

Birmingham City Commission Minutes

January 24, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Municipal Building, 151 Martin

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Therese Longe, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Longe
Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer

Absent: None

Administration: City Manager Markus, City Clerk Bingham, Senior Planner Cowan, Finance Director Gerber, City Attorney Kucharek, Department of Public Services Director Wood, Assistant City Engineer Zielinski

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

Announcements

COVID-19 cases locally are the highest they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. Michigan and Oakland County continue 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. KN-95 respirators will be provided to everyone attending public meetings.

Appointments

Michael St. Germain, Michael Kopmeyer, and Mark Doolittle, applicants for the Multi-Modal Transportation Board (MMTB), were interviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Haig nominated Mr. St. Germain. Since Mr. Long, Mr. Zane and Ms. Policicchio were nominated before Mr. St. Germain, and were voted into the three available positions on the MMTB, no vote was taken on Mr. St. Germain's candidacy.

01-017-22 Appointment of Anthony Long to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board

The Commission interviewed Anthony Long for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros:

To appoint Anthony Long to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board as a regular member to serve the remainder of a three-year term to expire March 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host

01-018-22 Appointment of Joe Zane to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board

The Commission interviewed Joe Zane for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Schafer:

To appoint Joe Zane to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board as a regular member to serve the remainder of a three-year term to expire March 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, Commissioner Baller

01-019-22 Appointment of Victoria Policicchio to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board

The Commission interviewed Victoria Policicchio for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner McLain:

To appoint Victoria Policicchio to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board as a regular member to serve the remainder of a three-year term to expire March 24, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-020-22 Appointment of Jane Schulak to the Public Arts Board

The Commission interviewed Jane Schulak for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros:
To appoint Jane Schulak to the Public Arts Board as a regular member to serve a three-year term to expire January 28, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-021-22 Appointment of Jason Eddleston to the Public Arts Board

The Commission interviewed Jason Eddleston for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Baller:
To appoint Jason Eddleston to the Public Arts Board as a regular member to serve a three-year term to expire January 28, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-022-22 Appointment of Anne Ritchie to the Public Arts Board

The Commission interviewed Anne Ritchie for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Host:
To appoint Anne Ritchie to the Public Arts Board as a regular member to serve a three-year term to expire January 28, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig

Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-023-22 Appointment of Robert Whittington to the Cablecasting Board

The Commission interviewed Robert Whittington for the appointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner McLain:

To appoint Robert Whittington to the Cablecasting Board as a regular member to serve the remainder of a three-year term expiring March 30, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

CC Bingham swore in the present appointees and noted that those present by Zoom would be sworn in in person at a later date.

Mayor Longe noted that an alternate member position opened up on the MMTB with Mr. Zane's appointment to regular member, and she encouraged Mr. St. Germain, Mr. Koppmeyer, and Mr. Doolittle to consider applying.

CM Markus recommended that MMTB applicants interviewed this evening not be required to return for interviews either for their reapplication in March 2022 or for applications for the soon-to-be-noticed alternate position since their interviews were conducted so recently. He stated that it would be appropriate for new applicants to be interviewed.

Mayor Longe concurred.

Commissioner Baller encouraged all interested MMTB applicants to stay involved in the City, and to especially remain engaged in the efforts to improve Woodward Avenue. He said he would like to see the Public Arts Board do more in the City.

Commissioner Host also recommended that the candidates remain involved.

Commissioner Schafer noted that alternate member positions are also impactful ways of participating in board business.

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

01-024-22 Consent Agenda

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda:

- David Bloom: Item A – City Commission Minutes of January 10, 2022
- Commissioner Baller: Item D – 48th Annual Birmingham Street Art Fair
- Commissioner Haig: Item G – Emergency Repair – Isuzu Garbage Truck #91
- City Manager Markus: Item I – 2022 Sewer Root Control Program Award

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Baller:
To approve the Consent Agenda excluding Items A, D, G, and I.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer
Commissioner Host
Mayor Longe
Commissioner Haig

Nays, None

- B. To approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated January 12, 2022, in the amount of \$6,873,219.88.
- C. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated January 19, 2022, in the amount of \$1,475,373.95.
- E. Resolution setting Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:30 PM to consider the renewal of all existing liquor licenses in the city.
- F. Resolution to approve the two-year extension of the bid award for truck transport and tank wagon deliveries of gasoline and diesel fuel provided by RKA Petroleum Companies, Inc., 28340 Wick Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, only, at the existing unit prices through January 31, 2024. Funds for this purchase of gasoline and diesel fuels are budgeted in Auto Equipment Fund – Fuel Expense account #641-441.006-737.0000.
- H. Resolution to approve the agreements for professional services for design, and construction engineering and inspection, of the water tank rehabilitation projects, to the sole-source provider, Dixon Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$88,200.00. In addition, to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements on behalf of the City. Funding for these services are budgeted in Water Fund, Public Improvements account number 591-537.003-981.0100.
- J. Resolution to approve six temporary art installations of the DIA Inside-Out program at the following locations from May 2022 through November 2022:

1. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center
2. Shain Park
3. Baldwin Public Library
4. Birmingham City Hall
5. Booth Park
6. Quarton Lake – east of bridge

K. Resolution confirming City Manager’s authorization for the emergency expenditure related to the repair of the Chester Street Structure elevator pit by Pullman to be charged to the Automobile Parking System Fund, Park Parking Structure Elevator Maintenance account #585-538.008-930.0200

01-025-22 (Item A) City Commission Minutes of January 10, 2022

Mr. Bloom asked that the minutes note that he had concerns about a specific Commissioner and had asked the Commission to take action.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros Longe, seconded by Commissioner Haig:
To approve the City Commission meeting minutes of January 10, 2022 as amended.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Longe
Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Haig
~~Commissioner McLain~~
~~Commissioner Schafer~~¹

Nays, Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer²

Abstain,
Commissioner Baller

01-026-22 (Item D) 48th Annual Birmingham Street Art Fair

Commissioner Baller recommended that in the future the City encourage applicants to invite other City departments and community organizations to participate in order to enhance City events.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros:
To approve a special event permit as requested by Common Ground to hold the 48th Annual Birmingham Street Art Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, 2022, 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.

Public Comment

¹ As corrected at the February 14, 2022 meeting.

² As corrected at the February 14, 2022 meeting.

Jeff Kapuscinski, Chief External Relations Officer of Common Ground, said he would be happy to work with any City Departments or community organizations interested in participating in future events.

Karen Delhey, Executive Director of the Guild, concurred with Mr. Kapuscinski noted that Art Birmingham and the Art Fair are fundraisers for the organizations that put the events on. She stated that the Birmingham Shopping District has been offered space and invited to participate in events.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Longe
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner McLain
 Commissioner Schafer

Nays, None

01-027-22 (Item G) Emergency Repair – Isuzu Garbage Truck #91

Commissioner Haig asked if this repair might be covered under warranty.

DPSD Wood said she would check and let CM Markus know.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Haig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros:
To confirm the City Manager’s authorization for the emergency expenditure related to the repair of vehicle #91 by Ed Rinke Isuzu for \$8,652.60, the sole supplier of the parts, to be charged to the Auto Equipment account #641-441.006-933.0200, pursuant to Sec. 2-286 of the City Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Haig
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner McLain
 Commissioner Schafer
 Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-028-22 (Item I) 2022 Sewer Root Control Program Award

CM Markus recommended language to be added to the motion. The Commission added the recommended language.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To approve the purchase of root control services, as quoted by Duke’s Root Control, Inc. for the 2022 Sewer Root Control Program, in the amount not to exceed \$79,900.54. Funds for this purchase are available in the Sewer Fund, Other Contractual Services, account number 590-536-002-811.0000 subject to Duke’s Root Control, Inc. providing evidence of insurance coverage meeting the City’s requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Longe
Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer

Nays, None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

01-029-22 Unfinished Business Regarding 48th District Court Interlocal Funding Agreement and the City's Intent to Opt Out
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CA Kucharek, FD Gerber, and CM Markus presented the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Boutros and Commissioner McLain said they were supportive of Staff's recommendations to not sign a notice of intent at this time and rather to participate in discussions in an attempt to resolve the issues at play.

Public Comment

Marc Barron, Chief Judge of the 48th District Court and resident of Birmingham, explained that proceeds from felony and misdemeanor cases are allocated differently. He said he agreed with Staff's recommendations to have dialogue among the participating municipalities and the Court instead of offering a notice of intent at this time.

In reply to Commissioner Baller, Judge Barron said he would participate in the dialogue on behalf of the Court, and could also potentially bring in an independent mediator to assist in the dialogue.

In reply to Commissioner Baller, Judge Barron stated that in his view each entity participating in the dialogue should have independent counsel.

Judge Barron invited FD Gerber to sit down with the Court Administrator and review numbers in order to resolve any seeming discrepancies in the Court's accounting.

In reply to Commissioner Haig, CA Kucharek suggested the City could work with the Court to create a simplified explanation of how funding is allocated amongst the Court's operations, and how felony and misdemeanor proceeds are allocated. She said it would likely be helpful for the Commission and for the other municipal participants in the dialogue.

Commissioner Haig recommended the Court show how one dollar of funding would be allocated amongst the Court's operations.

Commissioner Baller said he felt the Commission should give specific direction to the City Manager.

