# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## City Council Chambers

## Monday, March 09, 2026 at 7:00 PM

# 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. **Recognition of Public Safety Director**: City Council will recognize Public Safety Director, Thomas Ellis Jr. as he will be retiring in April 2026.

2. **Students of the Month:** Mayor & City Council will recognize the March 2026 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.

**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.

**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.*

4. **Approval of Minutes**: City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting.

5. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting Special Session Meeting minutes of the February 26, 2026 meeting.

6. **Approval of Minutes:** City Council will consider adopting Special Session Meeting minutes of the February 27, 2026 meeting.

7. **Street Closure-38th Annual Down Home Festival Ordinance**: City administration is requesting the temporary closure of the 100 Block of West Virginia, East Virginia, West Pennsylvania Avenue, and the 100 Block of North and South 12th Street for the 38th Annual Down Home Day Festival on Thursday, May 7th, Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th, 2026.

8. **Street Closure-Alive! Concert Series 2026:** City administration is requesting the temporary closure of the 100 Block of West and East Virginia Avenue and the 100 Block of North and South 12th Street for the 2026 Alive! Concert Series on the 4th Friday of each month from April to October from the hours of 2:00PM-10:00PM.

**Business Items**

9. **Public Hearing -Day Care Text Amendment:** City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding a text amendment to each of the following sections of the Land Development Code: Section 2.7.B, Table of Uses, Section 2.8, Additional Standards, and Section 10.2, Use Definitions.

10. **Ordinance-Day Care Text Amendment:** City Council will consider adopting an ordinance to amend text in the following sections of the Land Development Code. Section 2.7.B, Table of uses; Section 2.8, Additional Standards, Section 10.2, Use Definitions.

11. **Consistency & Reasonableness Statement (Day Care Text Amendments)**: City Council will consider adopting a consistency and reasonableness statement regarding several text amendments to day care zoning.

12. **Public Hearing - Petition for Voluntary Annexation (Caromont Family Medicine)**: City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding a voluntary annexation petition from Rewire Investments LLC (Caromont Family Medicine) for property located at tax parcel #215177 (0.73 acres).

13. **Ordinance to Extend the corporate limits of the City of Bessemer City, NC:** City Council will consider approving an ordinance regarding a zoning map amendment for property located at tax parcel #215177 (0.73 acres).

14. **Public Art Easement Agreement:** City Council will consider approval of a ten-year easement agreement to allow the installation of an Ella May Wiggins Committee (EMWC) public art piece in the downtown area commemorating Ella May Wiggins. This item was tabled from the January 2026 regular meeting.

15. **Resolution - Accepting Funding Offer for Lead & Copper Service Find and Replace**: City Council will consider approving a resolution formally accepting North Carolina Department of Environmental Quailty (NCDEQ) offer in the amount of $1,499,700.

16. **Resolution - Approving the Sale of Beer & Wine**: City Council will consider adopting a resolution that would permit the sale of Beer and Wine at the 2026 Alive! Concert & Cruise-In Series and 38th Annual Down Home Festival.

17. **Adopt Proposed Pay Plan**: City Council will consider adopting a pay plan created by consultant MAPS group during the pay and classificiation study.

18. **Approval of 2% COLA for City Staff-** City Staff is requesting the approval of a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all eligible employees, effective April 1, 2026, and authorization of the City Manager to implement all necessary payroll and budget adjustments.

**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**