required grant expenditure deadlines. Final requisitions for funds and CDBG closeout documents have been submitted to DOC.

This has been a successful project and remained in compliance with the required federal regulations associated with funding.

Adopted this the 11th day of December, 2023

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Hydeia Hayes, City Clerk



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ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BESSEMER CITY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) SECTIONS 6.2 AND 6.3 AND APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City adopted the Land Development Code in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City understands and operates under the North Carolina General Assembly’s Statute §160D-605; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City understands the value of appointing an effective Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments to administer the Land Development Code (LDC) for Bessemer City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bessemer City hereby adopt the attached revised Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Bessemer City Land Development Code (LDC).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Bessemer City moves to appoint the following board members to the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments given the new structure of the board described in the attached bylaws:

<u>Board Member:</u>	<u>Term:</u>
Charlene Hill	December 2023 - June 2025 (ETJ)
Pamela Gladney	December 2023 – June 2026
Bruce Absher	December 2023 – June 2024
Wendy Burgess	December 2023 – June 2026
Vacancy	December 2023 - June 2025
Vacancy	_____
Vacancy	_____

6.2.B. - Composition and tenure

1. Board membership. The planning board shall consist of five sitting members, including at least one but no more than two sitting members from its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) area. In accordance with NCGS 160D-307, representation from the ETJ shall be a proportional representation based on population of the ETJ. The population estimates for this calculation shall be updated no less frequently than after each decennial census. The ETJ representative(s) shall have equal rights, privilege, and duties.
2. Appointment. The members of the planning board that reside in Bessemer City shall be appointed by the city council and the ETJ resident member(s) shall be appointed by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.
3. Terms of office. All members of the planning board shall serve three year terms which shall alternate and overlap, so that no more than three terms expire within the same year. Vacancies shall be filled by the city council or the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, as applicable, as they occur, for the period of the unexpired term.
4. Oath of office. All planning board members are required to take an oath of office prior to any action or entering their duties, as required by G.S. 160D-309.

- 5. Removal. Any member of the planning board shall be removed for cause (neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct, or missing three consecutive meetings or more than 50 percent or more of the official meetings in a 12 month period) by the city council upon written charge.
- 6. Officers. The city council shall elect one of the planning board members as chair annually. The planning board shall elect one of the planning board members (excluding the chair) as vice-chair annually. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall act as chair and shall have all the powers and duties of the chair. In the absence of both, the board shall elect a temporary chair to conduct the meeting.
- 7. Clerk of the board. The city clerk, or the designee of the city manager, shall serve as the clerk of the board. The clerk shall keep planning board minutes, showing the vote of each member on all voting matters. In addition, the clerk shall maintain all records of the planning board meetings, hearings, and proceedings, as well as the correspondence of the planning board. All such minutes, records, and files shall be housed in City Hall as a public record.
- 8. Staff. The administrator shall serve as the professional staff to the planning board. Staff shall arrange for all required public notices to be given, shall notify parties to items before the board and of subsequent decisions, and shall perform such tasks as the chair shall assign, and shall generally supervise the clerical work of the board. Staff is also responsible for training the members of the boards as they are appointed.

6.3.B. - Composition and tenure

- 1. Board membership. All five members of the planning board shall also serve as members of the board of adjustment.
- 2. Appointment. The five members of the planning board shall serve as the board of adjustment and shall include at least one ETJ representative but no more than two. Proportional representation as mentioned in 6.2.B. is also required for the board of adjustment.
- 3. Terms of office. The terms of office for the members of the board of adjustment shall be concurrent with their terms as members of the planning board. Vacancies shall be filled by the Bessemer City Council or the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, as applicable, as they occur for the period of the unexpired term.
- 4. Oath of office. All board of adjustment members are required to take an oath of office prior to any action or entering their duties, as required by G.S. 160D-309.
- 5. Removal. Any member of the board of adjustment shall be removed for cause (neglect of duty, malfeasance, misconduct, or missing three consecutive meetings or more than 50 percent or more of the official meetings in a 12 month period) by the city council upon written charge.
- 6. Officers. The city council shall elect one of the board of adjustment members as chair annually. The board of adjustment shall elect one of the board of adjustment members (excluding the chair) as vice-chair, annually. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall act as chair and shall have all the powers and duties of the chair. In the absence of both, the board shall elect a temporary chair to conduct the meeting.
- 7. Clerk of the board. The city clerk, or the designee of the city manager, shall serve as the clerk of the board. The clerk shall keep board of adjustment minutes, showing the vote of each member on all voting matters. In addition, the clerk shall maintain all records of the board of adjustment meetings, hearings, and proceedings, as well as the correspondence of the board of adjustment. All such minutes, records, and files shall be housed in City Hall as a public record.
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Board Appointment Application

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Zoning Board / Planning

NAME: Constantine Manny Tsambouniery

ADDRESS: 516 E Lee Ave

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 704 474 6062

EMAIL ADDRESS: Ctsambouniery@gmail.com

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Realtor @ Vickie Spurling / Owner at Dinos

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: ~~Bachelor~~ Bachelor of Arts (Pol sci)

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Many of my civic/volunteer activities take place at Dinos, which include donating pizza to Boys and Girls club amongst countless other organizations.

