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BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026 – 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL – 10 EAST CHURCH STREET – BETHLEHEM, PA

Pledge to the Flag

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 proposed Ordinance amendments to Part 13, titled “Zoning Ordinance”, to add a definition for a “Data Center” use; to provide for approval of Data Centers by special exception; to modify the zoning districts in which a Data Center is permitted; to add dimensional requirements for the location of Data Centers; to require the submission of certain studies as a condition of approving a Data Center use; and repealing any inconsistent ordinances.

Communication 6 A – City Planning Commission – A September 28, 2026 memorandum from Cathy Fletcher, Director of Planning and Zoning, recommending approval of a zoning text amendment involving Data Center’s. The City’s Planning Commission voted 4-0 on August 25, 2026 to recommend these proposed changes to the City’s Zoning Ordinance.

Communication 6 B – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission – A September 17, 2026 correspondence from Jill Seitz, Chief Community and Regional Planner of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The letter addresses areas such as the land use and review process, utilities and infrastructure, environmental impacts, setbacks, noise, emergency preparedness, and decommissioning and electronic waste. The conclusion from the review is that these amendments represent “a thoughtful and intentional response to a complex land use” and that they align with the LVPC’s goals and guidelines.

2. Approval of Minutes September 15, 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

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Returned from Committee Without Recommendation – Consider Referral to LVPC and City Planning Commission for Recommendation or Other Action by Council

(over)

5. New Business
6. Communications
 - 6 C. Business Administrator – Memorandum – Allocations – 2026 Pension State Aid
 - 6 D. Captain Kuntz – Memorandum – 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
 - 6 E. Director of Procurement – 2026 Vehicle Auction
 - 6 F. City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – 2026 Harvest Fest – Downtown Bethlehem Association
 - 6 G. Director of Health – Budget Adjustments – Temp Help Account Adjustments – General Fund
 - 6 H. Director of Health – Budget Adjustments – Health Bureau Account Adjustments – General Fund
 - 6 I. Emily R. Paulus, Esquire – Request for Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer – Gateway Licensee, LLC
 - 6 J. DCED Grants Administrator – Memorandum – Local Share Grants – Northampton/Lehigh and Monroe Counties – Southside Community Center
 - 6 K. DCED Grants Administrator – Memorandum – Local Share Grants – Lehigh/Northampton and Monroe Counties – Pass-through Grants
 - 6 L. Director of Budget and Finance – Memo – Gasoline and Electric Transfer – Budget Transfer
 - 6 M. City Solicitor – Memo – Amendment of Fire Department Fee Schedule
7. Reports
 - 7 A. President of Council
 1. Committee of the Whole – Report on October 6 meeting – Ms. Leon
 - 7 B. Mayor
 - 7 C. Committee Reports
 1. Public Safety Committee – Fire and EMS Study Update – October 20 – Mr. Amann
8. Ordinances for Final Passage
 - 8 A. Bill 27-2026 – Amending Article 1733 – International Property Maintenance Code
9. New Ordinances
 - 9 A. Bill 28-2026 – Amending Part 13 of the Zoning Ordinance – Data Centers
 - 9 B. Bill 29-2026 – Budget Adjustments – Temp Help Account Adjustments – General Fund
 - 9 C. Bill 30-2026 – Budget Adjustments – Health Bureau Account Adjustments – General Fund
10. Resolutions
 - 10 A. Approve Resolution – Minimum Municipal Obligation – Allocations – 2026 Pension State Aid
 - 10 B. Approve Use Permit Agreement – 2026 Harvest Fest – Downtown Bethlehem Association
 - 10 C. Approve Resolution – Northampton/Lehigh Local Share Grant – Southside Community Center
 - 10 D. Approve Resolution – Monroe Local Share Grant – Southside Community Center
 - 10 E. Approve Resolution – Lehigh/Northampton Grant – Via of the Lehigh Valley

- 10 F. Approve Resolution – Lehigh/Northampton Grant – New Bethany, Inc.
- 10 G. Approve Resolution – Monroe Local Share Grant – New Bethany, Inc.
- 10 H. Approve Resolution – Gasoline and Electric Transfer – Budget Transfer
- 10 I. Approve Resolution – Amendment of Fire Department Fee Schedule
- 10 J. Approve Resolution – Certificate of Appropriateness – HCC – 306 South New Street

- 11. Adjournment