The City Attorney proposed the following motion language.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:

To direct the City Manager, City Attorney, and Staff to work in conjunction with the 48th District Court to demonstrate the funds and the balances and to participate with the other six jurisdictions to come to a resolution of how to fund the Court in an equitable way.

In reply to Commissioner Haig, CM Markus confirmed he and CA Kucharek would return with progress reports on the dialogue.

CM Markus rebutted Judge Barron’s contention that Birmingham entered into an agreement willingly with the other two funding municipalities in December 2021. CM Markus explained the factors that contributed to Birmingham entering the agreement, and noted that at the time he was very clear at the time that he would be seeking the City Commission’s permission to offer a notice of intent in January 2022.

Mayor Longe noted the City’s unhappiness with the current situation was discussed at the Commission’s December 13, 2021 meeting and that the Commission was told that the matter would be before them again at their January 10, 2022 meeting to consider next steps. She agreed with the City Manager’s statement that the City did not approve the agreement in isolation from the other concerns. She said that CA Kucharek’s presentation accurately represented the content of two phone conversations that have occurred since the January 10, 2022 meeting amongst representatives for the concerned municipalities and the Court’s representatives. The Mayor supported the motion as an appropriate way forward.

Commissioner Baller stated that he made this motion because it was supported by the City Attorney and City Manager. He stated that if the City Attorney and City Manager had recommended that the City move forward with issuing an intent to opt out, the Commissioner also would have supported that.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner McLain
 Commissioner Schafer
 Mayor Longe
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros

Nays, None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

01-030-22 Public Hearing - Corridor Improvement Authority Development & TIF Plan Update

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:55 p.m.

CA Kucharek explained the request to postpone the public hearing was due to a defect in the noticing.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 9:56 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Schafer:
To reset the Public Hearing for Birmingham’s Corridor Improvement Authority Development and TIF Plan to a date certain of February 28th, 2022.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Schafer

Mayor Longe
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner McLain

Nays, None

01-031-22 Public Hearing - Hearing Dates of Necessity Sidewalk Streetscape Assessment

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:57 p.m.

ACE Zielinski presented the item.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 10:00 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To create a Special Assessment District and that special assessments be levied in accordance with benefits against the properties within such assessment district, said special assessment district shall be all properties, within the following district of 33 parcels, and that the Commission meet on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting the Public Hearing to Confirm the Assessment Roll for the sidewalk and streetscape improvements adjacent to all properties within project area on Maple Road, between Chester Street and Pierce Street, and between Old Woodward Avenue and Woodward Avenue as listed in the staff report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner McLain
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Schafer
 Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-032-22 Woodward Safety Enhancements and Road Diet

SP Cowan presented the item.

In reply to Commissioners Host and Haig, SP Cowan, CM Markus, and ACM Ecker explained that the road diet study is required before tangible next steps will be determined.

In reply to Commissioner Host, ACM Ecker said that as part of this request Birmingham could request a road diet trial, which Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge have also done.

Commissioner Baller encouraged the City to reach out to Mr. St. Germain to see if he has access to data that might be relevant to the conversations with MDOT.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Haig:

To support a Road Diet and Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Measures for Woodward from Quarton Road to 14 Mile Road as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation to support a road diet application for Woodward Avenue;

AND

To direct staff to send a formal request to MDOT requesting the study of pedestrian safety enhancements as follows:

- Perform an MDOT Road Safety Audit through the City of Birmingham, from Quarton (16 Mile Road) to 14 Mile Road.
- Perform a Road Diet Study to reduce Woodward Avenue to a six-lane divided boulevard through the City of Birmingham from Quarton Road (16 Mile Road) to 14 Mile Road.
- Evaluate the pedestrian crossings at both the signalized and unsignalized intersections. Calculate gaps available at unsignalized pedestrian crossings and identify additional potential pedestrian crossing locations to facilitate safe access for pedestrians across Woodward Ave.
- Review signal timing along Woodward and identify locations where pedestrian walk times and clearance intervals can be increased.
- Review the use of service drives/parking areas along Woodward Ave. and determine how they may be utilized to achieve the City's goals for pedestrian connectivity and reducing vehicle speeds.
- Review SMART bus stops and pedestrian connectivity and access across Woodward to them.
- Redesign the access at the S. Old Woodward & Woodward Ave. intersection to improve the safety, operations and pedestrian connectivity at this intersection.

Commissioner Schafer stated her support for the motion.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner McLain
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Schafer
 Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-033-22 Amendment to Obstruction Permit Agreement for the Right-Of-Way Occupancy by Temporary H Piles

ACE Zielinski presented the item.

Tim Honoway of Ronnisch Construction Group described the method of installation of the H Piles.