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I possess the personal knowledge and will that this community deserves. As a business owner and community resident my ideas can help further Bessemer City's already great progress.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

My political Science Degree as well as my Real Estate Licensure, ensures I possess the knowledge necessary. My community relationships will help guide my decisions.

HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

By making the best decisions possible with use of my professional knowledge in all capacities.

SIGNATURE: *Manny Brantley*
DATE: 10/18/23

CLERK USE ONLY	
Received On:	_____
Received By:	_____
Signature:	_____

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION



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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Planning & Zoning Board

NAME: Bryan Hoffman

ADDRESS: 704 S. 15th St. Bessemer City, NC. 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 704-915-5051

EMAIL ADDRESS: jachin691@gmail.com

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Bus Driver - Gaston Early College

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated BCHS 1980

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:
Member Whetstone Masonic Lodge #515

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:
Would like to be more involved in my community

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?
I care about my community and want to see it grow and prosper.

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION
HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

*By making good choices and decisions concerning
the growth of our City.*

SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*
DATE: *9/12/23*

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Received On: _____

Received By: _____

Signature: _____



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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Zoning Board of Adjustments

NAME: Frances "Ellen" Bullard

ADDRESS: 422 East Washington Avee.

TELEPHONE: HOME (704) 629-4722 WORK Retired CELL Have one but never turn it in.

EMAIL ADDRESS: ebullard5@Carolina.rr.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BCHS (1968) Evans College of Commerce (1969) Secretarial Certificate; Gaston College (1992) Legal Secretarial (1993) Paralegal Degree

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

20+ Years on this board, several years as chairperson. Meals on Wheels, 20+ years working for Elections Board

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I want to serve the City in any way I can

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

Experience on this board

CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION
HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?

Bringing many years experience. Open minded to consider any concerns the citizens may have with no prejudice and no preconceived ideas or opinions.

SIGNATURE: Shancey Allen Bullard
DATE: 10/17/2017

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Received On: _____

Received By: _____

Signature: _____

Bessemer City High School, 1968

Evans College of Commerce, 1969 / Secretarial Certificate

Gaston College, 1992 / A.A.S. Legal Secretarial Degree

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RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BESSEMER CITY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD BYLAWS AND APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City strives to support the North Carolina Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City understands that the North Carolina Main Street Program focuses on the Main Street 4-Point Approach including design, promotions, economic vitality, and organization; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Main Street Program focuses on economic development through the context of historic preservation for downtowns across the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer City understands the value of appointing an effective Main Street Board to administer the program for Bessemer City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bessemer City hereby adopt the attached revised bylaws of the Bessemer City Downtown Development Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Bessemer City moves to appoint the following board members to the Bessemer City Downtown Development board given the new structure of the board described in the attached bylaws:

<u>Board Member:</u>	<u>Term:</u>
Bill Whitmire	December 2023 – June 2026
Dana Ijames	December 2023 – June 2026
Lauren Hogan	December 2023 – June 2024
J.C. Vargas	December 2023 – June 2024
Diamond Brown (new applicant)	December 2023 – June 2025
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BYLAWS

Article I- Name and Purpose

- A. The name of the organization shall be Bessemer City Downtown Development (BCDD). This organization shall operate as an advisory/working board with board members appointed by the City Council of Bessemer City.
- B. The purpose of the organization shall be to work with downtown business and property owners, City Officials, City Staff, interested parties, investors, the community, and others to preserve the histo

significance of downtown Bessemer City; to carryout direction from City Council and Staff that in downtown development projects; to promote and market downtown Bessemer City as a place to visit, invest, play, and stay; to educate citizens and businesses about downtown Bessemer City; to encourage and suggest appropriate design qualities and features for downtown Bessemer City; to advise, coordinate, and support economic development projects downtown; and to advise City Council and other organizations in the community of downtown projects, proposals, events, activities, and other items related to downtown development.

