

Birmingham City Commission Minutes
March 18, 2024
Municipal Building, 151 Martin
7:30 p.m.
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Elaine McLain, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Bingham called the roll.

Present: Mayor McLain
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Longe

Absent: Commissioner Long

Staff: City Manager Ecker; City Clerk Bingham, Assistant City Engineer Borton, Planning Director Dupuis, Assistant City Manager Fairbairn, Parking Systems Manager Ford, Police Chief Grewe, City Attorney Kucharek, Parks and Recreation Manager Laird, Department of Public Services Director Zielinski

III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

- Announcement regarding Pierce School threat
- The Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee will accept Community Surveys until April 1, 2024. The Community Surveys can be mailed to City Hall or dropped off at City Hall, the Baldwin Public Library, The Birmingham Museum and Next. Access the survey on Engage Birmingham or bhamgov.org/aginginplacesurvey.
- The Clerk's Office would like to thank all of the Election Inspectors and City Staff that helped conduct a safe and successful 2024 Presidential Primary Election. We appreciate all of the voters who participated by voting early, absentee, or in-person voting. 28.5% of Birmingham registered voters participated, which exceeds the county-wide turnout of 26.6%. Official results are available at oakgov.com/elections under the 2024 elections tab.

Appointments

03-064-24 Planning Board

The Commission interviewed J. Bryan Williams, Jason Emerine, Stuart Jeffares, and Daniel Share for reappointments to the Planning Board. Nasseem Ramin also applied for reappointment and was not present for an interview.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Baller:

To nominate Bryan Williams, Stuart Jeffares, and Dan Share for the positions of regular members for three year terms expiring March 28, 2027, and Jason Emerine and Nasseem Ramin for the alternate members for three year terms expiring March 28, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig

Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-065-24 Architectural Review Committee

Larry Bertollini applied for reappointment and was not present for an interview.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Host:
To appoint Larry Bertollini to the Architectural Review Committee as a regular member to serve a three-year term to expire April 11, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-066-24 Parks and Recreation Board

Jessica Einstein was interviewed by the Commission. Susan Collins and Heather Carmona applied for reappointment and were not present for an interview.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Longe:
To appoint Jessica Einstein, Susan Collins, and Heather Carmona to the Parks and Recreation Board as regular members to serve three-year terms to expire March 13, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-067-24 Board of Ethics

The Commission interviewed Michael Minelli, Tina Marie Varlesi, Irene Hathaway, and Melissa Demorest LeDuc for the position.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Longe:
To nominate Melissa Demorest LeDuc as an alternate member to the Board of Ethics to serve a three-year term to expire June 30, 2026.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Mayor McLain
Commissioner Baller

Nays, Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host

03-068-24 Board of Ethics

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Haig:
To nominate Irene Hathaway as an alternate member to the Board of Ethics to serve a three-year term to expire June 30, 2026.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Haig

Commissioner Host

Nays, MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Mayor McLain
Commissioner Baller

03-069-24 Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee

The Commission interviewed Donald Rogers, Bert Koseck, and Jason Emerine.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Baller:
To nominate Donald Rogers as the contractor, Bert Koseck as the architect, and Jason Emerine as the engineer on the Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee each to a serve three-year term to expire March 4, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-070-24 Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Longe:
To appoint Mayor McLain as a regular member from the City Commission to the Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee to serve a three-year term to expire March 4, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

Did not vote, Mayor McLain

03-071-24 Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Host:
To appoint Commissioner Haig as a regular member from the City Commission to the Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee to serve a three-year term to expire March 4, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Baller

Nays, MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Mayor McLain¹

Did not vote, Mayor McLain²

03-072-24 Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee

MOTION: Nomination by Mayor McLain:

¹As amended at the April 8, 2024 meeting.

²As amended at the April 8, 2024 meeting.

