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**BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 – 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL – 10 EAST CHURCH STREET – BETHLEHEM, PA**

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1. Roll Call

PUBLIC HEARING (01 PH) – Memo – Zoning Text Amendment

Prior to the consideration of the regular Agenda items, City Council will conduct a Public Hearing as follows:

To accept public comment concerning a proposed Zoning Text Amendments would modify the definition of “hotel” in the Zoning Ordinance so as to include transient guests, who are defined as individuals renting lodging for fewer than 30 consecutive days. The amendments would have the effect of excluding short-term rentals in residential districts where hotels are prohibited. Other proposed amendments (a) modify the definition of boarding house to maintain consistency with the modified definition of hotel; (b) amend Article 1307, relating to the workforce housing incentive, to include the CL district; and (c) revise Article 1318.26 to prohibit multiple single-family detached dwellings on the same lot among districts.

Communication 6 A – City Planning Commission – Zoning Text Amendments - A June 17 memorandum from Cathy Fletcher, Director of Planning and Zoning, recommending approval of zoning text amendments intended to clarify short-term rental regulations, add the Limited Commercial Zoning District under the Workforce Housing Incentive, and limit one single-family dwelling per residential lot. The City’s Planning Commission voted 5-0 on July 11, 2026 to recommend approval of these amendments.

Communication 6 B – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission – Zoning Text Amendments - A June 29, 2026 correspondence from Jacob Weinberg, a Community and Regional Planner with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Mr. Weinberg states that updating the definition of hotels and transient guests at hotels and treatment centers to update the time frames that constitute a stay “encourages an efficient development process that is responsive to regional needs” by adding clarification. Additionally, the proposals to expand the areas where workforce housing incentives apply and limiting the number of single-family detached dwellings to one per lot help to “provide a wide variety of attainable housing in locations that maximize social and economic opportunities for everyone.”

2. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2026 and June 16, 2026

3. Public Comment

3 A. On subjects not being voted on this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit

3 B. On Ordinances and Resolutions being voted on this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit

4. Old Business

4 A. Old Business – Members of Council

4 B. Tabled Items

4 C. Unfinished Business

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5. New Business
6. Communications
 - 6 C. DCED Business Manager – 2026 29 Bethlehem Chamber – The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - 6 D. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – ArtsQuest – 2026 Soccerfest – Amendment 1
 - 6 E. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – ArtsQuest – 2026 Soccerfest – Amendment 2
 - 6 F. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – ArtsQuest – 2026 Sabor Latin Festival
 - 6 G. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – ArtsQuest – 2026 Independence Day Celebration
 - 6 H. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – ArtsQuest – 2026 One Earth Reggaeifest
 - 6 I. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – Greater LV Chamber of Commerce by and through its Downtown Bethlehem Association – America250 – A Bethlehem Block Party
 - 6 J. Director of Budget and Finance – Budget Adjustments – 1 of 2 South Bethlehem Greenway (S New-W Third) – General Fund
 - 6 K. Director of Budget and Finance – Budget Adjustments – 2 of 2 South Bethlehem Greenway (S New-W Third) – Non-Utility Capital Fund
 - 6 L. Director of Community and Economic Development – 2026 31 Packer Avenue Design and Engineering – Spillman Farmer
 - 6 M. Chief of Police – Captain Nicholas Lechman – 2026 Disposition of Police Handgun
 - 6 N. Chief of Police – Sergeant John Casella – 2026 Disposition of Police Handgun
 - 6 O. Superintendent of Water Supply and Treatment – 2026 22R Removal, Transportation, and Disposal of Drinking Water Plant Residuals – Custom Ag Services
 - 6 P. Chief of Police – Memorandum – Musikfest 2026 Special Event Parking
 - 6 Q. Director of Community and Economic Development – Hearing Request – Proposed CDBG/HOME Allocations
 - 6 R. Councilwoman Jo C. Daniels – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Extension of Buffer Yard Protections to Semi-Detached and Attached Dwellings
7. Reports
 - 7 A. President of Council
 - 7 B. Mayor
 - 7 B1. Administrative Order – Joy Cohen – City Planning Commission
 - 7 C. Council – Chairpersons Reports
 - 7 C1. Hillary Kwiatek, Chair – Community Development Committee (F.A.I.R. Hearing)
 - 7 C2. Michael G. Colón, Chair – Finance Committee
8. Ordinances for Final Passage

None.

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9. New Ordinances

- 9 A. Bill 19-2026 – Amendments to Article 1731 and Article 119
- 9 B. Bill 20-2026 – Budget Adjustments – 1 of 2 South Bethlehem Greenway (S New-W Third) – General Fund
- 9 C. Bill 21-2026 – Budget Adjustments – 2 of 2 South Bethlehem Greenway (S New-W Third) – Non-Utility Capital Fund

10. Resolutions

- 10 A. Approve Resolution – 2026 29 Bethlehem Chamber – The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
- 10 B. Approve Use Permit Agreement Resolution – ArtsQuest – 2026 Soccerfest – Amendment 1
- 10 C. Approve Use Permit Agreement Resolution – ArtsQuest – 2026 Soccerfest Amendment 2
- 10 D. Approve Use Permit Agreement Resolution – ArtsQuest – 2026 Sabor Latin Festival
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- 10 G. Approve Use Permit Agreement Resolution – ArtsQuest – 2026 One Earth ReggaeFest
- 10 H. Approve Resolution – Financial Services – Records Destruction
- 10 I. Approve Resolution – 2026 31 Packer Avenue Design and Engineering – Spillman Farmer
- 10 J. Approve Resolution – Captain Nicholas Lechman – 2026 Disposition of Police Handgun
- 10 K. Approve Resolution – Sergeant John Casella – 2026 Disposition of Police Handgun
- 10 L. Approve Resolution – 2026 22R Removal, Transportation, and Disposal of Drinking Water Treatment Plant Residuals – Custom Ag Services
- 10 M. Approve Resolution – Musikfest 2026 Special Event Parking
- 10 N. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB – 523 Main Street
- 10 O. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB – 264 East Wall Street
- 10 P. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB – 108-110 Wesley Street
- 10 Q. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HCC – 34 E. 3rd Street
- 10 R. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HCC – 330 E. 4th Street

11. Adjournment