- C. The organization shall work in partnership with Bessemer City Council, City Staff, and other interested parties to perform downtown revitalization and economic growth for the betterment of the Community.
- D. This organization shall follow the National Main Street Four-Point Approach® as a North Carolina Designated Main Street Community (Organization, Promotions, Design, and Economic Vitality).

Article II- Nature of Organization

- A. The nature of the organization shall be to work with all stakeholders who have an interest in preserving and developing downtown Bessemer City.
- B. The organization shall make reports to City Council on projects, ideas, and other elements of the organization's doings.
- C. The organization shall present an annual work plan, budget, and other supporting items to City Council for adoption.

Article III- Board Members, Appointment, Officers, and Volunteers

- A. Members of the Bessemer City Downtown Development (BCDD) shall be appointed by the City Council of Bessemer City. Members shall consist of nine (9) regular members.
- B. Board Members may be residents of Bessemer City, business-persons with interests in downtown, downtown property owners, or other persons with knowledge or abilities deemed beneficial to the purpose of the organization. The City's Economic Development Officer and/or other designated persons shall serve as ex-officio members to the organization having no voting rights. All board members positions must be approved by City Council. Board member selections will be made in accordance with City Council's Rules of Procedure Policy.
- C. Terms of membership shall be for no more than three (3) years during one term session.
- D. Initially, three (3) regular board members will be appointed to one (1) year terms, three (3) regular board members will be appointed to two (2) year terms, and three (3) regular board members will be appointed to a three (3) year term.
- E. City Council may appointed a designee to this board as a non-voting member.
- F. If a member is unable to fulfill their appointed term, a replacement member shall be nominated for approval by City Council to complete the term.
- G. The organization shall select officers annually at its July meeting.
- H. The following officers shall be appointed upon majority vote of BCDD board members at the July meeting of each year: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Nominations for positions shall be given no later than by the June meeting each year. Officers may succeed themselves with no limits.
- I. Duties of Officers shall include:

Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings and serve with the City's Economic Development Officer to carry out the organizational needs of the board. The Chairperson shall make appointments to special and standing committees for the organization. The Chairperson shall work to develop the organization's goals, responsibilities, projects, and other items.

Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings in the Chairperson's absence. Should the Chairperson resign or otherwise become unable to fulfill the duties of office during an elected term, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the post. An emergency election shall occur in this occasion to fill the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Secretary. The Secretary shall take official minutes and keep records for the organization. The Secretary shall also handle administrative matters for the organization in conjunction with the City's Economic Development Officer.

- J. Volunteers are welcome to participate in BCDD meetings, functions, roles, and responsibilities at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Volunteers do not have any voting rights.

Article IV- Voting

- A. The board shall vote at any scheduled meeting with a quorum which shall be constituted by a simple majority of present board members.
- B. In the case that there is not a quorum of board members present at a meeting to vote, no action shall take place.
- C. In the case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have an extra vote to break the tie. If the Chairperson is not present at a meeting where a tie occurs, the Vice-Chairperson shall have an extra vote to break a tie. If neither are present at a meeting when a tie occurs, even if a quorum is present, the item shall be moved to the next meeting where one or both of the officers are present.

Article V- Meetings

- A. Regular meetings shall be held by the organization on a date and time base on a calendar adopted annually by the organization. In the event no business is pending and no agenda in developed a meeting may be canceled except than no more than two (2) consecutive meetings may be cancelled. The board shall meet at least once per month.
- B. All members are expected to attend regular and special meetings. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without prior notice of absence may result in removal from the organization and shall require no action beyond notification of the need for appointment to an unexpired term.
- C. Business of the organization shall only take place in the course of an official meeting. An official meeting shall only take place in the presence of a quorum at regular scheduled or properly called special meetings. A simple majority of active members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI- Organization

The organization shall be organized to focus on the following roles:

- A. Organization: formalize the board's roles and responsibilities by creating work plans, budgets, and goals that facilitate economic growth activity in downtown.
- B. Design: educates others about good design by how it enhances the image of each property as well as the downtown as a whole. Other responsibilities and duties include: encouraging quality improvements to private and public properties/spaces, advising the city with future growth and shaping design regulation

motivate others to make appropriate changes, and provide good design advice. The board will inform, educate volunteers and stakeholders about good design qualities and elements.