To appoint Commissioner Long as a regular member from the City Commission to the Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee to serve a three-year term to expire March 4, 2027.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, MPT Schafer
 Commissioner Longe
 Mayor McLain

 Nays, Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Baller

03-073-24 Board of Review

The Commission interviewed Rich Pennock.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Baller:
To appoint Rich Pennock to the Board of Review as a regular member to serve a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 MPT Schafer
 Commissioner Longe
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner Host
 Mayor McLain

 Nays, None

Noting motions 03-070-24 and 030-071-24 resulted in a tie, the Commission agreed to postpone the appointment of a second Commissioner to the Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee to the next Commission meeting.

CC Bingham swore in the present appointees.

IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

V. CONSENT AGENDA

03-074-24 Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Longe:
To approve the Consent Agenda items D, E, G, K, L, and M.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 MPT Schafer
 Commissioner Longe
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner Host
 Mayor McLain

 Nays, None

D. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$2,012,821.03.

E. Resolution to approve a special event permit as requested by the City of Birmingham, Department of Public Services to hold the 2024 City of Birmingham In The Park Concert Series weekly June 7, 2024 – August 14, 2024 contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event, or event cancellation that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff, leading up to or at the time of the event.

- G. Resolution to approve the budget amendment of \$132,774.75 for the Pierce Street Paving Project Contract. Further to charge the additional cost to the following accounts:

Fund Account	Fund ID Number	Amount
Major Street Fund	202.0-449.001-981.0100	\$53,121.51
Sewer Fund	590.0-537.000-981.0100	\$6,633.18
Water Fund	591.0-544.000-981.0100	\$73,020.06

AND

To approve the appropriation and amendment of the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget as follows:

Major Street Fund:

Revenues:

202.0-000.000-400.0000	Draw from Fund Balance	<u>\$53,121.51</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$53,121.51</u>

Expenditures:

202.0-449.001-981.0100	Public Improvement	<u>\$53,121.51</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$53,121.51</u>

Sewer Fund:

Revenues:

590.0-000.000-400.0000	Draw from Net Position	<u>\$6,633.18</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$6,633.18</u>

Expenditures:

590.0-537.000-981.0100	Public Improvement	<u>\$6,633.18</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$6,633.18</u>

Water Fund:

Revenues:

591.0-000.000-400.0000	Draw from Net Position	<u>\$73,020.06</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$73,020.06</u>

Expenditures:

591.0-544.000-981.0100	Public Improvement	<u>\$73,020.06</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$73,020.06</u>

- K. Resolution to authorize Birmingham to apply for a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and further directing the City Clerk to sign the resolution.
- L. Resolution to approve the 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan, in addition, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution.
- M. Resolution to set a public hearing date of April 15, 2024 to consider the Special Land Use Permit Amendment, Final Site Plan and Design Review application for 245 S. Eton – Big Rock Italian Chophouse.

03-075-24 Birmingham City Commission Special Meeting Minutes - Workshop - March 4, 2024 (Item A)

Commissioner Baller removed Item A and recommended an addition to the minutes.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Longe:
To approve the City Commission workshop meeting minutes of March 4, 2024 as amended.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe

Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

Birmingham City Commission Minutes - March 4, 2024 (Item B)

Commissioner Baller removed Item B.

After brief discussion, it was determined that the regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2024 would be revised and returned for approval at the next meeting.

03-076-24 Warrant List - 03/07/2024 (Item C)

Mayor McLain removed Item C, noting that payments were made to the 48th District Court.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Longe, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated March 7, 2024 in the amount of \$537,026.92.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-077-24 Special Event Application: Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade (Item F)

Mayor McLain removed Item F to highlight the upcoming Hometown Parade.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To approve a special event permit as requested by the City of Birmingham to hold the Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade on May 19, 2024 contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event, or event cancellation that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff, leading up to or at the time of the event.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-078-24 Extenet Systems Small Cell and Pole Height Variance (Item H)

Commissioner Haig removed Item H. The Mayor summarized the item for the public. ACE Borton answered an informational question from the Commission.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Haig, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To approve the application for placement of Extenet Systems, LLC equipment on DTE's utility pole located at 910 Fairfax within 18 inches of the sidewalk, with a maximum height of 46' 2".

