CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers

Monday, July 13, 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. **Police Department Oath of Office**: Mayor Smith will administer the oath of office to a new police officer.

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.*

2. **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.*

3. **Approval of Minutes**: City Council will consider adopting the Regular Meeting minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: City Council will consider adopting Work Session Meeting minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting.

5. **Temporary Street Closure Request – N. 12th Street:** City Staff is requesting the temporary closure of N. 12th Street on Monday, September 14, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the Ella May Wiggins Mural unveiling ceremony. The temporary street closure will provide a safe environment for attendees and allow for the successful presentation of this community event.

Business Items

6. **Public Hearing Conditional District- Urban Residential (Hidden Valley)**: City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on a conditional rezoning from the Development Solutions Group (DSG) for parcel numbers: 151790, 151791, 151792, 151793, 151794, and 202266 (10.53 acres).

7. **Public Hearing - Proposed Text Amendments for Stormwater Compliance:** City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed text amendment to the Land Development Code (LDC), Chapter 5, and the Code of Ordinances (COO) Chapter 152, regarding Stormwater Regulation.

8. **Ordinance - Text Amendments for Stormwater Compliance:** City Council will consider approving the proposed text amendments to the Land Development Code (LDC), Chapter 5, and the Code of Ordinances (COO) Chapter 152, regarding Stormwater Regulation.

9. **Resolution - Adoption of Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP):** City Council will consider adopting a resolution establishing a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) for the City.

10. **Downtown Development Advisory Board Appointments:** City Council will review applications received by citizens to serve on the Downtown Development Board. Appointments may be made at this time.

11. **Downtown Development Bylaw Changes:** City Council will consider adopting a resolution amending the Bessemer City Downtown Development Board bylaws to clarify board member attendance requirements, meeting expectations, reporting responsibilities, and provisions for removal due.

12. **Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Update:** City staff has updated the Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program guidelines to improve clarity, update grant amounts, and better support downtown revitalization efforts. Proposed updates include increasing the maximum FIG matching grant from $2,500 to $5,000.

13. **Building Rehabilitation Incentive Grant (BRIG) Update:** City staff has updated the Building Rehabilitation Incentive Grant (BRIG) program guidelines to improve clarity, update grant amounts, and better support downtown revitalization efforts. Proposed updates include increasing the maximum BRIG reimbursement from $10,000 to $20,000.

14. **Street Closure - Church of God 5K Event**: City Staff is requesting the temporary closure of N. 12th Street for a local 5k for the Church of God on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 8:30 AM.

15. **Adoption of Updated Water & Sewer Development Fees:** City Council will consider adopting the updated Water and Sewer System Development Fees proposed by the McGill Associates study. The study determined a maximum cost-justified System Development Fee of $1,823 for water service and $1,404 for sewer service, for a combined total of $3,226 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). The report also provides the methodology and conversion tables necessary to apply the fees proportionally to non-residential development based on projected water and sewer demand.

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