Mayor Pro Tem Boutros thanked Ronnisch Construction Group for the clarity of their explanation.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Haig:
To approve the First Amendment to Obstruction Permit Agreement for Right-Of-Way Occupancy By Temporary H Piles, allowing the 277 Development L.L.C. to leave the H piles in place, provided they are

cut off a minimum of three (3) feet below the ground surface, for the development at 277 Pierce St. In addition, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Mayor Longe concurred with the Mayor Pro Tem and said the proposed solution was a good one.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner McLain
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Schafer
 Mayor Longe

Nays, None

CM Markus noted that ACE Zielinski is a relatively new employee to Birmingham and said he wanted to Commission to know that ACE Zielinski has been doing an outstanding job thus far.

The Commission commended ACE Zielinski.

Commission discussion on items from prior meeting

01-034-22 Leaf Blowers

Commissioner Baller said he wanted the Commission to review the environmental and auditory impact of leaf blowers and to see what changes to City policy might be appropriate.

Commissioner Baller said he was tired of Ann Arbor leading the way on sustainability and that he wanted Birmingham lead.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To direct the City Manager to bring recommendations regarding leafblowers before the Commission at a time that the City Manager deems appropriate.

CM Markus said it was a worthwhile discussion. He said that more complaints arise from fall leaf blowing than from the use of similar technologies during other times of the year, and recommended that the Commission determine its approach to fall leaf blowing first.

Commissioner Schafer said at the very least the conversation could be an opportunity to educate the community about the negative environmental impacts of leaf blowing.

Public Comment

Mr. Bloom said he would prefer to see electric blowers allowed during certain times of day in the fall, and to eliminate the use of leaf blowers during the spring and summer for other purposes.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner McLain
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros

Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

01-035-22 Food Trucks

Commissioner Host talked about why food trucks could be a boon to the neighborhoods, and said that the City needed to hear from food truck operators about their operational needs. He said he would like to see food trucks trialled in Spring 2022.

CM Markus said he would recommend Staff be asked to return with an overview of current regulations, how to get food trucks into the neighborhoods, and what kind of regulations would be recommended.

Commissioner Baller noted that food trucks can already be hosted in the community, and suggested the City could publicize how to do that for residents.

It was noted that a neighborhood association could take the project on of regularly hosting food trucks.

Commissioner Schafer said it would be helpful to see how food trucks are used in other communities.

ACM Ecker explained the ordinance would have to be changed to allow food trucks in a location permanently or to allow them to operate in a mobile fashion like ice cream trucks traditionally do. She noted that food trucks could apply for an permit to operate in a public location 90 days in advance and it would have to be reviewed by the Commission, or that a food truck could be permitted to operate on private property.

Public Comment

Mr. Bloom said he was supportive of trialling food trucks in a few public locations in the City.

Mr. Reagan said he wanted the City to take a welcoming attitude towards trialling food trucks and warned that too many restrictions would make Birmingham a prohibitively difficult place for food trucks to operate.

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.

01-036-22 Social Districts

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Schafer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boutros:
To discuss social districts at a future date.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
 Commissioner Host
 Commissioner Haig
 Commissioner McLain
 Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
 Commissioner Schafer
 Mayor Longe

Nays, None

CM Markus recommended that Commissioners visit other operational social districts to get a sense of their operations.

VIII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Callaghan Letter

CM Markus said the City would respond to Ms. Callaghan letting her know what ordinances are in place to address the issues she raised, copy the Commission on the communication, and that the conversation could then proceed from there.

In reply to Commissioner Host saying he wanted ordinances reviewed, especially in regards to stormwater retention, CM Markus said he would speak with Staff.

01-037-22 Letter from George Stern

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner McLain:
To refer Mr. Stern's letter to the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board for their review and recommendation.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner McLain
Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Schafer
Mayor Longe

Nays, None

X. REPORTS

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

CM Markus reviewed the City Manager's Report.

CM Markus asked the Commission whether they wanted him to propose a code of conduct.

Commissioner McLain said that personal feelings seemed to be getting in the way of getting work done for the community. She emphasized the importance of civil discourse and said she would be happy to assist in supporting that goal in any way she could.

Mayor Longe recommended that the Commission review other examples of codes of conduct as part of a workshop session.

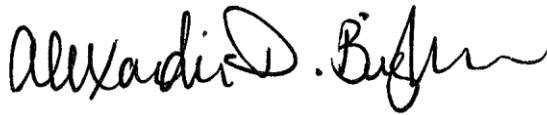
CM Markus concurred.

2. Grant Opportunity

INFORMATION ONLY

XI. ADJOURN

Mayor Longe adjourned the meeting at 11:43 p.m.



Alexandria Bingham
City Clerk



Laura Eichenhorn
City Transcriptionist