

Birmingham City Commission Minutes
September 18, 2023
Municipal Building, 151 Martin
7:30 p.m.
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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

City Clerk Bingham called the roll.

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

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Ecker; City Clerk Bingham, Planning Director Dupuis, City Attorney Kucharek, Manager of Public Services Markus, Department of Public Services Director Zielinski

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

Announcements

- Happy Birthday Mayor Pro Tem McLain
- The Friends of the Birmingham Museum will be holding their annual tour of Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday, September 23, rain or shine. Guests should meet at the east gate at 1 PM. Tours are \$10 and feature colorful characters from Birmingham's past, including pioneer founding families and Elijah Fish and George and Eliza Taylor and their connection to the Underground Railroad.

Appointments

09-216-23 Design Review Board

Keith W. Deyer was interviewed by the Commission.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Host:

To appoint Keith W. Deyer as a regular member of the Design Review Board to serve a three-year term to expire September 25, 2026.

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

Nays, None

09-217-23 Design Review Board

Dustin Kolo was unavailable for an interview. The Mayor noted this would be a reappointment and asked the Commission if they were willing to proceed. The Mayor noted that Mr. Kolo provided a letter expressing his interest in a reappointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Boutros:
To appoint Dustin Kolo as a regular member of the Design Review Board to serve a three-year term to expire September 25, 2026.

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

Nays, None

09-218-23 Historic District Commission

Keith W. Deyer was interviewed by the Commission.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Host:
To appoint Keith W. Deyer as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to serve a three-year term to expire September 25, 2026.

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

Nays, None

09-219-23 Historic District Commission

Dustin Kolo was unavailable for an interview. The Mayor noted this would be a reappointment and asked the Commission if they were willing to proceed. The Mayor noted that Mr. Kolo provided a letter expressing his interest in a reappointment.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Boutros:
To appoint Keith W. Deyer as a regular member of the Historic District Commission to serve a three-year term to expire September 25, 2026.

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

Nays, None

09-220-23 Architectural Review Committee

Javier Alvarez-Isasi was interviewed by the Commission.

MOTION: Nomination by Commissioner Boutros:
To appoint Javier Alvarez-Isasi as a regular member to the Architectural Review Committee to serve a three-year term to expire April 11, 2026.

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

Nays, None

The Clerk swore in Messrs. Deyer and Alvarez-Isasi. The Mayor thanked them both.

Employee Recognition

- Department of Public Works
 - Charles Markus

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

Susan Randall made comments in favor of: limiting short term rentals, improving infrastructure to address stormwater issues, mitigation of pickleball noise, speed tables, and the City working with utility companies to increase electric and water reliability.

Wendy Leary and Donna Voorhees both made comments opposing residential rentals offered for less than 30 days. Ms. Voorhees made comments in favor of other mechanisms of regulating and limiting short term rentals.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

09-221-23 Consent Agenda

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda:

MPT McLain: Item C – Bus Shelter Purchase

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To move the Consent Agenda excluding Item C.

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

Nays, None

- A. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated September 13, 2023, in the amount of \$44,456,834.51.
- B. Resolution to approve the deaccession and return of redundant personal family items from collection 2020.37.1 in the Birmingham Museum’s permanent collection in accordance with the Birmingham Museum Collection Policy.
- D. Resolution to approve a request from the Birmingham Shopping District to hold the 2023 Winter Markt special event on Friday, December 1 – Sunday, December 3, 2023 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.
- E. Resolution to approve a request by the Birmingham Shopping District to hold the 2023 Santa House special event beginning the weekend of November 25, 2023 through December 24, 2023 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.

F. Resolution to approve the budget amendment of \$17,260.00 for professional engineering services for Tee No. 1. Further to charge the additional cost to account #584.1-753.001-981.0100, and further to approve the appropriations and amendment to the Lincoln Hills Golf Course Fund as follows:

Revenues:		
Appropriation from Net Position	584.1-000.000-400.0000	\$17,260
Expenses:		
Lincoln Hills Golf Course – Capital Outlay	584.1-753.001-981.0100	\$17,260

09-222-23 Bus Shelter Purchase (Item C)

PD Dupuis answered an informational question from MPT McLain.

MOTION: Motion by MPT McLain, seconded by Commissioner Boutros: To approve an agreement with Enseicom for the manufacturing and delivery of two complete bus shelters and parts to repair a third currently owned by the City in the amount not to exceed \$50,590.50. In addition, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and further, to approve the appropriations and amendment to the Capital Projects budget as follows:

Revenues:		
Local Contributions – SMART	403.0-901.020-587.0000	\$50,590.50
Expenses:		
Capital Projects Fund – Capital Outlay	403.0-901.020-971.0100	\$50,590.50

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

Nays, None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

09-223-23 Early Voting

CC Bingham presented the item and answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- Thanks were extended to CC Bingham;
- An FAQ page explaining the process should be available on the City’s website; and,
- Early voting and the attendant FAQ should also be publicized via the City’s social media channels, newsletters, and any other means of communication.

Public Comment

Anthony Long made a comment commending the Clerk’s Office for their work on the item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Haig:
To adopt a resolution to authorize the City Clerk to enter into an agreement and partnership with Oakland County, Bloomfield Township, and Southfield Township to conduct early voting to meet all legal/administrative requirements pursuant to new legislation regarding the implementation of early voting in the State of Michigan.

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

Nays, None

The Mayor congratulated CC Bingham.

Commission Items for Future Discussion

09-224-23 Short Term Rentals

Commissioner Host summarized the topic.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Boutros:
To have an agenda item to discuss short term rentals.

In reply to Commissioner Baller, Commissioner Host said he wanted to have a discussion about changing the rules regarding short term rentals.

MPT McLain explained that the discussion would likely be about how the Commission would proceed regarding short term rentals.

Commissioner Haig concurred.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, MPT McLain
Commissioner Host
Mayor Longe

Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Schafer
Commissioner Boutros
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

09-225-23 Flooding Abatement and Remediation

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Baller:
To make flooding abatement and remediation an agenda item.

The Mayor noted a workshop was held on the topic on September 11, 2023, and asked what further information would be gained from making the topic an agenda item.

Commissioner Host replied that some more information might be added, and that the topic should be further discussed on behalf of the residents.

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

Nays, None

09-226-23 Rodents and Vermin Remediation Strategies

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Haig, seconded by Commissioner Host:
To discuss rodents and vermin control within the City.

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

Nays, Commissioner Schafer
Commissioner Baller

Commission Discussion On Items From A Prior Meeting

VIII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. David Cook – Letter Regarding Water Bill

MPT McLain noted that residents could contact the City for a breakout of their sewer and water bills.

The Mayor encouraged residents to sign up for AquaHawk if they want to monitor their water usage.

X. REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Reports
 - 1. Notice of Intention to appoint to the Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee
- B. Commissioner Comments

MPT McLain reported back from the Women Officials Network Leadership meeting.

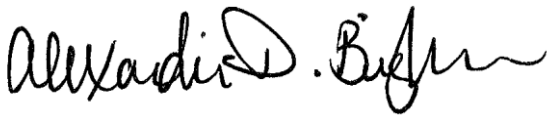
- C. Advisory Boards, Committees, Commissions’ Reports and Agendas
- D. Legislation
- E. City Staff
 - 1. City Manager’s Report

The Mayor thanked the City Manager for her report.

INFORMATION ONLY

XI. ADJOURN

Mayor Longe adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.



Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist