

Birmingham City Commission Minutes

October 25, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Municipal Building, 151 Martin

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pierre Boutros, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Boutros
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Nickita
Commissioner Sherman

Absent: None

Administration: City Manager Markus, City Clerk Bingham, Assistant City Manager Ecker, Finance Director Gerber, City Attorney Kucharek, Consulting City Engineer Surhigh, Deputy Treasurer Todd

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

- COVID-19 cases remain high in Michigan, and Oakland County continues to be at a high level of community transmission. As a result, the CDC recommends vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear a facemask indoors while in public. The City requires masks in City Hall for all employees, board and commission members, and the public.
- The City Clerk's office encourages voters wishing to vote absentee for the November 2, 2021 election to return their absentee ballot applications and ballots as soon as possible.
- Precinct 6 Voters are reminded that their new polling location is the Baldwin Public Library, all precinct 6 voters should have received a post card reminder about their new polling location. Meter spaces on Merrill Street in front of the library's main entrance will be reserved for voters to use on Election Day.
- The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8am-4pm for your last minute absentee voting needs. The deadline to request and absentee ballot by mail is 5pm Friday, October 29th. The deadline to obtain an absentee ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office is no later than 4pm on November 1st.
- If you need to register to vote or update your voter registration all registration actions must take place in person at the City Clerk's office from now through Election Day.

- The Piety Hill Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution invites the public to Birmingham’s annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Shain Park on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 am. The program features guest speaker and veteran advocate Mike Schloff, a Vietnam veteran and Birmingham resident, and will recognize state and city officials. Participating officials should RSVP to Jean Maki at jcmaki@comcast.net or 248-496-9064 by Nov. 1.
- Mayor Boutros acknowledged State Representative Mari Manoogian’s presence at the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

10-265-21 Appointment of Erik Morganroth to the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Commission interviewed Erik Morganroth for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Sherman:
 To appoint Erik Morganroth as a regular member to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve a three-year term to expire October 10, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
 Mayor Pro-Tem Longe
 Mayor Boutros
 Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Nickita
 Commissioner Hoff
 Commissioner Host

Nays, None

10-266-21 Appointment of John Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Commission interviewed John Miller for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Nickita:
 To appoint John Miller as a regular member to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve a three-year term to expire October 10, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Nickita
 Commissioner Hoff
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Sherman
 Mayor Pro-Tem Longe
 Mayor Boutros
 Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

The Clerk swore in Mr. Morganroth and Mr. Miller.

10-267-21 Appointment of Richard Astrien, William Roberts and Samy Eid to the Birmingham Shopping District Board

The Mayor suggested that all three recommendations be concurred with in one motion since the Commission was familiar with the recommended appointees.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Sherman:
To concur with the City Manager’s appointments of Richard Astrein, William Roberts, and Samy Eid to the Birmingham Shopping District Board, to each serve a four-year term to expire November 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
Mayor Pro-Tem Longe
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Nickita
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Host

Nays, None

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

David Bloom invited the public to a guided tour of the Zip US Up art installation on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 4 p.m. outside of the Baldwin Library.

Suman Sarkar said he was concerned about the maintenance of unimproved streets. He said he also thought it was unfair that residents of unimproved streets would have to pay for the improvements when City ploughs or other vehicles contribute to the damage.

The Mayor noted Mr. Sarkar’s comments and advised him there was an item relative to his concerns on the evening’s agenda.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a commissioner or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered under the last item of new business.

10-268-21 Consent Agenda

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Hoff: Item G – Shain Park Menorah Lighting and Celebration

Commissioner Baller:
Item J – Gov Pilot Citizen Concern Module

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Nickita:
To approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items G and J.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Nickita