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer

Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-079-24 Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program Derby Road Bridge Replacement Application (Item I)

Commissioner Haig removed Item I. ACE Borton answered brief informational questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Haig, seconded by Commissioner Host: Resolution of the City of Birmingham demonstrating support of the Derby Road bridge project and submittal of an application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2027 funding assistance under their Local Bridge Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-080-24 Parks and City Property Lawn Maintenance Services 2024-2027 (Item J)

Commissioner Haig removed Item J. Staff answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioners' comments were as follows:

- The City should put pressure on its lawn maintenance services to become more sustainable.
- While sustainable technology is changing quickly, using sustainable lawn maintenance services presently would represent a significant cost increase for the City.
- The City could ask Birmingham Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal, Inc. to look into making its services more sustainable once the first year of the contract has been completed. This would allow for possible price decreases in the costs of sustainable technology.
- Birmingham Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal, Inc. was offering four years of service to the City with no price increase, and the Commission has an obligation to be fiscally responsible. Birmingham Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal, Inc. has also already proven that it can meet the City's standards.
- The City could encourage sustainable practices in other ways, such as No Mow May, without delaying this particular contract. The City can also emphasize its commitment to sustainability.
- The Commission would need to consider the increased workload if every Commission item first required a comment from the Sustainability Board. Additionally, there would be other ways to increase sustainability in the community, such as ceasing to treat the medians for crabgrass and turning some of the medians into sustainable wildflower gardens.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Haig, seconded by Commissioner Longe: To approve the purchase of Parks and City Property Lawn Maintenance Services 2024-2027 from Birmingham Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal, Inc. for a total contract cost of \$698,004.00 in the following accounts for contractual services as follows:

Account	Year 1 (2024)	Year 2 (2025)	Year 3 (2026)	Year 4 (2027)	Total
Parks:	\$89,447	\$89,447	\$89,447	\$89,447	\$357,788

101.0- 751.000-811.0000					
Property Maintenance: 101.0-441.003-811.0000	\$25,312	\$25,312	\$25,312	\$25,312	\$101,248
Well Sites: 591.0-537.002-811.0000	\$8,905	\$8,905	\$8,905	\$8,905	\$35,620
Local Streets: 203.0-449.003-937.0400	\$7,707	\$7,707	\$7,707	\$7,707	\$30,828
Major Streets: 202.0-449.003-937.0400	\$38,130	\$38,130	\$38,130	\$38,130	\$152,520
Grass/ Noxious Weed Enforcement: 101-441.007-811.0000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$20,000

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host
Commissioner Longe
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Haig
Mayor McLain

Nays, Commissioner Baller

03-081-24 Board of Ethics Member Resignation (Item N)

Commissioner Haig removed Item N and expressed appreciation for Mr. Schrot’s long period of service on the Board of Ethics. The Commissioner also encouraged some of the evening’s Board of Ethics applicants to reapply for the now-vacant position.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Haig, seconded by Commissioner Longe:
To accept the resignation of John J. Schrot, Jr. from the Ethics Board, to thank him for his service and to direct the City Clerk to begin the process of filling the vacancy.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

VI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CM Ecker presented the report and answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioners’ comments were as follows:

- The Building Department Monthly Report and the Parking Report could include more detail and context.
- The report about February’s Average Parking Capacity was likely inaccurate.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

03-082-24 Public Hearings – 2024 Outstanding Liquor License Renewals

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:22 p.m.

PD Dupuis presented the item.

Seeing no public comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 9:28 p.m.

Staff answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioners' comments were as follows:

- Unannounced inspections of Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's would be appropriate given concerns that the seating may sometimes exceed the amount of seating permitted by the bistro ordinance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Longe:
To approve the renewal of the liquor licenses for the 2024 licensing period for the following restaurants which hold Class C liquor licenses and are in compliance with Chapter 10, Alcoholic Liquors of the City Code: 220 Restaurant, Adachi, Sidecar/Slice/Shift, Social Kitchen and Bar, Toast, Zana, Employee Meal, and Market North End.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-083-24 2024 Outstanding Liquor License Renewals – Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Longe, seconded by Commissioner Haig:
To set a public hearing for April 15, 2024 to adopt a resolution to approve the renewal of liquor license for the 2024 licensing period for Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's, which holds a Class C liquor license, that is in compliance with Chapter 10, Alcoholic Liquors of the City Code, and to request consideration of the memorandum of understanding, and to determine whether they are in violation or compliance with their Special Land Use Permit.