- C. Promotions: identifies downtowns assets, including people, buildings, businesses, and heritage. The board will also assess market conditions, will define downtown’s market niche, and create new image campaigns, retail promotions, and special events for downtown. The group will also focus on making downtown a destination point for visitors, investors, businesses, and residents.
- D. Economic Vitality: keeps up-to-date economic conditions and identifies opportunities for market growth. The board will also assist in strengthening existing businesses as well as recruiting new ones, finds new economic uses for downtown buildings, develops financial incentives and capital for building rehabilitation and business development, and monitors economic performances and conditions of downtown.

The Chairperson may, as needed, establish standing work groups and/or task forces without necessity of revision to or amendment of these by-laws.

Article VII- Organization Funding

- A. The primary funding source for the organization shall be from the City of Bessemer City.
- B. Funding for the organization shall be determined by City administration and approved by City Council.
- C. Funding may also come from grant opportunities through the Main Street Program and other grant opportunities for downtown development.
- D. Funding may also come from other individuals, events, organizations, and the like as deemed appropriate by law.
- E. Fundraising and other means of funding of this group shall be allowed in accordance to federal, state, and local law.

Article VIII- Member Conduct

- A. Board membership may be terminated for one of the following reasons including, but not limited to, conflict of interest, lack of attendance, inappropriate use of membership voting authority, and other actions deemed reasonable for termination determined by the board and the City Council’s majority vote. City Council shall certify removal of board members for just cause.
- B. Members that serve on other boards or commissions shall only serve on this board if no conflict of interest or other related issues have been established.

Article IX- Jurisdiction

- A. The board’s focus shall include the City’s Central Business District (CBD) and other property in close proximity to the downtown Bessemer City.
- B. The board may also focus on projects and items that directly impact downtown.

Article X- Other Topics

- A. Amendments to these by-laws shall be made by majority vote of the members and submitted to City Council for final approval. All voting, membership guidelines, and conduct shall be followed for any amendments to these by-laws. Amendments can only be approved when all members are present for a meeting with majority vote.

Article XII Amendments

A. These rules may be amended at any meeting after a majority vote of BCDD Board members and approval of City Council.

Adopted this the 11th day of December, 2023

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Hydeia Hayes, City Clerk

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Board Appointment Application

The Mayor and City Council of Bessemer City believe that all citizens should have the opportunity to participate in governmental decisions. One way of participating is by serving as a citizen member of one of the City’s advisory boards or committees. If you wish to be considered for such an appointment, please complete the following application and return to the City Clerk, 132 W. Virginia Ave., Bessemer City, NC 28016. Phone: 704-729-6509 Email: hhayes@bessemercity.com

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Downtown Development Board

NAME: Diamond Brown

ADDRESS: 115 W. Pennsylvania Bessemer City, NC 28034

TELEPHONE: HOME N/A WORK 800-897-5529 CELL 864-619-5121

EMAIL ADDRESS: info@diamondsbodycare.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelors Degree in Marketing

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

I volunteer at Excel Village Girls STEM-FAB power summit a non-profit interactive workshop for young girls grades 5th-12th. That focus on creating exciting futures in STEM - Finance Arts, and Business.

I also mentor women in the beauty industry via my organization called Beautyprenur Brunch. Where we discuss business over brunch.

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I am a new proud business owner located downtown Bessemer City. I see the potential the city has for growth. Yes, I'm aware of the renovations of mill however so much need to be set in place prior to that for city engagement of the downtown area.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

I have a Degree in Marketing. I worked for a fortune 100 company in the marketing department for 17yrs prior to becoming a full-time business owner. My brand that is located in Bessemer City has partnerships with JW Marriott, Costco, several airports throughout the U.S. .Therefore I can bring my corporate knowledge/ business savvy to the board.

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Item 12.

I've been located in bessemer city for seven months and I have already impacted the community positively by providing jobs to local residence. Several of my customers from Charlotte and surrounding areas that never heard of Bessemer City drive here to shop with me. I would like to learn more about the city and the residents so we can properly create outreaches that can meet their needs.

SIGNATURE: Diamond Brown
DATE: 06/01/2023

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Signature:

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: ABC Board

NAME: Robert Johnson

ADDRESS: 309 E Alabama Ave Bessemer City, NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL 980-329-2460

EMAIL ADDRESS: robertbjohnson44@yahoo.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Teacher Gaston County Schools

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Gaston College Western Governors University

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Coach multiple sports throughout the ~~2000~~ year. Umpire/Referee as well.

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I want to serve on the board to be involved more in the community's decisions of the city.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

I base decisions off of what is best for the big picture. I am capable of communicating well and seeing both sides of a story.

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*I can positively impact the community by being a committed member.
I will also value doing the right thing over anything else.*

SIGNATURE: Robert Johnson

DATE: 11/13/23

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Received By: _____

Signature: _____