Mayor Boutros
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

- A. Resolution to approve the City Commission Workshop meeting minutes of October 4, 2021.
- B. Resolution to approve the City Commission meeting minutes of October 4, 2021.
- C. Resolution to approve the Joint Planning Board-City Commission Workshop meeting minutes of October 11, 2021.
- D. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated October 13, 2021, in the amount of \$2,223,082.65.
- E. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated October 20, 2021, in the amount of \$291,085.45.
- F. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated October 6, 2021, in the amount of \$289,516.47.
- H. Resolution to approve the updated Wedding Rental Agreement (Ceremony Only) including the suggested fees. Further, to update the Department of Public Services Fee Schedule to reflect these changes.
- I. Resolution providing direction to approve an agreement with Accuform Printing & Graphics, Inc. for municipal printing services in the amount not to exceed \$78,574.00 for a three (3) year term. Funding for this project has been budgeted in account #101-299.000.901.0000. Further to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- K. Resolution to confirm the City Manager's authorization for the emergency expenditure related to the sewer repair Linn Smith Park by WRC's contractor, D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., for a cost not to exceed \$9,860.00 to be charged to the Sewer Fund, Other Contractual Services account #590-536.001-811.0000, pursuant to Sec. 2-286 of the City Code.
- L. Resolution to direct the Historic District Study Committee to hold meetings through the remainder of 2021, and through 2022 for the purposes of (1) creating a strategy to revive the Heritage Home program and (2) update the 1992 "Wallace Frost: His Architecture in Birmingham, MI" report.

10-269-21 (Item G) Shain Park Menorah Lighting and Celebration

In reply to Commissioner Hoff, Levi Dubrov explained that the dates were a bit outside the dates of Chanukah to allow for set-up and take down of the menorah. Rabbi Dubrov said he would be interested in leaving the menorah up for longer than the requested times if the Commission was interested.

The Mayor suggested that a longer period be considered for 2022, but that the request maintain the proposed term of November 22, 2021 through December 12, 2021 for Winter 2021.

Commissioners Sherman, Hoff, and the Mayor expressed appreciation for the menorah's presence in Shain Park.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Hoff, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To approve a special event permit as requested by the Chabad Jewish Center of Bloomfield Hills to hold the Shain Park Menorah Lighting and Celebration December 1, 2021 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 due to public health and safety measures.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Host
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Sherman

Nays, None

10-270-21 (Item J) GovPilot Citizen Module

Commissioner Baller stated he pulled the item to highlight the topic for the public. He summarized the module and its benefits and said he looked forward to hearing more information regarding the module after its launch.

CM Markus said that all City Board members and Staff would be trained on the mobile application. He also highlighted some of the benefits.

The Mayor Pro Tem thanked the City Manager for initiating this process, noting that it would increase efficiency and transparency in the City. She stated that residents would also be able to see already-submitted complaints so that they would not have to duplicate others' efforts.

CM Markus credited Marianne Gamboa and Eric Brunk for doing most of the work on the item.

The Mayor thanked CD Gamboa and ITM Brunk for their work on the item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Longe:
To provide direction to approve an agreement with GovPilot for a citizen concern module in the amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 per year for three years. Funding for this project has been budgeted in account# 101-170.000-811.0000. Further to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Sherman

Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Host

Nays, None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

10-271-21 Public Hearing - 34977 Woodward – Hazel’s – Special Land Use Permit Amendment, Final Site Plan & Design Review

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

PD Dupuis presented the item.

Beth Hussey, owner, was present on behalf of the request.

Commissioner Baller said he wanted to make a comment about Ms. Hussey separate from the request at hand. He praised Ms. Hussey for her participation in the Great Decorate, a holiday tree decorating contest to raise awareness and funds for local foster teens aging-out of the foster care system. He encouraged members of the community to look into the Great Decorate for more information.

Ms. Hussey thanked Commissioner Baller.

In reply to Commission inquiry, Ms. Hussey stated she wanted to change the name because most customers refer to restaurant as Hazel’s despite the presently longer name. She noted the concept was slightly changing, so now seemed like an appropriate time to pursue a name change.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Longe:
To approve the Special Land Use Permit Amendment at 34977 Woodward – Hazel’s – to allow a name change from “Hazel, Ravines & Downtown” to “Hazel’s”.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Host

Nays, None

10-272-21 Public Hearing - 210 S. Old Woodward – Zana – Special Land Use Permit, Final Site Plan & Design Review

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Nickita:
To confirm special assessment rolls 893S and 893W as indicated in the staff report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Baller
Mayor Pro Tem Longe

Nays, None

10-274-21 Woodward Avenue Pedestrian Safety Issues

CM Markus introduced the item, noting it was part of a more comprehensive conversation regarding pedestrian safety along Woodward in Birmingham.

ACM Ecker presented the item.

Commissioner Hoff and Mayor Boutros commended City Staff for their persistent advocacy regarding this issue. Commissioner Hoff noted that advocacy was likely why the City was getting a response from MDOT.

The Commission thanked Mses. Swanson and Webb, Oakland TSC Manager for MDOT and Metro Region Engineer for MDOT, respectively, for being in attendance.

The Mayor asked Mses. Swanson and Webb to speak on the item.

Ms. Swanson confirmed ACM Ecker's statement that MDOT was in the design phase to add flashing beacons on both sides of Woodward. She stated that the Road Commission had already committed to the flashing beacons' installation, and that it would be completed by the beginning of January 2022, if not earlier. She said MDOT was also in the process of studying how to use signals to improve the pedestrian safety at Woodward and Brown/Forest. She said it would take about eight months before construction could commence on that aspect of the pedestrian improvements. She confirmed MDOT would be paying for the improvements out of its budget with some Act 51 support from the City.

Ms. Swanson briefly described what Act 51 entails.

In reply to Commissioner Nickita, Ms. Swanson stated that Walk/Don't Walk signs and pedestrian countdowns would be added at the Brown/Forest intersection of the southbound side of Woodward. For the northbound side of the same intersection, traffic signals and pedestrian countdowns would be added.

The Mayor said he hoped the study process could be expedited.

Ms. Webb stated that the estimated eight months already represented an expedited design process.

Commissioner Sherman noted that MDOT had been alerted to the danger at the Woodward and Brown/Forest intersection a number of times, and then an individual died, and then the City continued its petitioning of MDOT for safety improvements, and then another individual died. He stated that this situation was similar to the Flint Water Crisis in that MDOT was only responding to the issue after deaths occurred,

instead of responding to the many prior warnings. He noted the difference between the lead water crises in Benton Harbor and Flint and the current pedestrian safety issues in Birmingham was that Birmingham would be able to contribute financially to improving fixing the situation, so it would be fixed.

Ms. Swanson noted that lighting along Woodward is managed and funded by DTE and municipalities, not by MDOT.

Commissioner Sherman said Ms. Swanson's note was besides the point. He explained that Birmingham was only paying for additional lighting since MDOT did not meet its obligations, even after multiple requests, to increase pedestrian safety along Woodward.

Mayor Pro Tem Longe stated that while Ms. Swanson and Webb were present she was going to re-raise the issue of the length of time afforded for pedestrian crossings of Woodward, citing Maple as a particular issue. She stated that MDOT has been advised by the City and residents multiple times that the time afforded to pedestrians crossing Woodward was too minimal, and that it prevents many people from crossing Woodward on foot at all. She said Birmingham deserves the same considerations received by Ferndale and Royal Oak from MDOT for people crossing Woodward.

Ms. Swanson stated that she would look into increasing pedestrian crossing times along Woodward.

In reply to Commissioner Hoff, Ms. Swanson said the flashing beacons would likely be flashing all the time. She said they would likely be installed on either side of northbound lanes but not on the southbound lanes.

In reply to Commissioner Hoff, ACM Ecker said the Engineering Department could be asked to observe how the pedestrian crossing flags are being used during a.m. and p.m. peak times.

CM Markus said that once MDOT grants permits to keep the pedestrian crossing flags available, there would be some on-site education done for pedestrians to encourage the flags' use.

In reply to CM Markus, Ms. Swanson stated she saw no issue with the City using and encouraging pedestrian crossing flags.

Commissioner Host asserted that a pedestrian bridge over Woodward would be an appropriate solution. He asked Ms. Swanson whether that option had been explored.

Ms. Swanson told Commissioner Host that a pedestrian bridge over Woodward had not been discussed by City Staff or MDOT.