Public Comment

Kelly Allen, attorney, spoke on behalf of the owner of Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's.

Tony Curtis, owner of Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's, spoke regarding the item and answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioners' comments were as follows:

- Observations from Commissioners and City staff indicate that table service in an unpermitted area likely occurred more than once. Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's staff may have made counterfactual representations to City staff about the use of that area.
- Mr. Curtis should consider additional ways of discouraging his staff from seating customers seeking table service in the unpermitted area.
- While this is Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's first violation of this type, the violation amounted to an excess of 38 seats.
- The City could still have an additional discussion on the item in order to educate the new manager of Papa Joe's/Bistro Joe's and ways of discouraging table service seating in the unpermitted area could still be explored.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-084-24 Special Event Application: Next Level Summer Performance

Rona Fidler, co-owner of Next Level Summer Performance, spoke on behalf of the request.

Commissioners' comments were as follows:

- Ms. Fidler received thanks for proposing this event.
- The City needs more events like this, and it would be helpful for Ms. Fidler to provide feedback on the City's special event process.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Longe:
To approve a special event permit as requested by the Next Level Dance Center to hold the Next Level Summer Performance on August 11, 2024 contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event, or event cancellation that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff, leading up to or at the time of the event.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-085-24 Special Event Application: Holy Name School Rosary 5K Walk

DeAnn Brzezinski, principal of Holy Name School, spoke on behalf of the request.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Haig:
To approve a special event permit as requested by the Holy Name Catholic School to hold the Holy Name School Rosary 5K Walk on May 31, 2024 contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event, or event cancellation that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff, leading up to or at the time of the event.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-086-24 Professional Design Services – Booth Park Entry Plaza & Trail Improvements

DPSD Zielinski introduced the item and City staff answered questions from the Commission. Teams from MKSK, Grissim Metz Andriese (GMA) Associates, and PEA Group presented their proposals and also answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioners' comments were as follows:

- The location of the park restroom was chosen because of underground utilities and to make it more convenient for Farmers' Market visitors.
- This is an extant, functioning park, and the intended improvements would be relatively limited in terms of both scope and funding.
- MKSK's presentation did not meet expectations, and GMA Associates had a good presentation, are good architects, and addressed the issues.
- GMA Associates was the evident choice, given their enthusiasm, public engagement experience, and contextual sensitivity. PEA Group's response was beyond the scope of the project request.
- GMA Associates had a creative vision while demonstrating respect for the project's budgetary constraints.
- GMA Associates described public engagement experience within other highly engaged communities, demonstrated a respect for the parameters of project, and Hubbell, Roth &

Clark, Inc.'s (HRC) familiarity with Birmingham would be a benefit.

- MKSK's presentation was insufficient. GMA Associates' sketches shown during their presentation were useful. HRC's familiarity with Birmingham, and their experience with water and watershed areas, would benefit this project as well. PEA Group's presentation was well done, and their willingness to propose new ideas was intriguing as well. There would be some concern that PEA Group would be out of scope very quickly. While GMA Associates was a more appropriate choice over PEA Group, PEA Group's approach should potentially be considered.
- GMA Associates' team would be the most beneficial for this project.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Longe:
To approve Grissim, Metz, Andriese Associates as the selected consultant for professional design services for the Booth Park Entry Plaza and Trail Improvements project for the base bid amount of \$137,300, with a contingency of \$71,550 for potential alternates and additional meetings. Funding is available from the park improvements construction fund: account # 408.1-751.000-979.0000. In addition to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City upon receipt of the required insurance.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- This experience offered lessons for the public improvement process. It might be useful to integrate a question on 'vision' to assess whether the respondents adequately understand the purpose of a project. It might also be useful to determine whether the respondents have visited the project site.
- An interview by the Commission will yield different information than an interview by staff, which should be considered. It might be possible to further refine the process a bit more.
- The budget should have been made clear in the presentation materials. It might be useful to have RFPs ask respondents for active site feedback.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

Commission Items for Future Discussion

It was noted that a review of the City Manager would be on the next agenda.