Commissioners Baller and Nickita both emphasized the commitment to walkability in Birmingham and said that pedestrian crossings of Woodward need to reflect that commitment. Both noted that other municipalities have made the same commitment to walkability and expressed how essential it is for MDOT to update its policies to prioritize pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Nickita asked Ms. Swanson and Webb to convey the City's very serious concerns about pedestrian safety across Woodward so as to minimize the difficulties the City faces in working with MDOT in the future. He stated that a pedestrian bridge would not resolve the issue. He cited the benefits of road diets and traffic calming measures in other municipalities. He said he was interested in lowering the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. along Woodward in Birmingham and in allowing vehicles to park on the street to contribute to traffic calming as is done in Ferndale.

Mayor Boutros also impressed upon Mses. Swanson and Webb the importance of conveying the City's grave concerns to their colleagues at MDOT. He stated that the City had lost trust in MDOT and asked MDOT to work to regain the City's trust.

Ms. Swanson explained that there is a checklist for road diets, and that in order to conduct a road diet the City would have to prove it would not increase gridlock on Woodward. She stated that MDOT adheres to a complete streets policy that they enact wherever possible. She said safety improvements on Woodward were not out of the question.

State Rep. Manoogian emphasized how important it is for the City to be in touch with her and their State Senator at the soonest sign of issues with a Michigan department. She explained she needed to be looped in of the discussions in order to properly conduct her advocacy for the City. She stated that the City should also let her know its road safety and budget priorities in order to have the greatest chance of securing funding in the budget. She noted that she reaches out to every municipality she represents at the beginning of budget process to determine their needs.

In reply to State Rep. Manoogian, Ms. Swanson stated that the funding for the signal study was being pulled from another intersection for 2022 and would be added to the next supplement bill.

Public Comment

Joan Schloop, Anthony Long, Elaine McClain and Glee Firth all emphasized the need for pedestrian safety improvements for crossing Woodward.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Hoff, seconded by Commissioner Sherman:
To approve the DTE Purchase Agreement to upgrade to LED lighting on the Woodward Avenue median between Maple Road and Lincoln St.

Further to authorize and direct the City Manager to sign the DTE Lighting Agreement with funding to be provided from Account #401-901.010-981.0100, in an amount not to exceed \$23,340.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Baller
Mayor Pro Tem Longe

Nays, None

10-275-21 Woodward Avenue Pedestrian Safety Issues - Part II

Discussed as part of previous item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Hoff, seconded by Commissioner Sherman:
To authorize the Chief of Police and the City Engineer to seek approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation for a pedestrian crosswalk flag system on Woodward Avenue at Brown/Forest;

Further to approve the Chief of Police to purchase additional pedestrian crosswalk flags as needed and to charge this expenditure to the Major Streets Fund Traffic Controls operating supplies account # 202-303.001-729.0000.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Hoff
 Commissioner Sherman
 Commissioner Nickita
 Mayor Boutros
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Baller
 Mayor Pro Tem Longe

Nays, None

10-276-21 Phase 3 South Old Woodward Design Concept Update

The Mayor called for a brief recess of the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ACM Ecker introduced the item.

Matt Manda and Haley Wolf of MKSK presented the item.

Mr. Manda stated:

- The project team had met with a number of business owners on S. Old Woodward to solicit feedback, and had evolved the design in response to that feedback.
- The most significant reductions in noise from Woodward would stem from the addition of trees and other plant material to S. Old Woodward.
- Parking recommendations were made based off of historical parking demand in the area prior to Covid-19. Three-quarters of the parking spaces recommended for removal were being recommended for removal based on safety issues.
- The project team was working on ways of making motorbike/motorcycle parking utilizable only by those vehicles, and not by cars.

CM Markus stated:

- He would be working with RH to determine the appropriate sequencing for the commencement of their project and Phase 3 of the South Old Woodward project.
- The project team studied parking utilization in the area to ensure that even with the reduction in spaces overutilization would not result for the remaining spaces.
- Many businesses in the area already provide, or will be required to provide, on-site parking. As a result, the removal of some on-street parking in this area would not be as impactful as it might in other locations.

Commissioner Hoff expressed concern about the loss of 60 parking spaces and the timing of the project, both in terms of duration and its potential overlap with the RH project.

Commissioner Nickita spoke about the need for pedestrian safety improvements for crossing S. Old Woodward. He said the plan integrated both the benefits and the lessons learned from Phases 1 and 2 of the project. He noted that in order to improve this section of S. Old Woodward the City is required to

remove all parking spaces that create safety issues. He made some minor design recommendations including the inclusion of some artwork that unites the streetscape and some re-evaluation of the terminating vistas, especially noting a preference for a focus on Frank over Daines. He stated the intersection at Bowers could benefit from an articulation to emphasize the intersection.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Sherman:
To approve the design concept plans for Phase 3 of the Old Woodward project and providing direction to City staff to move forward with the preparation of detailed construction drawings, with funding to be provided from Account #202-449.001-981.0100.

Mayor Boutros and Commissioners Sherman and Nickita commended the project team and City Staff for their work on this item.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Host
Mayor Pro Tem Longe

Nays, Commissioner Hoff

10-277-21 Unimproved Streets Policy Modifications – Process for City-Initiated Projects

CA Kucharek reviewed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To adopt the proposed Ordinance to amend the City Code, Part II, Chapter 94, Sec. 94-4. – Initiation of Improvement, Sec. 94-5. – Petitions, Sec. 94-6. City Engineer’s Report, Sec. 94-7. – Notice of Public Hearing and Sec. 94.8. – Determination of Necessity by Commission.

CA Kucharek and CM Markus clarified which changes had been made to the text earlier in the day for Commissioner Hoff.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Host
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Baller

Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Hoff

Nays, None

10-278-21 Revised Credit Card Policy

FD Gerber summarized the item. He confirmed that the policy sets forth penalties for possible misuse.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Longe:
To approve the proposed credit card policy and procedures and to increase the City's total credit card limit to \$25,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Sherman
Commissioner Host
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Hoff

Nays, None

10-279-21 Outdoor Dining

ACM Ecker summarized the item.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Longe, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To direct Staff to prepare amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the November 15th end of the regular outdoor dining season.

Mayor Pro Tem Longe said this was an appropriate option for extending outdoor dining and allowing the Planning Board to continue their study of longer-term outdoor dining ordinance recommendations.

CM Markus noted that Staff would have to write the ordinance amendments, bring them to the Planning Board for a hearing, and then return them to the Commission for a hearing, meaning there would be time for the Commission to provide additional comment on the proposed amendments.

Commissioner Sherman recommended Staff consider having the amendment expire November 15, 2022 to ensure it does not last longer than the year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Nickita
Mayor Boutros
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Sherman

Nays, None

Commission discussion on items from prior meeting

Commission Items for Future Discussion. A motion is required to bring up the item for future discussion at the next reasonable agenda, no discussion on the topic will happen tonight.

VIII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
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IX. COMMUNICATIONS

X. REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Reports
 - 1. Notice of Intention to Appoint to the Board of Review
- B. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners Baller, Sherman, Nickita and Mayor Pro Tem Longe expressed concerns that disinformation was being spread in the local press and on social media by certain members of the public. The Commissioners addressed:

- The draft 2040 Master Plan and the master planning process;
- The importance of approaching Birmingham as a unified community instead of a collection of disparate factions; and,
- The actions taken by the Commission over the past year to substantially increase the City's transparency and responsiveness to residents.

Residents were encouraged to visit thebirminghamplan.com to review the present draft of the 2040 Master Plan.

Five Commissioners warned that divisiveness, fear-mongering and disinformation would only do harm to the community.

The Mayor said that serving on the Commission should be a humbling experience for any who serve. He entreated his fellow public servants to be honest and to be humble.

- C. Advisory Boards, Committees, Commissions' Reports and Agendas
- D. Legislation
- E. City Staff
 - 1. City Manager's Report

CM Markus thanked outgoing Commissioners Hoff, Nickita and Sherman for their service to the Birmingham community. He asked them to attend the November 8, 2021 Commission meeting where a presentation would be made in their honor.

CM Markus then provided an overview of the City Manager's report.

INFORMATION ONLY

XI. ADJOURN

Mayor Boutros adjourned the meeting at 11:38 p.m.