03-087-24 Sustainability Board Report

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To ask for a report from the staff member responsible for, and the chair of, the Sustainability Board.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

03-088-24 Commission Room Camera

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To discuss a camera mounted above the Commission if it can be done for less than \$1,000.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe

Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

Commission Discussion On Items From A Prior Meeting

Cameras on City Cars

Staff was asked to return with information regarding whether the users of City-owned vehicles felt they could benefit from the installation of outward-facing vehicle cameras.

03-089-24 City Run Events and Sponsors

Commissioner Baller explained the topic.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- This would be a worthwhile idea to explore further, and a value-added value engineering process could help with optimizing the costs.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To get a report from the City on spending more money on special events and a report from the City administration on why the cost to an event sponsor has increased.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
MPT Schafer
Commissioner Longe
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Mayor McLain

Nays, None

Publicizing Board and Committee Openings

Commissioner Host explained the topic.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- The City should publicize board and committee openings via social media video interviews of serving board members.
- The City could increase its efforts to publicize board openings via e-blast.

03-090-24 Advisory Parking Committee Letter

Commissioner Host explained the topic.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Haig:
To put the APC letter on the agenda.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- City boards and committees begin with a specific mission, and evolve to meet the City's needs. Some decisions previously made by the APC would now be made by PSM Ford or the City Manager. The APC should not be made to feel that it is being disregarded. It could be valuable for the APC to work with City staff to create an onboarding book for new committee members. Staff could evaluate how the purview of the APC may have changed.
- It was positive that the APC submitted this letter to the Commission. It was valuable that the APC wanted further parking-related information and wanted to have further parking-related impacts.

Public Comment

Al Vaitas, Chair of the APC, and Jim Arpin, member of the APC, spoke regarding the APC.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 MPT Schafer
 Commissioner Longe
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner Host
 Mayor McLain

Nays, None

VIII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Shirley Arlington Letters

Public Comment

Jim Mirro spoke regarding the letters.

Regarding the letters provided by Mr. Mirro, management of both MDOT and OCRC confirmed to City administration that none of their employees had been authorized to provide official opinions regarding Arlington and Shirley. Management of both organizations also noted that neither organization had authority over Arlington and Shirley.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- By City definition, Arlington and Shirley are unimproved roads. Since both roads are unimproved, horizontal directional drilling is not a viable option. Public discourse around this project has sometimes mischaracterized the process. Some of the public discourse has also been confusing and threatening, which makes the process of making sound decisions more challenging. It would be helpful for the City to provide public links to the Commission's prior public discussion of Shirley and Arlington, and to provide estimated dates of future Commission discussion of both streets. As is the normal process, all Commission discussion and action regarding these streets will occur at public meetings.

X. REPORTS

A. Commissioner Reports

1. Notice of intention to appoint to the Board of Building Trades Appeals
2. Notice of intention to appoint to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
3. Notice of Intention to appoint to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board
4. Notice of Intention to appoint to the Ethics Board

B. Commissioner Comments

The Mayor attended MML CapCon and had the opportunity to discuss PFAS in Michigan.

C. Advisory Boards, Committees, Commissions' Reports and Agendas

1. Birmingham Area Cable Board Annual Report FY 2022-2023

The Mayor asked staff to provide further information regarding the administrative grants to the four interlocal communities.

D. Legislation

The Mayor said that efforts to reduce noise on Woodward were continuing.

E. City Staff

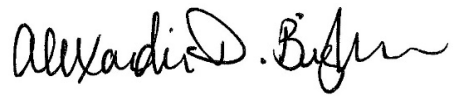
1. Planning Division Annual Report

Commissioner Baller said the report was good, that the report ended abruptly, and that efforts should be made to increase the capacities of the Multi-Modal Transportation Board.

INFORMATION ONLY

XI. ADJOURN

The Commission motioned to adjourn at 12:38 a.m.



Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist